

Annual General Meeting St Margaret's Church Whalley Range

Meeting date: 12 September 2021 at 11.00am

Annual Report for Year 2020

- New Trustees (must be resident in Diocese) have been appointed Ian Harvey, Stephen Hurst, Deborah Black & Joan Gem. Margaret Hancock remains a Trustee.
- New bank signatories have been appointed (NatWest) Lloyd Lauder & Stephen Hurst. Robert Boulter & Margaret Hancock remain signatories.

PPC 19 January,

- Robert Boulter (Vicar) distributed a comprehensive document relating to income and expenditure at St Margaret's during 2019. He explained that 2019's quota of £26,000 has been paid in full. 2020's quota has been set at £26,000. St Margaret's Church has always paid its annual quota.
- The PCC accepted the Finance Statement as a true record.

PCC 8 March,

- Honey Bears Nursery contract up for renewal, new contract cannot be agreed until all the windows have been replaced
- Ethiopian Church donations were discussed and there is a need to have this more formalized.
- Pest control e.g. mice in church, costs £600 annually
- Quinquennial Report carried forward.

PCC 6 August on Zoom,

- On 16th March the church was closed due to Covid-19 Government Act 2020. All
 activity ceased including the Honey Bear Nursery. The only income received was
 personal donations by members of the congregation. Quota not paid to Diocese.
- On 27th July the announcement was made of the death Rev. Robert Boulter who had been the Vicar of St Margaret's for 33 years.
- The PCC meeting was attended by the Archdeacon Karen Lund & Area Dean Tony Hardy.
- Pre lock down there was a proposal to reduce deanery's from 20 to 7 and to appoint full time area deans to the new deanery's. This will be going ahead. The Diocese of Manchester has a deficit quarter of a million. Church attendance, membership and consequently finances are reducing. There is an Identical picture nation wise. The Covid lockdown has accelerated this process with some Churches not being able to pay hills.
- Note: St Margaret's Church has been able to continue to pay all the bills.

- The church tentatively reopened at beginning of September with Services every second week in the church and on Zoom on the alternate week. Members of congregation to lead services or visiting ordained ministers when available.
- Honey Bear Nursery reopened and commenced part payment of rent with agreement that full payment would resume as soon as possible.
- Ethnie Ennis now deals with Sunday Collection envelopes and banks the cash. Some people have set up Standing Orders this year which has been extremely helpful.

PCC 8 October on Zoom

- Concern was expressed that we have had little guidance or support from wider Church since Robert's death.
- Parish Quota agreement to pay £1000 per month for Oct, Nov, Dec and review with potential further payment if there is any surplus.
- Governor St Margaret's School. Claire Cowell continues in post. Margaret Hancock tendered her resignation and a replacement volunteer will be sought.
- Mandates to update bank account signatories for St Margaret's Centre have gone through. On-line banking has been set up by Ian Harvey for Church & Centre.
- Work continues to bring the Charity Commission Registration up to date.
- Grant of £10,500.00 to replace the Church Hall window has been awarded by Allchurches Trust Fund
- Lloyd Lauder continues in post as church warden. Frank O'Rourke has stepped down from his post and Caroline Adams has been appointed as the second Church Warden.

St Margaret's Church continues in Interregnum

St Margarets Church, Whalley Range Provisional Accounts Jan 2020 – Dec 2020

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Accounts for the Parish of St Margaret's, Whalley Range, Manchester in the Deanery of Hulme.

To whom it may concern:

In my capacity as the Independent Examiner, I have examined the Financial Accounts for the Year January 2020 to December 2020, in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 1997 (Part) and Regulations made under Part V1 of the Charities Act 1993.

I have found all matters to be satisfactory and in accordance with the necessary Regulations.

Signed #

Mrs Angela Bailey

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Date 31/10/2021