

# Annual Report 2019



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# **St. Bride's Church, Old Trafford**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

### **Sunday, 14th April, 2019, at 12 noon**

Our Annual Church Meeting is an opportunity to deal with the business of the church, to discuss issues that are concerned with our community life, and to think creatively about our future as we follow God's leading.

"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift which he has received from God. Whoever preaches must preach God's messages; whoever serves must serve with the strength that God gives him, so that in all things praise may be given to God through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4: 10, 11 (GNB)

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# APCM Agenda

## 14th April 2019

### Meeting of Parishioners

*(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll plus all Local Government Electors in the Parish)*

- 1 | Prayer
- 2 | Apologies for absence
- 3 | Minutes of the 2018 meeting *(These minutes were approved by the P.C.C. on 8th May, 2017.)*
- 4 | Election of Churchwardens for 2019/2020 *(Churchwardens are P.C.C. members ex officio.)*

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

*(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll of the Church. Non-voting observers are welcome.)*

- 1 | Apologies for absence
- 2 | Minutes of annual meetings
- 3 | Identification of issues for discussion at the A.P.C.M. or future P.C.C. meetings —  
*Anyone on the Electoral Roll may suggest an item for discussion, but PLEASE be sure to let Peter Matthews or Graham Cooper have notice of the item by Tuesday 9th April 2019.*

- 4.1 | Report of Rector
- 4.2 | Report of Electoral Roll Officer
- 4.3 | Report from P.C.C.
- 4.4 | Report from Deanery Synod
- 4.5 | Report of Parish Safeguarding Officer
- 4.6 | Parish Policy on Safeguarding Children
- 4.7 | Parish Policy on Safeguarding Adults
- 4.8 | Report of Churchwardens

- 5.1 | Report of Treasurer and Presentation of Accounts for 2018
- 5.2 | Independent Examiner for 2019/2020

- 6.1 | Report of Prayer Ministry
- 6.2 | Report of Small Groups
- 6.3 | Report of Youth Work
- 6.4 | Report of Bizzy B's
- 6.5 | Report of Destitution Project
- 6.6 | Report of Community Breakfast
- 6.7 | Report of Children's Work

- 7 | Election of 1 Deanery Synod Representative (for 2 years)
- 8 | Election of 9 Members of the Parochial Church Council
- 9 | Selection of Sidespeople
- 10 | Proposal that:

- (i) one-third only (or the number nearest to one-third) of the representatives of the laity elected to the Parochial Church Council shall retire from office in every year;
- (ii) the representatives of the laity to retire from office at each annual meeting shall be those who have been longest in office since last elected, and as between representatives elected on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they agree amongst themselves) be selected by lot;
- (iii) a representative of the laity shall in any event retire at the conclusion of the third annual meeting after that at which he was elected;
- (iv) for the avoidance of doubt, a representative who retires may be nominated for election for another 3 year term.

- 11 | Issues for discussion at the A.P.C.M. (as identified above)
- 2 12 | Praying for the work of the church



# APCM Minutes

## 15th April 2018

### In Attendance:

Kwami Ankrah, Alison Bell, Angela Cooper, Graham Cooper (minutes), Rachel Dean, Robert Eccles, Rev. Vivien Eccles, Catherine Fyfe-Paulo, Susanna Hewitt, Chara Hosie, John Hosie, Thomas Lacey, Samuel Marriott, Douglas Matthews, Penny Matthews, Rev. Peter Matthews (chair), Clare Myring, John Myring, Linda Penrose, Rebecca Rank, Rebecca Reid, Barbara Smith, William Smith, Sabina Sohail, Lynda Sterling, Malcolm Sterling, Simon Walton, Jennifer Williams.

### 1 | Apologies were received from:

John Holdsworth (independent examiner), Nia Hosie, Rachael Smith, Esther Walton, Grace Walton, and Laura Walton.

### Minutes

- 2 | The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 9th April, 2017, which had been approved by the Parochial Church Council on 8th May, 2017, were approved.
- 3 | No items for discussion had been notified in advance to the chair or secretary.

### Officers' Reports

- 4.1.1 | The Church's e-mail address is now [admin@stbrides.org.uk](mailto:admin@stbrides.org.uk) and not as shown on the inside cover of the A.P.C.M. papers.
- 4.1.2 | Rev. Peter Matthews presented his report and added that, after the conclusion of his present contract on 30th June, 2018, he anticipates that he will take up a new part-time appointment with Manchester Diocese working with young adults in the city centre of Manchester, and subject to the necessary formalities, he will have the freehold title to the part-time incumbency as Rector of St. Bride's Church. He encouraged parishioners to look through the A.P.C.M. papers for items for which to thank God, and items for more prayer.
- 4.2 | The report of the Electoral Roll Officer was received.
- 4.3 | The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council added to his report that he would like opinions from people as to whether they wanted to continue the practice of having a list of the names and contact details of those who attend the church to be up-dated and available to all who volunteered their names and contact details for the list.
- 4.4 | The report of the Deanery Synod was received.
- 4.5-7 | The report of the Parish Safeguarding Officer was received subject to the amendment of the 4th paragraph on page 12 to read "Of the 11 people currently working with our youth and children's groups all are up to date with training". She read to the meeting both the Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St. Bride's, Old Trafford and the Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church.
- 4.8 | The report of the Churchwardens subject to the deletion of the last paragraph was received, and they were thanked for all their work, and for their willingness to serve for another year.

## Finance

- 5.1.1 As treasurer, John Myring reminded the meeting that the largest item of expenditure, namely the parish share paid to Manchester Diocese, was smaller than the cost to the Diocese of employing the part time rector. He reported that, since the printing of the Treasurer's report, he had arranged a new contract for gas and electricity which should reduce the size of the next highest item of expenditure, namely gas and electricity, by about £2,000 per year, and was obtaining a refund of overpaid Value Added Tax on electricity. He was looking for a more economical contract for the photocopier, but warned the meeting that by the passage of time, the cost of repairs to and maintenance of the building was likely to rise. He confirmed that the cost of the lift maintenance contract was in the budget. He noted with thanks new regular donors to the church and those who had increased their regular donation. He invited parishioners to give money to the Church regularly, using gift aid and "the Giving Machine" where appropriate, and reviewing their level of giving annually.
- 5.1.2 John Myring proposed, and Simon Walton seconded that the accounts be received. It was RESOLVED unanimously that the accounts be received.
- 5.2.1 John Myring advised the meeting that because the church's financial turn-over was less than £250,000, charity law allowed for an independent examination of the accounts instead of a full audit.
- 5.2.2 John Myring proposed, and Robert Eccles seconded that John Holdsworth be appointed the Independent Examiner for the year 2018/2019. It was RESOLVED unanimously that John Holdsworth be appointed the Independent Examiner for 2018/2019.
- 5.2.3 Linda Penrose proposed and Malcolm Sterling seconded the adoption of the budget for 2018/2019. It was RESOLVED unanimously that the budget for 2018/2019 should be adopted.

## Reports of Activities

- 6.1 When the report of the Praise Team was presented, Rev. Peter Matthews thanked those who operated the sound and visuals as well as the rest of the Praise Team, noting especially their outstanding contributions to the Christmas and Easter services.
- 6.2-3 The reports on Prayer Ministry and Small Groups were received.
- 6.4 The report on Youth Work was received subject to the substitution of the name "Esther" for the name "Grace" in the second paragraph on page 28. Jo Stone announced that she and Joe are moving away from Old Trafford for Joe to take up a new appointment in June, 2018.
- 6.5 Lynda Sterling added to the report on Bizzy B's that they still restrict participants to those living in the M15 and M16 postal districts, and receive newcomers every week. Just before Easter 70 children attended with their parents or carers.
- 6.6 Linda Penrose added to the report of the Destitution Project that the largest attendance ever was in March, 2018, when 105 people received support, and 90 was currently a typical number. Rev. Peter Matthews thanked both the church members and non-members who serve in the Project, and noted the enormous amount of work undertaken by Linda Penrose to keep the project running.
- 6.7 Clare Myring added to the report on Every Day English for Women that 2 students volunteer to stay on Thursdays to help to set up the Destitution Project.
- 6.8 Rev. Peter Matthews commended the prayer points in the report on St. Bride's Kids, adding that he attended the groups once a month and saw that the children enjoyed learning and getting to know God better.

## Elections

- 7 | There was no candidate nominated for the vacancy to represent the church with Angela Cooper and clergy in Stretford Deanery Synod for 2 more years.
- 8 | The following 8 people were elected to sit on the Parochial Church Council for 1 year:
- Alison Bell
  - Graham Cooper
  - Chara Hosie
  - Samuel Marriott
  - Clare Myring
  - John Myring
  - Linda Penrose
  - Rebecca Rank
- 9 | The selection of sidespeople was delegated to the Churchwardens.
- 10 | There were no items requested for discussion. Rev. Peter Matthews spoke of the importance of relationships, and referred to the book “God of Surprises” which raised the question, “Do we know who we are in God?”. He pointed out that small quantities of salt, light and yeast have a large effect if mixed with other things, and small quantities of Christians have a large effect if mixed in a community.
- 11 | Members prayed together.







# Rector's Introduction...

I write with the hope that, as you read the rest of this report of all the different aspects of the life, ministry and mission of St Bride's, that you will gain a better understanding of where we have been and what God is doing with and through us. I hope you, like me, are encouraged.

In May we had a church day away in Southport where we completed our series on the Lord's Prayer. It was great to be together, to have fun, to worship and eat, as well as receive some teaching. We are trying to get into some rhythms as a community where we can not only pray and learn together but also fellowship and have food as often as possible. Maybe one of the weirdest for some was the "It's not Christmas" party & barbeque held in the rectory garden. It was fantastic to have people invited along from Limelight.

The end of January marked the end of our third year of 'living' in our new premises. The scuff marks on the walls speak less of neglect and more of all the people that have been enjoying what God has given us with these resources. We have seen a healthy growth in numbers at many of our gatherings and services and it has been great to see people who were once strangers become friends.

Joining with other Old Trafford churches for Easter events and times of worship has been a delight. Seeing members of different churches getting to know one another and becoming involved in the work we are called by God to in Old Trafford is a real Joy, and so we will continue to push on with joint events and mission.

Personally, it was great to become licensed as Rector of St Bride's and, although there wasn't a lot of change outwardly to my role here, it has given me a stronger sense of my position and responsibilities. I look forward to what occurs over this next chapter of our life together as the church of St Bride's. I am unable to give individual thanks in a report like this as there are so many of you who do things and bring so much to the church, so please know that you are valued each of you and I thank you for who you are and what you do.

Enjoy reading the following reports, and may you be filled with joy as you read the story of what we have been doing in partnership with God over the last year.

**Reverend Peter Matthews, Rector of St Bride's**



# Electoral Roll Officer Report

In 2019 a new Electoral Roll has been compiled, and the Electoral Roll will have been published on or before 24th March, 2019. No new members of the Roll can be added after 3rd March, until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th April, 2018.

The Electoral Roll on 25th March, 2018, recorded 55 names.

The Electoral Roll on 24th March, 2019, recorded 53 names.

## **Demographic Composition of the Electoral Roll on 24th March, 2019.**

The figures for the Roll on 18th March, 2018, appear in brackets below.

12 (12) people live in St. Bride's parish	23%	(22%)
41 (43) people live outside St. Bride's parish	77%	(78%)
32 (35) people live in Old Trafford	60%	(64%)
21 (20) people live outside Old Trafford	40%	(36%)

Of the people living outside Old Trafford 14 (15) live very close to the boundary of Old Trafford, which indicates that 87% of the people on the Roll live in or near the boundary of Old Trafford.

**Graham Cooper, Electoral Roll Officer**

# Secretary to the Parochial Church Council Report

## April, 2018 - March, 2019

- 1 In 2018 the A.P.C.M. was held on 15 th April, and the following people were elected to positions on the P.C.C: Alison Bell, Angela Cooper (Deanery Synod representative), Graham Cooper, Chara Hosie, Sam Marriott, Clare Myring, John Myring, Linda Penrose, Bex Rank, Simon Walton (churchwarden), and Jenni Williams (churchwarden), leaving a vacancy for a second lay representative member of the Deanery Synod. Rev. Peter Matthews (chair) and Rev. Viv Eccles were unelected members by virtue of their office as ordained clergy.
- 2 The P.C.C. made the following appointments for the year: Alison Bell – vice-chair; John Myring – treasurer; Graham Cooper – secretary and electoral roll officer.
- 3 The P.C.C. met on 6 occasions up to 1 st March, 2019, and the standing committee of the P.C.C. met in between P.C.C. meetings. A further meeting will take place in March after completion of this report.
- 4 The attendance of members at those 6 meetings was as follows: Alison Bell 5; Angela Cooper 3; Graham Cooper 6; Viv Eccles 3; Chara Hosie 4; Sam Marriott 6; Peter Matthews 6; Clare Myring 5; John Myring 5; Linda Penrose 6; Bex Rank 6; Simon Walton 4; Jenni Williams 5.
- 5 Each meeting included prayer and usually a Bible reading, and concluded with a review of how the meeting had gone.
- 6 The annual report to the Diocese showed that in October, 2018, the average regular adult attendance was 41 and the average regular child attendance was 15.
- 7 Other business considered by the P.C.C. included mission action planning, stipendiary ministry, electoral arrangements, finance, special events, services, a policy for conflict of members' interests, health and safety, the building and equipment.

Graham Cooper, Secretary

# Deanery Synod Report

The Stretford Deanery Synod usually meets four times each year. The meetings move round the churches in the Deanery this year visiting St. Matthew's, St. John's (Old Trafford), St Bride's and All Saints Church.

The meetings begin with an act of worship that reflects something of the pattern followed by the host church. At each meeting there are administrative and business matters including:

- Reports on the Manchester Diocesan Synod.
- Deanery Treasurer's reports.
- Deanery Budget Secretary reports on Parish Share payments.
- Deanery Standing Committee reports.
- Pastoral matters affecting Stretford including reports from the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee.

Preceding the business matters there is a talk.

In April the evening's presentation was by Joanne Nicholson from The Children's Society. The society works with young carers, children with poor mental health and emotional issues, child refugees and migrants, children who have suffered from sexual exploitation and youngsters with drug and alcohol issues.

Issues children face today that are relatively new

- social media bullying/self-esteem issues
- Families in poverty being targeted by drug dealers who offer food, money to pay bills, clothes etc but then as payment force children to act as drug mules to pay off the debt

The Children's Society offer training and resources to schools and churches and are involved in different schemes supporting children and their families. Art therapy can be beneficial and is available at different locations such as schools, Community centres, doctor's surgeries and others. Recently the Society have produced a 'Trauma Guide' which was as a response to the Manchester Arena bombing.

A small Synod gathered in July due to a clash with the World Cup Semi Final. The speaker was the Revd Karen Marshall who presented a slide show and travelogue of her visit to the Holy Land in February of that year. She gave a brief synopsis of the situation in the Holy Land since the UN Plan for Palestine was created in 1947.

In October Canon Peter Reiss introduced the Church of England report 'Setting God's People Free'. This is a report for Deaneries and PCCs to read and discuss. To quote from the report 'The programme seeks to implement proposals from the Setting God's People Free report presented to General Synod in 2017. These proposals seek effective ways to build up the whole people of God, with a confident faith and vision for the Kingdom of God, which is lived out in homes, schools, communities and places of work.'

Rev John Hughes stepped in at the last minute at January's Synod and talked about Eco Church. He spoke with enthusiasm and stated that our response to God's creation should be one of joy. He then challenged us to consider how we can weave that joy into the care of God's creation. How is the care of God's creation woven into our lives? Diocesan Synod has recommended that Manchester work towards becoming an Eco Diocese. As individual churches we can begin our own eco church journeys. Eco Church supports churches in their care for God's creation across 5 areas of church life:

- Worship & teaching
- Buildings
- Land
- Community and personnel engagement
- Lifestyle

At the last Synod the Chair thanked the Parishes for submitting their Mission Action Plans on time; a Stretford Deanery MAP has been created taking into consideration the individual MAPS. This will be submitted to the Bishop at the end of March.

**Angela Cooper, Deanery Synod Representative**

# Safeguarding Report

## **Responsibilities**

The Church of England is committed to the protection of all children and adults, especially those who may be vulnerable, for example due to illness or disability. St Bride's has adopted safeguarding policies which should be reviewed at the A.P.C.M each year. The policies help us to create a safe environment for both children and vulnerable people. They are designed to ensure that volunteers are better prepared to respond to suspicion or allegation of abuse whether the alleged abuse is outside or within the church; also that the risk be reduced of someone using a position in the church to exploit a person. Safe recruitment and training procedures are in place to enable high standards of care.

## **No-one should drift into helping**

Any vacancies in should be advertised with a job description. Volunteers need to make a 'Confidential Declaration' regarding their suitability to be involved in the area of work. The volunteer is required to make a paper application and references will be taken up. There needs to be an interview and if the person appears to be suitable for the role an application can be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Safeguarding Officer is informed of anything that would make the person unsuitable for the role. The volunteer is then required to take complete on-line training prior to taking on their new role. The Diocese provides training throughout the Diocese which the volunteer is required to attend. A record of agreement is signed and they receive a copy of our 'Good Practice' guidelines.

## **Support**

Working as teams and offering encouragement and constructive criticism is the best safeguard against poor morale and slipping standards. The support of our youth and children's workers with prayer is the collective responsibility of the church.

## **Risks**

If the church does not strive to adhere to the policy, the church's insurance company may refuse to deal with a claim by a child that he or she has been harmed by the negligence of someone acting on behalf of the church. By their hiring agreement the Arabic Church undertakes to follow our child protection policy.



**Practicalities**

Since the APCM 2018 five people have received new DBS certificates and 2 have been renewed.

Everyone currently working with our youth and children's groups are up to date with training.

The Children's and Vulnerable Adult's Safeguarding Policies have been signed and laminated and are on display in the narthex as required by the Diocese.

The Safeguarding Officer's photograph and contact telephone number are on display in the Narthex (also required by the Diocese).

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the bookshelf against the office wall in the church foyer where anyone can access it if they so wish.

**Angela Cooper, Parish Safeguarding Officer**

# Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St. Bride's Old Trafford

This statement was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th May 2017. It will be read at the Annual General Meeting held in the month of April each year where progress in carrying it out will be monitored. Children and young people are part of our church. They have much to give as well as to receive. We will listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning, and community life, we will take into account the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection, and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent, or to prevent the continuation of, any physical, sexual, and emotional abuse of children and young people of which we become aware, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognize that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children and young people must undertake Diocesan Safeguarding Training, know the guidelines and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the P.C.C. has appointed Angela Cooper to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer from April 2018.

# **Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church**

**This statement was adopted by St. Bride's Church at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th May 2017**

**This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.**

- 1 We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- 2 As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- 3 We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- 4 We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- 5 The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- 6 It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- 7 We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- 8 The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- 9 The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

# Treasurers Report

## for Year to 31st December 2018

It is pleasing to report that 2018 has been a much more encouraging picture financially, with Income exceeding Expenditure by £7,600, reversing the position of the previous two years. This surplus is almost entirely in the General Fund - the movements in the Designated Funds overall are again balanced out as detailed below.

The level of the General Fund had reduced towards a critically low level in the past two years. The PCC has worked hard to address this during the year and is now in a stronger position. I would ask that all members of the church continue to be aware of our Financial position and respond whatever way is appropriate for their situation.

### General Fund

The General Fund is where the day to day Income and Expenditure of keeping the Church running is recorded. In 2018 our income exceeded our running costs by just over £7,600 compared to the deficit of £5,000 in 2017. Overall income increased by £1,800 (4%), and as a result of actions taken during the year Expenditure reduced £10,850 (a massive 21%). This surplus managed to increase the level of the General Fund to £11,900 at the year end, and with a projected surplus in 2019 this will put the General Fund in a stronger position that it has been in a number of years and enable us to start planning a proactive maintenance programme for the building that we were blessed with 3 years ago.

- Income in the year of £48,100 is higher than the previous year. The level of Regular Giving and related Gift Aid continues to improve with a 8% increase in the year, which is really good news. Income from the use of the building has increased with contributions from regular users but is now at a level that cannot be increased without a significant increase in manpower resources to manage it. Donations are significantly lower= the one-off gift of £3,000 in 2017 has not been repeated so we must continue to focus on increasing the regular giving to ensure we maintain a satisfactory financial position.
- Expenditure in the year of £40,500 a very significant £10,800 (21%) lower than the previous year. The major item of expenditure is the Parish Share, paid to the Diocese, which is a contribution towards their costs of providing us with our incumbent. This year it was £18,500, 2% lower than the previous year. The major cost savings have been in the costs of Gas and Electricity. A refund of VAT, and switch to a lower cost supplier and a review of the needs of heating the building have seen a massive £8,400 reduction in costs compared to the previous year. The PCC continues to review the running costs and has made savings in other areas and allocated funds to new activities such as the provision of the snack breakfast before the Sunday morning service.

- Throughout the years that the St Bride's Eden Team was running the generous support from many individuals and the running costs of the team and their activities were recorded in a separate Designated Fund within the church accounts. It has been decided that this Fund should be re designated as to one to continue the support of work with Youth and Children with almost £6.000 sitting alongside the General Fund. Contributions towards the work with young people will still be identified and the running costs for activities of Children's and Youth shown in this fund in future accounts.
- The proposed Budget for 2019 shows a satisfactory surplus and a level of reserves at which planning for future projects such as interior repainting of the building can begin.

### **Designated Funds**

Overall these showed a break-even position in the year, very similar to 2017, but as usual this statement doesn't reflect fully the blessings and challenges in a number of areas:

- Youth Work - With the changes in provision of Youth Work. running costs have been significantly lower than previous years. We continue to be blessed that the financial support of the work with Youth and Children had continued, even with reduced income and this is more than sufficient for the anticipated level of running costs.
- Destitution Project - this is the area within the accounts that have shown the biggest changes in the year. The number of clients assisted has climbed to over 100 per week. This is reflected in a 265% increase in running costs and averaged over £1,000 per week. The Red Cross continue to contribute their agreed share of the running costs but this was only 73% of the total requiring the deficit of £14,700 to be funded from our other sources. The £7,370 was received from the Trafford Community Fund in 2017 has been fully utilised. The surplus from the monthly Community Breakfast and contributions from other supporters have reduced the overall deficit to £2,700 in the year. The available funds at the end of the year were £8,400. The numbers of clients show no signs of decreasing so we may have to be looking at additional external funding to continue the level of support that is given through the Project in the coming months.
- Church Relocation and Equipment. Net expenditure of £1,000 was made in the year; we have identified a small number of items are still required, for which we have sufficient funds. We plan to take our time to ensure what we purchase will meet our long term operating requirements.
- Other Funds - These funds are for income and related costs for Church activities that have taken place over the year, including Busy Bees, New Wine and the Men's Weekend at Capernwray.

**John Myring**  
**PCC Treasurer**  
**March 2019**



**St Brides Church Old Trafford**  
**Income & Expenditure 12 months to 31st Dec 2018**

Fund Name	Balance at 01/01/2018	Income In Year	Expenditure In Year	Balance at 31/12/2018
General fund	£4,301	£48,118	£40,523	£11,896
Youth Work (Eden Project)	£2,448	£4,512	£977	£5,983
Destitution Fund (Red Cross)	£11,088	£51,150	£53,862	£8,376
Thanksgiving Project	£956			£956
Earmarked Donations	£2,687			£2,687
Church Equipment and Relocation	£4,658	£294	£1,282	£3,670
Other	£984	£3,495	£3,278	£1,201
Totals	£27,122	£107,569	£99,922	£34,769

Funds Represented by	31/12/2017	31/12/2018
Current Account	£500	£500
Cheques Drawn not processed	-£630	-£34
Deposit Account	£25,416	£31,809
Total	£25,286	£32,275
Accounts Receivable - HMRC Gift Aid	£1,836	£2,494
Total Funds	£27,122	£34,769

		2018	2018		2017	2017
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
<b>General Fund</b>	Regular Giving & Collections	£33,317			£29,818	
	Gift Aid Claimed	£6,786			£7,315	
	Donations	£953			£3,955	
	Income from Use of Building	£4,855			£4,025	
	Fundraising & Other Income	£2,207			£1,179	
<b>General Fund Income</b>		<b>£48,118</b>			<b>£46,292</b>	
	Parish Share		£18,503	£18,503		£18,895
	Church Maintenance		£309			£740
	Cleaning		£1,665			£2,792
	Church Running - Gas		£3,149			£7,013
	Church Running - Electric		£2,630			£7,212
	Church Running - Insurance		£1,515			£1,443
	Church Running - Water		£0	£9,268		£481
	Working expenses of Curate		£1,650			£1,650
	Working expenses of Incumbant		£1,494			£1,429
	Rectory Council Tax		£1,806			£1,914
	Rectory Water rates		£513	£5,463		£544
	Parish Training & Mission		£559			£1,015
	Subscriptions		£52			£139
	Upkeep of Services		£891	£1,502		£1,131
	Church Office Phones & Internet		£4,585			£3,937
	Sundries		£1,002	£5,587		£830
	Governance Costs		£200	£200		£200
<b>General Fund Expenditure</b>			<b>£40,523</b>	<b>£40,523</b>		<b>£51,365</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>						
<b>Youth Work</b>	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£4,512			£10,143	
<b>Destitution Project</b>	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£9,947			£9,064	
	Grants from Organisations	£2,000			£7,370	
	Re-imbursement of Running Costs	£39,203			£16,178	
<b>Other Funds</b>	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£2,789			£8,181	
	Grants from Organisations	£1,000			£0	
<b>Youth Work</b>	Youth Work Salaries		£0			£7,898
	Youth Work Expenses		£977			£3,097
<b>Destitution Project</b>	Project Running Costs		£53,862			£20,310
<b>Other Funds</b>	Equipment & Relocation Expenses		£1,282			£12,800
	Other Running Costs		£3,278			£6,864
	Grants to Organisations		£0			£0
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>		<b>£59,451</b>	<b>£59,399</b>		<b>£50,936</b>	<b>£50,969</b>
<b>Total For Year</b>		<b>£107,569</b>	<b>£99,922</b>		<b>£97,228</b>	<b>£102,334</b>

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. BRIDE'S OLD TRAFFORD**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, which are set out on pages      to      .

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulation and under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on;

- those financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustee as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

### **BASIS OF THIS REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees 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 financial statements 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 matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 and have not been met; or
  - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

#### **• SIGNED**

*John T. Holdsworth BA C Ed.,*

Date

*28/2/2019*

John Thomas Holdsworth BA, C Ed.

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**St Brides Church Old Trafford  
Budgets 2018 & 2019**

	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2018 Year</b>	<b>Proposed 2019 Year</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Regular Giving - Church	£30,882	£33,317	£33,840
Regular Giving - Youth & Children's Work			£4,140
Collections Donations & Fund Raising	£2,020	£2,494	£2,275
Hall Hire	£4,500	£4,855	£4,200
Gift Aid	£6,600	£6,786	£6,750
Energy Rebates (Solar)	£1,000	£666	£675
<b>Total Income for Year</b>	<b>£45,002</b>	<b>£48,118</b>	<b>£51,880</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Parish Share</b>	£18,503	£18,503	£17,472
<b>Gas</b>	£5,800	£3,149	£3,000
<b>Electric</b>	£5,960	£2,630	£2,700
<b>Water</b>	£660	£0	£1,200
<b>Insurance</b>	£1,475	£1,515	£1,560
<b>Maintenance &amp; Cleaning</b>			
Maintenance & Decorating	£1,210	£309	£2,500
Sanitary & Nappy Bins	£546	£273	£546
Cleaning Contract & Supplies	£1,512	£1,392	£1,500
<b>Incumbents and Curates Expenses</b>			
Curates Honorarium	£1,650	£1,650	£1,650
Vicars expenses	£1,560	£1,494	£1,680
<b>Rectory Costs</b>			
Council Tax	£1,750	£1,806	£1,860
Water Rates	£600	£513	£540
<b>Office &amp; Administration</b>			
Church Office Phones & Internet	£1,262	£1,375	£760
Church Office Copier	£2,200	£2,440	£2,432
Audit Fee	£200	£200	£200
Bank Charges	£540	£770	£760
Subscriptions & Payroll	£85	£52	£50
<b>Services &amp; Mission</b>			
Youth Work	£0	£0	£1,200
Children's Work	£0	£0	£1,200
Day at Southport	£0	£330	£400
Alpha	£120	£315	£360
Church Breakfast	£0	£255	£1,200
CCLI Licence	£650	£655	£650
<b>Sundries</b>	£1,500	£897	£1,200
<b>Total Expenditure for Year</b>	<b>£47,783</b>	<b>£40,523</b>	<b>£46,620</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Period</b>	<b>-£2,781</b>	<b>£7,595</b>	<b>£5,260</b>

# Prayer

**PRAYER IS EXCITING!!...read on to find out more.**

“Prayer without presence is just piety. Prayer always leads to the presence of Jesus in the places that need him most. Once you’ve prayed you’ve touched the heart of God — and God’s heart if for every broken, lost and forgotten person in your community”<sup>1</sup>

## **Rhythms of Prayer**

We meet to pray regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8am and 9am and Monday evening at 8pm.

## **Prayer Walking**

We have continued with this rhythm of prayer — seeking to bless our local area and asking for God’s guidance in how to pray as we walk around different parts of the parish each prayer day. We have seen fruit from years of blessing and proclaiming the lordship of Jesus with an invitation to be involved in the development of the playing fields, invitations into schools and some amazing encounters with people with a heart for the community recently.

## **Prayer for Mission**

We have been meeting on Monday evenings at 8pm with a focus on prayer for mission both overseas and closer to home.

## **Unity in Prayer**

Some of us attended the second powerful Prayer for Greater Manchester evening at Audacious Church earlier in the year — there are two more opportunities to get together with hundreds of christians to worship Jesus and pray for our city on 4th April and 27th June at 7.30pm- put it in your diary now!

This year we have continued to have times of prayer and worship with brothers and sisters from other churches in the area meeting at Sharon Church. Pray for Sam Fentem as he continues to encourage church leaders and churches to come together in one accord to seek God.

## **Prayer Ministry**

Prayer is available with trained individuals at the end of every service. If anyone is interested in ministry training or joining the team please speak to me or Viv Eccles.

## **Chara Hosie**

<sup>1</sup>Hawthorne Andy, *Here I am Send Me*, The Message Trust, 2014 p.13



# Small Groups

Small groups which meet in the week are one of the ways in which people encourage one another to serve God, keep looking to Jesus, learn to hear his voice, celebrate answers to prayer, and help one another in times of difficulty and doubt. Different groups have different approaches, and over time some start and some finish, so it is difficult to give a comprehensive, contemporary report.

A Bible study group has met most weeks at M-J Sharp's home on Wednesdays with an average attendance of about 5 from a larger pool of attenders.

A Bible study group has met most weeks at the home of the Coopers. They have studied Old and New Testament books, and prayed together. The average attendance has been 4 from a larger pool of attenders, some of whom take turns in leading the study. The group has been meeting on Tuesdays at 8 (ish) p.m.

On Monday afternoons a group, which is very variable in number and composition, meets to knit at Limelight with Linda Penrose. It sometimes includes people who have no other contact with the church, such as Muslims and Sikhs. There is always interesting discussion, and sometimes opportunities to pray with people.

A group of men from St Bride's, Our Lady's, Sharon and New Testament of God churches meets for breakfast, Bible study and prayer at 9.30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, with an average attendance of about 9.

A small group meets fortnightly on Monday evenings at either the Trivinos' or the Gilchrists' homes comprising people from several churches and none. The focus and purpose of the group is to support each other and Old Trafford through sharing relationally, prayer, creativity and service. Some members of the group have created a "Common change" account which provides financial gifts of kindness to those known in Old Trafford.

**Graham Cooper**

# St Bride's Youth

Over this year we have had a big change! In June, Doug Matthews became the Youth Lead and has started putting together a youth team.

In August we took four young people to Soul Survivor and had an amazing time over the five days worshipping God together and building relationships.

In September we relaunched YDG under the name 'St Bride's Youth: Discipleship' where we have five regular attendees. We also ran an Alpha course from September to November, which had 13 young people attending on the busiest night and brought one young person to regularly attend Discipleship.

In the next year we would love to see growth in numbers of youth, growth in the faith built, but mostly growth in relationships as a family in Christ. We are going to restart our fortnightly 1:1 mentoring of the youth. We will also be returning for the final Soul Survivor in August 2019. On top of that we are going to start up some outreach to spread God's love and the gospel to the youth of Old Trafford.

Please pray for the youth we are working with, for growth in their faith, and for real, meaningful encounters with God. Please pray for the youth team as we grow and start up something new.

# St Bride's *Kids*

Children's work takes place on Fridays from 6-7pm — Shine — and Sunday mornings during the service on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks. We do crafts, play silly games, talk about what it means to follow God, pray, and much much more. Numbers have risen, especially on Sunday mornings, but more importantly we are seeing faith grow! Following the same series together has been really interesting, if challenging at times. Keep your eyes peeled for the Bible time line as it grows over the rest of the year!



Huge thanks to the team – Doug, Jenni, Catrin, Carmen, Catherine, Lynda, Alison, Angela, Laura, Shirley and Becca – for all the effort, fun and prayer.

Please continue to pray for our children and leaders. Why not ask them what they have enjoyed or learned in our time together?









## Bizzy B's

Bizzy B's is a Baby and Toddler group for any parents and carers in the Old Trafford area ( M15 and M16 postcodes) held on Friday morning's at St. Brides. Our aim is to provide a safe and welcoming place where families can come to spend time together and meet other people in our neighbourhood. We are continually working on keeping the group a reflection of the diverse backgrounds and class of OT (can be a challenge, lots of yummy mummies!) and introducing those who come not knowing anyone to others in the group. We want to serve our community through this and show Jesus' love to everyone who comes in. We have had some opportunities to pray with people and also offer this more through a prayer request box as well.

Families from Bizzy B's have attended the Sunday service at St Brides on occasion and also The Big Breakfast as well as the stable trail and Christmas carol service . We would love to see more cross over and connections in the future.

We run from 10 til 11.30am and our time together includes, free playing , craft or messy play, tea and coffee for adults, arts and crafts, a snack time held in the foyer of toast and fruit (and brioche for grown-ups!!), more playing then we finish by gathering together for singing at the end. We encourage everyone who comes to get involved in things and help tidy up at the end too!! A number of people from the community come early to help set up. When the weather is nice we play outside too.

On average we get around 50 or so families each week so there can be A LOT of children!! We charge £1 per family which covers the running costs and snacks and crafts etc. We also seem to attract a lot of dads and granddads, sometimes it can nearly feel 50:50 ratio. For our summer celebration we had the author Carol Haart come and do a reading of one of her recent books to the group. ( although it wasn't overly successful for her!!).



Whilst Bizzy B's doesn't run over the summer we recognise the large part it plays in parents and carers connecting with others during the week so organise a summer parks meetup each Friday that someone from the group takes charge of at a park of their choice.

At Christmas and Easter we like to take the opportunity to share the Christian message of these celebrations through our crafts and story/singing time. This christmas we encouraged everyone to get involved with Bizzy B's Bible reading for the carol service by making angels and sheep, and on our last Friday before Christmas we told the nativity story through objects and song and gave out a nativity story board book. At Easter we held an Easter egg hunt around the gardens and room.

During the year we have also given out gifts and a bible verse on Mothers Day, something for the dads on Fathers Day, gifts and a certificate for children moving onto school at the end of the summer term.

But Bizzy B's is not just about us giving out things, it has also become a community where people are ready to share things with others in the group ( clothes, toys, baby and toddler items, recipes, babysitters) and also in answer to requests, particularly in relation to The Destitution Project.

We have a team on Volunteers that run Bizzy B's both from the Church and community. Myself (Lynda), Clare Myring, Linda Penrose, Laura W, Sarah T, Helen M, Jude J and other parents and carers from the group. Barbara S, Penny ,Rachel Kemp and Natalie Hine do a great Job in The Kitchen Too!!

We would always appreciate more helpers so if you are free on a Friday morning anytime between 9 and 12 and would like to get involved ( in the kitchen preparing snacks or setting up or packing away or being a friendly face to welcome people) please get in touch!







# Destitution Project

The project continued to run weekly, in conjunction with the British Red Cross, on Thursdays, for 51 weeks this year — double was given out the Thursday before Christmas.

We serve destitute people – those who have no recourse to public funds- mostly failed asylum seekers but increasingly families joining a father already here, brought here by the government under the family reunion project, and then left destitute whilst applying for asylum.

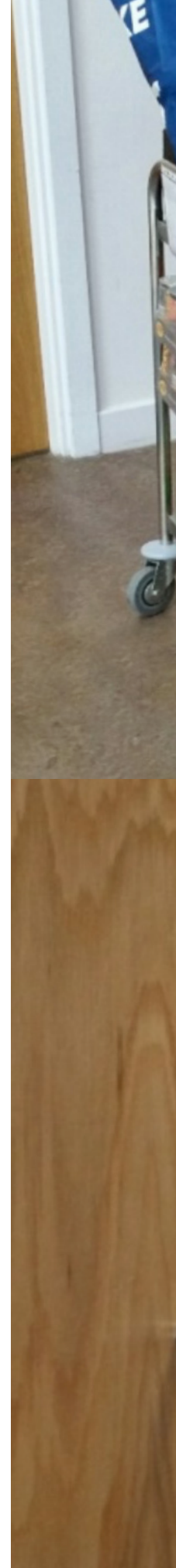
Thursdays begin. with shopping for the food parcels. We return to Church to weigh out various foodstuffs.

We provide a full meal for 50+ people served from 12.30p.m. which is provided by 2 families from St Bride's (and occasionally friends) or cooked on the day by volunteers. Church members and volunteers run the kitchen. Many thanks to these people.

The service users start to arrive from 12 noon, and have space to socialise whilst eating, with volunteers around to befriend and chat.

At 1.30pm the advice drop-in begins where we issue each person with £5 bus fare, provided by the Red Cross, so that they can return the next week, and a food parcel which is provided with funds raised by St Bride's church. Some service users with specific dietary (health related) needs receive a cash payment instead of a food parcel. The Red Cross fund these.

Advice on ongoing claims for asylum, housing, health etc is available from Red Cross volunteers.













Each new service user can access the project for 1 year or until they have a successful outcome. Each person is assessed by a caseworker for eligibility, when first visiting the project and a careful track is kept of each case. St Bride's keeps records of every visit every person makes to the project. We have capacity to provide for up to 40 service users per week although we never turn away anyone with a genuine need. This has been tested severely all year, supporting over 100 people each week until February when, due to several families successful applications, the numbers dropped to around 60.

St Bride's PCC allow the premises to be used every week free of charge, including heating and lighting, and volunteers from the congregation help with shopping, provide transport and generally help with the smooth running of the day. There are many opportunities to get alongside service users and befriend them. In the last year members of the church have been donating toiletries regularly to supplement the money spent by the Red Cross. This has been greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The monthly Saturday café has continued to raise money for the food parcels. Praise God that the amount raised has remained high during our period of great demand. Many thanks to all those involved.

We held a Christmas party on the 20th December which was enjoyed by service users and volunteers alike. Thank you to all church members who enabled this event. We were able to obtain presents to give to the children from Key 103 Christmas Child. Quote from one Red Cross volunteer – "The best Christmas dinner I had all year!!"

Thank you to all the members of St Bride's who help to keep this service going. The users of the project certainly appreciate your efforts.

# Big Breakfast

It has been a great year for the Big Breakfast which happens on the second Saturday each month run by a group of volunteers (mostly but not exclusively drawn from parents at Seymour Park primary). We are now consistently serving over 120 people each month and raising on average between £550 - £700 each month. The money is paid on a pay-as-you-feel basis which seems to work well.

In addition to the vegetarian cooked food, there are activities for children and adults. Many people also donate food that they have baked at home, particularly cakes. We get a large donation of bread every month from Barbican Delicatessen.

We have a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bigbreakfastOT](http://www.facebook.com/bigbreakfastOT)), which is pretty much the only advertising we do but seems to be working, as well as word of mouth. We are planning on setting up a twitter and Instagram account too.

As well as raising money for the Destitution Project, it has become a great place for people to meet, connect, share stories. We have also had other projects represented such as Tanzanian Fairtrade Crafts, Amnesty Book stall, St Bride's Youth raising for Soul Survivor and more...

Of particular note I would like to say a big thankyou to Bec Chow, Will & Jo Jackson, Alys Kay, Tom Southall, Mark Wiseman and Ian. Without whom the project would not be possible.

Many Thanks

**Anthony Trivino**







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