

Christ Church, Padgate

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



Year Ending 31 December 2018

Reference and Administrative Information

Christ Church is located on Station Road, Padgate, Warrington, in the Diocese of Liverpool.

Correspondence should be sent to the Secretary of the PCC at the following address:

39 Solway Close, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 0UP.

For the period 1 January 2018 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

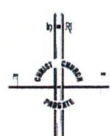
<i>Ex-officio members</i>			
Revd Neil Shaw	Team Vicar	Chair	
Alan Clayton	Reader	Vice Chair	
Laura Lawrence	Churchwarden		
Christopher Lord	Churchwarden		
Alan Kemp	Deanery Synod Representative		
David Magrath	Deanery Synod Representative		
David Perfect	Deanery Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.	Electoral Roll Officer	
Susan Robinson	Deanery Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.		
<i>Elected Members</i>			<i>Elected</i>
Cath Baguley			2017
Mike Blaydon			2016
Sandra Bryers	Joint Branch Leader of Mother's Union		2016
Barbara Clayton			2016
Edward Collinson			2016
Beverley Fearn	Joint Branch Leader of Mother's Union		2016
Debbie Jacques		Treasurer	Co-op
Carol Halligan			2018
Charles Ojechi			2018
Jill Perfect		Secretary	Co-op
Jean Rathbone			2016
Ruth Waterfield	Gift Aid Secretary		2018
Alex Wilkinson			2018
Albert Hartley		Methodist Representative	

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC. Sankey Street WARRINGTON, WA1 1XG

Auditor: Cadishead Accountancy Services Ltd, 657 Liverpool Road, Irlam, MANCHESTER, M44 5XD

Legal Advisor: Howard Dellar, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, LONDON, SW1P 3JT

Architect: Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, KNUTSFORD, WA16 6DL



Structure, Management and Governance

Christ Church PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1178871, and continues to operate under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC meets every 2 months and has three sub-committees: The Standing and Mission Committee, Finance Committee and Social Committee, which meet as required and report to the full PCC on a regular basis.

Membership comprises:- Standing and Mission committee: Team Vicar, Reader, both Churchwardens, and PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Finance Committee: Team Vicar, both Churchwardens, Treasurer plus one other member. Social Committee: One churchwarden, one other PCC member plus other non-PCC members.

The Safeguarding Officer and Safety Officer report to the PCC as required.

Three members of the Church (in addition to the Team Vicar) are on the Board of Governors of Christ Church CE Primary School.

Christ Church is part of the East Warrington Team of Churches, which also includes the Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow, and the Church of the Ascension, Birchwood & Woolston. Revd Neil Shaw, of Christ Church, is Team Rector of the Warrington East Team and is also Club Chaplain to Warrington Wolves.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and specifically that the PCC “is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.”

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

At Christ Church we have adopted the following mission statement:-

*We, belonging to Christ’s Church,
Come to find in our relationship with our God
The joy and peace that he gives us
Through his complete acceptance of us whatever our faults
And his willingness to walk with us whatever our circumstances
We go out in his forgiveness and his strength
With our heads held high and our hearts burning within us
To witness and reflect this his love
In our interactions with everyone that we meet.*



Our objectives for 2018 were:-

To take forward our plans for services and areas of the *Growth Planning Framework 3* by:

- Seeking to further establish Engaging Church and the Prayer Room, and relaunch our meetings for younger members of the congregation as Man2man and Face2faith.
- Beginning the Open the Book project in our School.
- Integrating the new Baptism Course within the Team and seeking to open it up to lay involvement.
- Seeking to engage with the plans for the Bishops Mission 2019 at a Team and Deanery level.

To take forward our plans for the fabric of our Church and Churchyard, in line with the *Diocesan Buildings Fit for Purpose* agenda by:

- Continuing to look at our facilities and how we may develop and improve them.

In 2018 these objectives were progressed. The 'Prayer Room' started in February and provides the opportunity to come to Church on a Tuesday evening between 7pm and 8.30pm, for a time of reflection and prayer. Resources are available to assist and develop prayer, including books about prayer and praying, candles, note pads and drawing materials.

Monthly meetings for younger members of the congregation were relaunched as Man2man and Face2faith, to discuss and explore faith in informal settings. Meetings involve discussion, prayer and reflection about how to have a relevant, living faith.

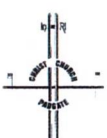
The monthly all-age 'Engaging Church' service, was introduced in 2017. This service was suspended in summer 2018, as plans are being developed for an alternative all-age worship service. A worship leadership team has been formed and a new all-age Sunday afternoon service is being planned.

The 'Open the Book' project started in 2018, with volunteer storytellers from Christ Church telling Bible stories to infant and junior assemblies in Christ Church School. Open the Book is a Bible Society led project, which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, delivered by a team of volunteer storytellers from local churches. Each story is presented in a fun way and takes around 10-15 minutes, usually incorporated into a school assembly. The use of costumes and props and the involvement of children helps bring the stories to life.

A range of services and activities were held by the Warrington East Team in 2018, including a Lent course held at the Church of the Resurrection. Courses were held by Warrington Deanery, including the Prayer Course at the Smile Centre, St Margaret's Orford and the Deanery Advent 'Brighter' Course on sharing faith with others, at St Ann's Orford.

The proposed inclusion of St Helen Hollinfare in the Warrington East Team, will no longer be pursued.

As part of the Bishops' Mission in March 2019, the Team has planned a range of events and activities, as part of a wider range of Deanery and Diocesan events, to share the message and love of God and invite others to join us on a journey of discipleship. Events are free and are aimed at all ages and include a tea dance, a 'Bake Off', Lego activities, events for children with Chip Kendall and a Songs of Praise event.



As part of the consideration of the facilities in Christ Church and how we may develop and improve them, we carried out a consultation procedure via a questionnaire, followed by an open meeting to discuss potential changes to the church building. Changes discussed include extending the meeting room and kitchen and moving the cross and credence table, all of which received majority support. The majority were against raising the floor level and removing the pews.

The annual Padgate Walking Day was held in June, and was organised by Churches Together in Padgate and Woolston.

In September Christ Church celebrated the 180th anniversary of its foundation in 1838. Over the weekend of 29/30th September, nearly two hundred people gathered for an outdoor celebratory hog roast on the Saturday and a special service on the Sunday followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.

Achievements and performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The following section highlights our main areas of activity and performance.

Electoral Roll

At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 229 (147 resident and 82 non-resident in the parish). This is an increase of 9 over 2017; 2 people died and 11 new members were added to the roll.

Worship

On Sundays there are two communion services. On the second Sunday of the month there is an all-age worship service called 'Active Church', followed by a shortened Communion Service. Our all-age 'Engaging Church' service was held on the fourth Sunday of the month, in addition to the two communion services. This service was suspended in summer 2018, and plans are being developed for an alternative all-age worship service.

Average attendance at Sunday Services is 16 at early communion and 68 adults and 2 children at the mid-morning service. Average attendance for Active Church services are 88 adults and 36 children and for Engaging Church services, 16 adults and 11 children.

All Sunday talks by Revd Neil Shaw are now available to listen to on our website www.ccpagate.co.uk

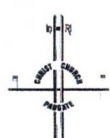
A midweek communion service is held each Wednesday morning, with an average attendance of 12 adults.

Baptism services are held on the first and third Sunday of every month, with a total of 43 (44 in 2017) children being baptised during the year. A special service is held every year when dollies made for each child at their baptism are presented to them.

There were 8 weddings (11 in 2017) and 16 funerals (18 in 2017) during 2018.

11 members (12 in 2017) were confirmed during the year at a service at The Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow.

Special services are held on many festivals and saints days. The Remembrance service and December



Christingle and Toy services attracted congregations of over 140 each. Christmas services, especially the Christmas Eve crib service, were very popular, with nearly 360 adults and children attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The weekly evening 'Prayer Room' regularly attracts about 12 people, who come to church to pray and to be in the presence of God.

Church Organisations

There are monthly meetings of the **Mothers' Union** and the **Men's Society**, which provide talks, social events, trips and 'away days'.

The **Choir** meets weekly and sings at the 11.00 service on the first Sunday of the month and at festivals.

The **Fellowship Group** meets three times a month in people's homes. Two meetings are structured around Bible or spiritual readings, whilst the third involves more general discussion and prayer.

Man2man and Face2faith are monthly meetings for younger members of the congregation to discuss and explore faith in informal settings.

Pastoral Care to the Community

Pastoral care and service to our community remain very important. Many members of the Church give of their time, expertise and finances to a wide range of voluntary, community and charitable activities.

There is a small team involved in delivering Communion to people in their own homes.

The **Coffee Shop** is open three mornings a week in the meeting room in church and provides an opportunity for refreshment and socialising, as well as allowing access to the Church for prayer and reflection.

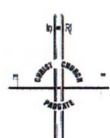
The **Community Party** aimed at senior members of the local community, was held in November. Christmas dinner was served to 80 people by 12 helpers and was followed by entertainment by Lifetime Singers.

The **Pantomime** is a major and very popular feature of Church life. The 2018 production of Beauty and the Beast was enjoyed by a total of over 450 people at five performances. This was the 43rd Christ Church Pantomime and the last to be directed, produced and co-ordinated by Chris and Julie Lord.

Youth and Children's Work

Active Church services are held once a month aimed at children and families. These services are very popular and include craft activities related to the theme of the service. Preparations are in hand for a new all-age worship service which will replace our **Engaging Church** service.

Revd Neil Shaw leads school-based acts of worship at **Christ Church Primary School**. This comprises fortnightly assemblies, special festival celebrations in Church and delivering Confirmation preparation for all in Years 5 and 6.



A small team of volunteers delivers the **Open the Book** sessions at Christ Church Primary School. The volunteers, assisted by the children, usually tell two Bible stories every half term, to both KS1 and KS2.

The **Playtimers** group for parents/carers and children of pre-school age closed after a very successful twenty years. Up to 15 helpers assisted with play, stories and prayers. Many families have benefitted from this group over many years. Although no longer attached to Christ Church, the group continues as a mums and tots group.

The **Teddy Bears' Picnic** is an afternoon of games and fun on a Biblical theme for children and their carers. This year it was held in the Community Centre (due to the inclement weather) and was attended by about 60 adults and 100 children.

Charity & Fund Raising

The **Social Committee** organised a range of events to raise funds, including a Last Night at the Proms Concert with the Wingates Brass Band and Magic Voices Choir, the annual Garden Party with the Life Time Community Choir, and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza, as well as a beetle drive. Christ Church is registered as a charity on Amazon Smile, so that every time purchases are made, a small amount is donated to the Church.

Coffee mornings were held for various charities throughout the year, including Macmillan Nurses, the NSPCC and the Children's Society. A coffee morning was also held to raise funds for Jotham Bate on his trip on the Christian missionary charity Operation Mobilisation Ship, 'Logos Hope'.

Adopted charities for 2018 were Compassion, an international charity helping children in poverty and Room at the Inn - The Y Project, helping homeless people in Warrington.

A **Fairtrade** stall selling Fairtrade food and fairly traded crafts is held after the 11.00 service once a month.

Members of the church also took part in the annual house to house collection during **Christian Aid week**.

The annual **Christingle Service** in December was attended by 185 adults and children. This service, and the House Boxes held by members of the congregation, raised funds for the Children's Society.

The Mothers' Union again supported **Operation Christmas Child** and sent around 50 Christmas shoe boxes to the charity Samaritan's Purse.

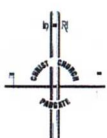
We host a collection point for **Warrington Food Bank**, which members actively support.

Church Buildings and Grounds

Many members of the church give of their time and expertise to care and maintain the church building, its fixtures and fittings, its records and the churchyard.

The speakers in the nave were re-positioned, following problems with the sound system.

Following repeated problems with the heating system which required further repairs, three specialist heating contractors were invited to review our current arrangement and make recommendations for a replacement system. A decision on how to proceed with the heating system will be made in 2019.



Part of the driveway between the Rectory and the churchyard was surfaced with a permeable aggregate surface in a plastic grid. This provides five car parking spaces for disabled people and those loading and unloading and has improved drainage in this area.

In August the Diocesan Architect inspected the Church and churchyard for the Quinquennial Review. The report will be received in 2019.

The Churchyard is cared for by volunteers in the regular maintenance team and by the Friends of Christ Church Graveyard. In May work was carried out on dead trees in the churchyard and branches overhanging the road and paths were removed. Unfortunately, the shed which contains gardening equipment was broken into in October and several items were stolen. Four clear up mornings were held in 2018 and the Friends Group was successful in obtaining grants to carry out re-painting of the churchyard gates and relaying of some of the flagstones at the entrance to the woodland graveyard. In September the Friends Group organised a highly successful Heritage Day, which was held in church and attracted over 600 people. Subsequently the Friends produced a Padgate Heritage booklet. A full report on the Friends activities can be found in their Annual Report.

Communications

Christ Church publishes a parish magazine, *the Grapevine*, 10 times per year, and a 'pew slip' newsletter every week, except during August. Grapevine has a circulation of **600** copies. As well as the regular distribution, it is also placed in shops, the library and community centre etc. Large print versions are available on request. During 2018 a full revision of the distribution list was carried out under the new GDPR regulations.

Christ Church has a website: www.ccpadgate.co.uk and is on Facebook: **Christ Church Padgate** and Twitter: **@PadgateChurch**. The **Friends of Christ Church Graveyard** is also on Facebook.

Financial Review

The PCC continued to review the costs of running the church, making decisions that show the church's commitment given to the Diocese in 2012 to paying all liabilities as they fall due including the Parish share.

During the year the PCC was required to register with the Charities Commission in England and Wales as a charity. Our charity number is 1178871.

Report on Accounts for 2018

The attached accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 show an 11% increase in overall giving following the article in the January 2018 edition of *Grapevine*, encouraging people to review their giving.

In response to this campaign, Planned Giving rose by 10.6% together with the corresponding income tax recovered through Gift Aid, making an overall increase of £6442 (up on 2017). There was also a slight increase in the Sunday plate collections and other giving (£459 up on 2017).

The money received from Fees for weddings and funerals reduced by £1829 (£9016 in 2018 compared to £10845 in 2017).



During 2018 the church received the balance of a legacy which has been kept in the Reserve fund.

During the year the Church has received £9486 (£8198 in 2017) from various fund raising events.

The overall costs of the church have increased by 6.9% on 2017 – most of this was due to the increase in the Parish Share which increased by 6.5% to £70015 (£65743 in 2017).

During 2018 the Church had to pay £1200 to repair the boiler and heating system, £990 to move the speakers and £690 for an electrical inspection. Replacement locks and other costs relating to the break-in at the shed amounted to £540, some of which will be recoverable from the insurance claim settlement which should be received in 2019.

The balance in the Reserve Account at the yearend 31/12/18 has increased to £48398 (£45238 in 2017).

The Parish Share for 2018 was fully paid and the arrears of £16801, which arose in 2010 and 2011, have been written off by the Diocese as part of the final settlement from the funds raised by the sale of the old Rectory.

Reserves Policy

During the year the PCC continued to apply the reserves policy agreed in 2015 to retain £5000 in the reserve account, but on registering as a charity this policy was reviewed and the PCC agreed that it would be prudent to increase the reserve amount retained to 3 months running costs, amounting to £15000.

Performance of Investments

Investments are placed with the CCLA in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Plans for the future

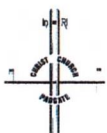
In 2019 we intend to:

- witness to and reflect God's love in our interactions with everyone that we meet.
- prioritise and rectify issues raised in the Quinquennial report.
- continue to look at & discuss development of building & facilities.
- continue to embed the Bishop's 'Rule of Life' into the ongoing life of the Church.
- develop new services, while reflecting on our current structure of weekly services.
- continue to engage with the ongoing mission of the gospel in relevant ways to our community, according to the Bishop's 'Rule of Life'.



Christ Church Padgate Registered Charity number 1178871
Accounts for year ended 31st December 2018
General Fund

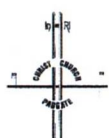
	2018	2018	2017	2017
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	47116		42579	
Collections & Other Giving	9896		9437	
Income Tax Recovered	11930	68942	10025	62041
Other Voluntary Income				
Fees	9016		10845	
Sundry Donations	250		510	
Donations for Charities	1595	10861	1484	12839
Events & Activities				
Social Functions	0		0	
Sale Goods & Books	250		267	
Magazine Donations/Adverts	2559	2809	2556	2823
Other Income				
Transfers from Reserve fund	16000		13100	
underpayment of Dioscean Fees	0		0	
		16000		13100
TOTAL RECEIPTS		98611		90802
Payments				
Grants				
Christian Relief & Develop. Agencies	2909		2607	
Home Mission & Church Societies				
Secular Charities		2909		2607
Support Costs				
Sunday School & Walking Day	270		460	
Training Books/Notes/Videos	809		128	
Subscriptions to Other Bodies	856	1935	475	1062
Relating to the Work of the Church				
Parish Share	70015		65743	
Clergy Expenses	746		685	
Vicarage Rates/Water	3236		2320	
Upkeep of Services	1566		1311	
Organist/Cleaner/Verger	5334		5542	
Building & Maintenance	802		859	
Light/Heat/Water	3626		3205	
Sundry Expenses	1485		1294	
		86809		80959
Administration				
Printing & Stationery	3491		4288	
Insurance	3425		3288	
		6916		7575
TOTAL PAYMENTS		98569		92204
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year		42		-1401
Bank Account as at 1st January		71		1472
Bank account as at 31st December		113		71



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RESERVE FUND

Receipts	2018	2018	2017	2017
Teddy Bears Picnic(Playtimers)	213		218	
Donations	5119		4779	
Legacies	8555		5000	
Grant for Driveway			333	
Central Board of Finance Interest	136		77	
Pantomime Group	3489		2592	
Beetle Drive	450		423	
Playtimers	310		768	
Garden Party	1950		1617	
Last Night of Proms	1304		1135	
Cheese & Wine			183	
Christmas tree extravaganza	1337		1262	
Heritage Day	434			
Coffee Shop				
	<hr/>	23297	<hr/>	18387
Payments				
Repairs & Renewals	4012		3562	
Transfer to Choir Fund	124			
Transfer to General Fund	16000		13100	
	<hr/>	20136	<hr/>	16662
Surplus		3160		1725
Balance at 1st January		45238		43513
Balance at 31st December		48398		45238



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Burial Ground Fund Designated Funds

	2018	2017
Receipts		
Memorials and tablets		
Burials	2981	913
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	2981	913
Payments		
Burial Ground Expenses	5415	1890
Church Driveway	<u>11737</u>	<u>1890</u>
	17152	1890
Surplus/Deficit for year	-14171	-979
Bank Deposit Account as at 1st January	19917	20896
Bank Deposit Account as at 31st December	5746	19917

Church Day School Trust Account Restricted Funds

Receipts		
Bank interest	0	0
Payments	0	0
Suplus for year	0	0
Bank Deposit account as at 1st January	92	92
Bank Deposit account as at 31st December	92	92

Church Choir Fund Designated Funds

Receipts		
General Donations	0	75
from Reserve	<u>124</u>	<u>75</u>
	124	75
Payments	<u>199</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus for year	-75	75
Balance at 1st January	75	0
Balance as at 31st December	0	75



**Christ Church Padgate Pantomime Group
(Padgate Players)**

	2018		2017
Receipts			
Ticket Sales	2880		2985
Refreshments	305		324
Raffles	395		399
Programme sales	34		36
Donation	38		6
DVD Sales	40		80
Bank interest (Closure of A	2		
	<u>3694</u>		<u>3830</u>
Payments			
Lighting Hire	258		258
Administration	72		60
Costumes	355		125
Scenery	438		315
Sundries	97		80
Future Provision	<u>-500</u>		<u>500</u>
	<u>720</u>		<u>1338</u>
Surplus for the year	2974		2492
Bank Deposit Account as at 1st January	515		615
Transferred to Church Reserve Fund	3489		2592
Bank Deposit Account as at 31st December	0		515

Christ Church Coffee Shop

Income:			
Mondays	604		521
Tuesdays	64		378
Wednesdays	569		667
Thursdays	1050		983
Donations			10
Other Income	<u>200</u>	<u>2487</u>	<u>74</u>
			2633
Expenditure			
Fairtrade Stock	464		475
Non Stock Expenditure	205		583
Community Party	313		300
Other Payments	501		46
Donation to Church	<u></u>	<u>1483</u>	<u>1404</u>
Profit for the year	1004		1229
Balance in Hand at 1st January	2362		1133
Balance in Hand at 31st December	3366		2362



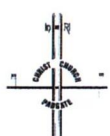
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2018

Monetary Assets	General	School	Burial Ground	Fabric Fund	Choir Fund	Restricted Funds	Cricket Club	Coffee Shop	Total
Barclays Bank C/A	113		1812	39747	0				41672
Barclays Bank D/A		92							92
CBF Deposit Fund			3934	8652		15000			27586
RBS Bank Account							1252		1252
HSBC								3366	3366
Cash									0
Total	113	92	5746	48399	0	15000	1252	3366	73967

Parish Share Account

Outstanding Balances b/fwd	16801
Share for 2018	70015
Write off by LDBF	16801
Paid in year	70015
Balance c/fwd	0
	86816
	86816

LDBF wrote off outstanding balance from 2014 as part settlement of sale of Old Rectory and new build



Independent Examiner's Report (SORP 2015)

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Padgate on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018, as set out on pages 1 to 5 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act

or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 19/2/19

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