

# St John's, Widnes

## Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31 December 2018



Charity registration number: 1170687



## 1 PCC Members & Administrative Information

Registered charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes
Charity registration number	1170687
Address	St John's Church, Greenway Road, Widnes, WA8 6HA
Official contact	Reverend Lyn McIver
September 2018	Reverend Gregory Sharples

The clergy and officers of the church in 2018 were as follows:

### Clergy

	Reverend Lyn McIver ( <i>Team Vicar</i> ) Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow ( <i>Curate / Interim Team Rector</i> )
September 2018	Reverend Gregory Sharples Reverend Mal Martin

Churchwardens	Jean Pierce ( <i>stood down May 2018</i> ) and Dorothy McManus
---------------	--

Deputy Churchwardens	Lilian Ireland ( <i>stood down May 2018</i> ) ( <i>EWT Rep</i> )
----------------------	--

Elected PCC members	Ray Murratt - <i>Treasurer, Gift Aid Secretary, Deanery Synod Rep</i> Daniel Esposito Clare Bedford ( <i>Lay Chair</i> ) Linda Esposito Les Halfpenny Angela Housley Denise Newman James Davies Margaret Spencer ( <i>Reader Emeritus</i> ) Walter Spencer
---------------------	---

Electoral Roll Officer	Bess Smith
------------------------	------------

Readers	Andy Bedford Shirley Lucass ( <i>Deanery Synod Rep, EWT Rep</i> ) Margaret Spencer ( <i>Reader Emeritus</i> ) Ken Keane ( <i>Reader Emeritus</i> )
---------	---



The PCC has appointed the following advisors and service providers:

- Bankers: Lloyds TSB, 23/24 Albert Square, Widnes
- Auditor: Bramwell Morris, 18 Mulberry Avenue, Widnes
- Quinquennial Architect: Ralph Dransfield, 14 Mersey Avenue, Liverpool



## 2 Aim and Purposes

The PCC (Powers) Measures 1956 states that the PCC “is to co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.” The method of appointment of 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 is also responsible for the maintenance of St John's Church building.

### Widnes Deanery

St John's sits within the Widnes Deanery, which has eight parish churches, with a mission at Cronton CE School and a youth church, Ignite, which covers the whole deanery. A mission plan has been developed for the deanery, to co-ordinate the activities of the individual churches and offer one another mutual support. The deanery youth church, Ignite, rotates around the churches in the team in turn. This is an important ministry which is supported by St Johns, both spiritually in prayer and financially.

### Partnerships

St John's has been part of the East Widnes Team - a team of three churches, plus a mission church - for the past six years. During 2018 it became apparent the vacancy for Team Rector would not be



filled due to the large remit of the post. After an extensive review, the PCC and congregation agreed for St John's move out of the East Widnes Team, reducing the size of the team, and to join a new initiative, alongside St Paul's Widnes, called *Transform*. Transform North West is one church, currently meeting in three locations: Widnes, Warrington & St Helens with a mission to plant more churches.

The Transform vision is to **grow to be a multi-site, multi-generation, church with 1200+ people, meeting in at least 9 sites by 2023.**



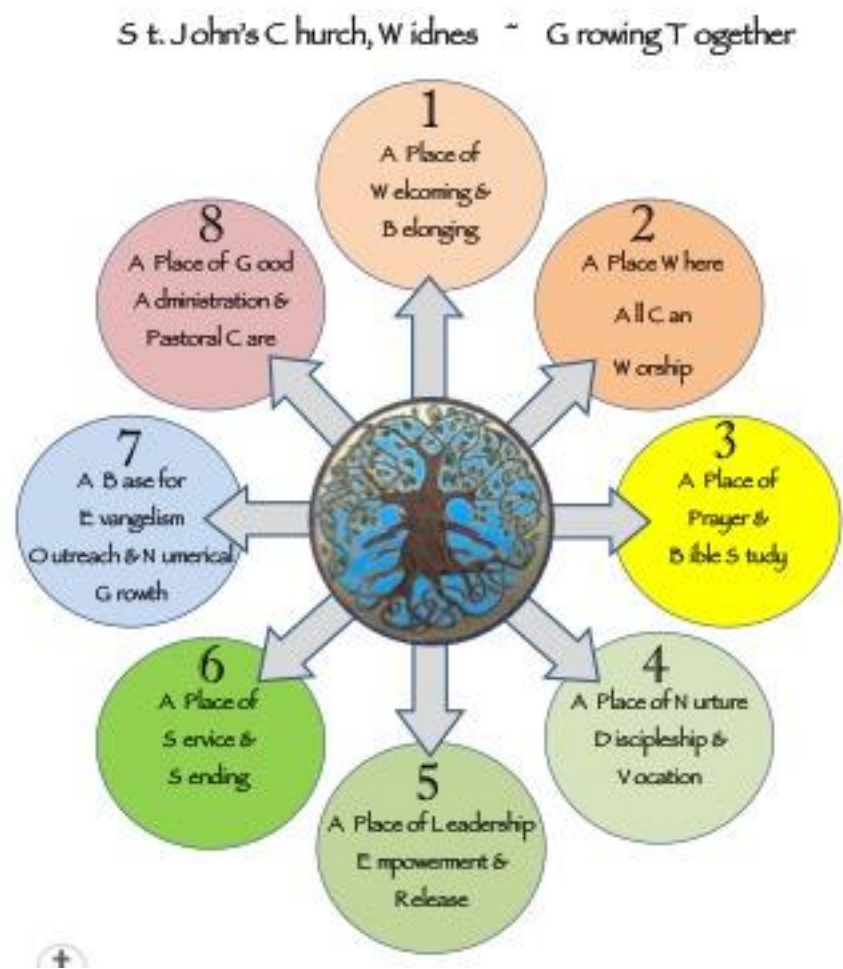
Transform North West launched in September 2018. As part of the change, Reverend Greg Sharples became Vicar for both St Paul's and St John's. At the same time we welcomed new members to the staff team; Craig Gaudion as Curate and Penny Straddling as Ordinand.

### 3 Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community. The diagram encapsulates St John's key objectives at the start of 2018.

Our move to Transform Northwest and the formation of Transform Widnes in our partnership with St Paul's church will influence and focus our objectives and activities moving forward. In Section 5 Plans for the Future, the Vicars Report used for the AGM highlights the focus for 2019.





## **4 Achievements and Performance in 2018**

### **Electoral Roll & Attendance 2018**

The number of church members on the Electoral Roll: 72. Through the year, the average attendance for worship at Sunday services was 63 adults and 25 children. Small numbers of church members attend early morning services, these services are shared and rotate with St Luke's and St Ambrose. As of September, St John's has one service at 11am which is a livelier family friendly service and at 9am a more traditional service is held at St Pauls. The attendance figures do not take into account the monthly baptism services which continue to be well attended. Attendance at the Oasis Café on Thursdays is continuing to increase, and the Thursday communion service attendance is also growing and is greatly valued by those who attend.

### **St John's Pre-school**

St John's Pre-school runs nine sessions a week and provides childcare for children mainly in the Appleton area of Widnes. We have a high percentage of children funded by Halton Borough Council. During 2018, the pre-school ran Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. By the end of December the number of children attending the Pre-School was 28. We have seven members in our staff team and we also have a student placement volunteer who supports the Pre-school childcare assistant.

The Pre-school was inspected by OFSTED in September 2017, with an outcome of "Good in all areas". The feedback highlighted: "staff provided a warm and welcoming environment. Children are emotionally well supported by the caring and attentive staff who help to form strong attachments" and 'Parents speak highly of the pre-school'.

### **Pastoral Care Team**

The Pastoral Care Team continues to provide support to members of the church family.

The team consists of members with a range of experience and training such as counselling, Acorn Listening and training in bereavement counselling. Three members of the team are Eucharistic ministers. Whilst not all members of the team are able to carry out some of the more active duties, they remain a crucial important part of the prayer chain.



The team provides support in the following ways:

- Home communions as requested
- Home visits and hospital visits by arrangement
- Transport to and from church, doctor and hospital appointments, and shopping
- Sending birthday cards to children baptised in St John's in the previous year
- Immediate and confidential prayer chain for church members, their families and friends
- Keeping the clergy informed of urgent needs of individuals

### **Service of Light Memorial Service**

In November, we held our annual memorial service to remember those who had died in the previous two years. Invitations were sent out to relatives of those who had funerals at St John's and those whose loved ones lived in the parish.

This is always a well-attended service, and provides an opportunity to show the care afforded by the church to those who need comfort and love, giving people a time and place to remember their loved ones, and to be together with others with similar losses.

### **Candle-lit Carol Service**

The Carol service this year was once again based on Nine Lessons and Carols, with the added beauty of being held by candlelight. The church looked lovely, and the service was well-attended. This is a popular service, looking forward to Christmas with traditional carols which are so loved by everyone from the oldest members of the congregation down to the youngest children. The service is one to which people return year on year, and it enables church leaders to provide support for a range of people in our communities.

### **Fairfield School Assemblies**

The church has continued to build links with the local school. Working closely with the music supply teacher and the school choir, Rev'd Lyn McIver has led worship for the infant and junior schools at seasonal events such as Easter and Harvest. Since September and the transition to Transform Widnes, Margaret Spencer and Rev'd Mal Martin have been liaising with the school staff.



## **Widnes Foodbank**

Although not a Foodbank Distribution Centre, St. John's plays a key role in the organisation and running of the foodbank, supplying at least four people in significant management positions. In addition, we have volunteers contributing to the various tasks which underpin the daily work of the foodbank, such as driving, volunteering in the distribution centres, helping with supermarket and special event collections and prayer support.

Since the inaugural meeting in September 2012, St. John's Church has made food donations of over two tonnes of food, equating to over 7070 meals. St. John's has also played host to six Christmas concerts by the H'arts & Voices Choir in aid of Widnes Foodbank, with food as the entrance fee, raising awareness of the need at the same time as entertaining large audiences.

Funds are also collected by "loose change boxes" which as the name suggests are filled with pennies and other small denomination coins which do mount up, and also by ad hoc cash donations by church members.

St John's makes a regular church contribution towards the running costs of the foodbank. It is these regular donations which make it possible to pay the bills. Although no one is paid a wage, there are expenses which must be met, and Widnes Foodbank is grateful that they can rely on this generous giving.

## **Oasis Cafe**

In the autumn of 2016, St John's launched an exciting new mid-week initiative. Every Thursday from 10am until 2pm, St John's is open for people to come together for tea/coffee and informal chat. It is open for everyone: church family, passers-by - anyone. Oasis Cafe aims to provide a mid-week focal point for people simply to meet together. Every two weeks Holy Communion was held in the church lounge at 10am, and there will always be someone there to provide a listening ear or prayer if needed.

## **Connect Magazine**

Thanks to Deni Newman and a team of volunteers, we have a quarterly magazine – now on its thirteenth issue. Connect is free of charge and available to church members and to our centre users, it can be used for outreach and it is available on the church website. Every issue provides thought provoking articles together with updates from church groups and from community groups who





regularly use the church centre. It is an excellent way to aid clear communication and an effective way to share news with a wide group of people.

### **Table Top Sale**

The monthly Table Top Sale is proving very successful. Held on the first Saturday of each month, the sale offers a wide variety of goods: jewellery, bric-a-brac, books, CDs, DVDs, clothes and baby clothes, plants and much more. Customers can also enjoy a cuppa and sausage or bacon barm and a good natter! The D'ukes of Halton (Ukulele Group), who meet to practice in the church centre weekly, are a regular and welcomed addition at the sale. The Table Top Sale is an excellent way to build links with our local area. Proceeds from the door and from table fees are all allocated towards local mission projects which align well with the Parochial Church Council's objectives. This outreach has now ceased (December) due to lack of volunteers.

### **Godly Play and Sunday School**

For the majority of 2018, a single Sunday School class was held alongside the church service. A group of parents and grandparents manage and volunteer for Sunday School activities to ensure the spiritual needs of the children are met. Since the introduction of Transform Widnes in September, we now have two children's groups meeting different age ranges and Sophie Sharples is heading up a growing team of dedicated leaders and helpers and we have seen the Sunday School expand from an average of 9 children to regularly in excess of 30 each Sunday.

### **Toddlywinks**

Toddlywinks is a friendly group of toddlers, parents and grandparents which meets on Thursday afternoon each week from 1.00 pm to 3.00pm providing a time and place for parents and carers to talk and for children to play in a safe and clean environment. A drink and a snack are provided along with plenty of toys and (weather permitting) a chance to play in the church garden. The money from Toddlywinks helps to support a child via the "Compassion" programme.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

A Bible Study is held weekly on Wednesdays. This is led by Margaret Spencer, a Reader. There is a regular group of parishioners that join her each week to uncover the treasures in the Bible.



## **Connect 2**

The church is open for prayer and praise every Thursday evening. Prayer requests are put forward to the group to pray about and the group also prays for the church and the community.

## **The Church Centre**

In addition to providing space for St John's activities, our church centre is constantly in use by a large number of community groups, which attract a diverse range of local residents. Our continued investment in maintaining our facilities encourages local residents to cross our threshold regularly.

Regular users of the centre in 2018 included:

**St John's Rainbows and Brownies** – A well-attended Girlguiding pack

**Line Dancers** – A twice weekly event providing companionship and exercise for local residents. The event attracts over fifty people each week.

**International Family Club** – A monthly club for people for whom English is not their first language, supported by Halton Borough Council.

**H'arts and Voices choir** – Held weekly on a Friday, a place for people to come and improve their singing skills and build friendships.

**Fairfield Guitar Group** – A group of people who all learned how to play the guitar together in a pilot group in 2015 and decided to continue building their guitar playing skills and develop friendships. The group have also played at a number of charity concerts over the year.

**D'ukes of Halton** – A group of people who meet twice weekly to play their ukuleles. Similarly to the Fairfield Guitar Group, they learned how to play together in 2015 and have continued to meet as a group. They have also performed in care homes and have played a number of charity concerts and regularly perform at our monthly Table Top sale.

**Bridge Quilters** – A group from Runcorn and Widnes who meet once a month to work on sewing projects, learning from each other and developing their quilting skills.



**Nerd Club** – A weekly gathering of self-confessed nerds come together to play role playing games, paint figurines and to hang out. A safe space for nerds in their teens and twenties. This group is run by people from churches in the local area.

**Knit and Natter** – A small but dedicated group of ladies who meet each week in the church centre's lounge. Knitting, sewing and chatting together over tea and biscuits.

**The Men's Shed** - is for men who are 55 or over providing a different venue in a relaxed atmosphere to relax, chat and reflect on their lives. Some men having experienced loss in their lives, the group is proven to improve emotional and physical health and well-being. After bonding the group is entering a new phase of undertaking projects e.g. building a garden, installing a shed, cooking and organising days out together.

There are several other groups that meet in the Centre benefiting the community including Health and Wellbeing initiative, Weightwatchers and more recently Tai Kwondo for Children.



## 5 Plans for the Future

The following report, given to the St John's Annual Meeting, spells out our focus for 2019

### Vicar's Report -Transform Widnes

*I wonder what have been the high and lows of 2018 for you? Where have you seen God at work? Where are you still praying for breakthrough?*

**Kingdom Opportunity** - *In the 4 years that I have been in Widnes I have carried this sense that God wants to do something remarkable here. There is an openness to God in the town and amongst the people. We get glimpses. Everything from Baptism families bringing friends to Sunday Sessions, healings in worship gatherings, prophetic words on the streets for strangers or a church hall filled to capacity for the tots group. Our prayer has always been, Lord send the resources to bring in the harvest, to take this Kingdom opportunity*

**Big Change in 2018** - *2018 has been dominated by two major developments. The launch of Transform Northwest and St Paul's and St John's coming together to be Transform Widnes. From my point of view, amidst these seismic changes the people of both Churches have been amazing! Handling uncertainty and thriving in change is not necessarily what the Church of England is known for being strong at. It says something about the character of these two churches that we have held together in the pressure of such significant developments. Transform was launched in September and we have been so pleased to see new people coming, fringe people returning and the faithful growing. There has been the pain of some people being unable to adjust and it is comforting that most of these people are in good relationship with us and part of Christian community elsewhere.*

**Leadership** - *In 2018 we have been privileged to welcome Penny for two years as an Ordinand, and the Gaudion family for Craig's Curacy. They have settled in remarkably well and are proving to be a blessing to many. It is so exciting to see the people God is drawing to Widnes, to build on the faithful work that has been going on here for decades. As a leadership team we are trying to ride the rapids of change, building healthy relationships of challenge and support that model something to the community we lead. We pray that as Transform develops our ability to release people into their different callings will increase. We know a key area of development is communications and over the coming months we pray that you will notice improvements. We continue to contend for breakthrough in mission and to galvanise the church to look outwards and beyond preserving what we have.*

**2019** - *The change is going to continue in 2019. We are looking to unite more fully as Transform Widnes, with St John's and St Paul's having their own PCC's but operating as one. This will help us oversee the life of the church with greater clarity of the big picture. Agreeing strategic goals and annual targets are important and having a united PCC to hold the staff team to account is extremely important as we continue to grow. Priorities for 2019 are:*

- *Clearly communicating the vision and values of Transform Widnes*
- *Developing worship gatherings with an expectation for encountering Jesus and seeing signs and wonders*
- *Growing leaders and releasing people into their calling*
- *Multiplying missional communities*

*To finish, I would like to add a final huge thank you to all those who continue to serve so faithfully. Whether this is in practical roles or through supportive prayer I am truly grateful. Thanks to those who offer encouragement and to those who speak the truth in love. I look forward to continuing the journey together this year.*

*God Bless*

*Greg*



## **6 Financial Review**

### **6.1 Church and Church Centre Finances**

Presented here is a general breakdown of the income from the church and church centre. A report on the finances of St John's Pre-School is presented separately in section 6.2.; further detail can be found in the full formal accounts at the back of this report.

#### **5 Year Summary**

<b>Financial Summary</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Total income received	£72,130	£87,275	£74,301	£75,061	£66,140
Total payments made	£64,990	£67,957	£65,554	£61,157	£96,730
<b>Increase in funds</b>	<b>£7,141</b>	<b>£19,318</b>	<b>£8,747</b>	<b>£13,904</b>	<b>-£30,590</b>
Opening funds	£6,211	£17,165	£36,483	£45,230	£59,134
Closing funds	£13,352	£36,483	£45,230	£59,134	£28,544
<b>Increase in funds</b>	<b>£7,141</b>	<b>£19,318</b>	<b>£8,747</b>	<b>£13,904</b>	<b>-£30,590</b>

The church's financial position looks to have dipped in 2018, compared to 2017, with a net decrease in church funds of £30,590. However, the previous year's figures are skewed by a one off legacy from a valued parishioner of £19,925, this topped up and increased the income for 2017 and masked the drop in giving during the year. During 2018, there was substantial spending on notable one-off items including the creation of a new office facility, an existing office refurbishment and the purchase of new chairs, as well as significant repairs and maintenance work, much of which was required to satisfy our obligations from our last Quinquennial Report (2016).

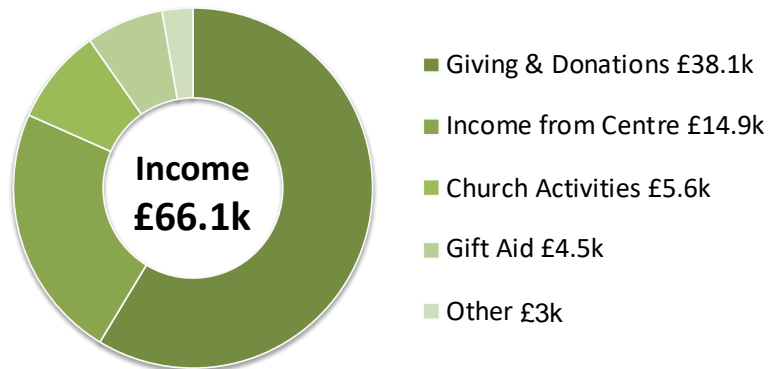
#### **Receipts**

Overall giving has remained comparable to 2017 though the portfolio of giving has slightly changed with an increase in non-tax efficient giving and therefore lower gift aid recovered.

The income from the use of the church centre increased by £5.3k, however £3.5k of this increase is due to the collection of outstanding payments not received in previous years. A couple of existing groups are now using the centre more often and the church centre remains a well-known community hub. During the coming year, we are increasing the room rental costs, to mirror charges at our partner church - St Paul's. There is some capacity to increase the use of the centre further, this must be



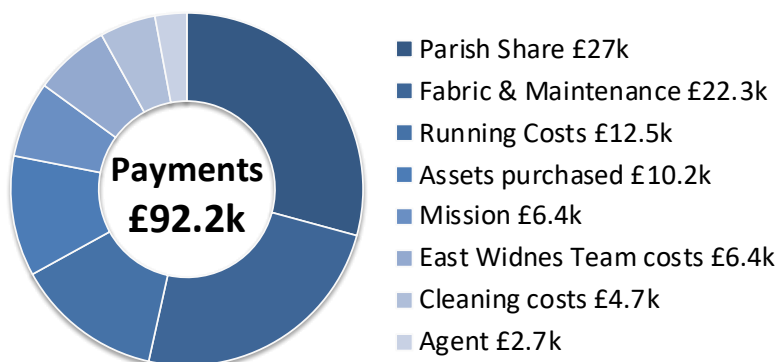
balanced against the needs of church activities and the need for better management and care of the facilities. Centre usage and management will be reviewed during 2019.



The PCC are truly thankful for the donations that have been received from church members, families of deceased members and supporters as well as the hard work that goes into other church activities, such as Table Top and Toddlywinks.

## Payments

We are pleased to report that our Parish Share for the year, totalling just under £27k, has been paid to the Diocese in full. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September St John's joined with St Paul's (Widnes) to form 'Transform Widnes'. At this point payments to the East Widnes Team (EWT) were suspended. St John's will be contributing instead towards the cost of administration for this new venture. The EWT maintain a photocopier within St John's and there is an agreement in place for usage.





Almost £11k of the Fabric and Maintenance expenditure was used for essential Major Repairs including many items highlighted in our Quinquennial Report (available on request). In addition the intruder alarm system was upgraded. The office space and new reception cost £7,472 with the refurbishment of the existing office, and the necessary plastering of the office ceiling, costing just over £2k to date. Other minor work included changes to the music group area (£474) and work on the vicarage garden (£406).

For a number of years, the PCC has been saving money towards the purchase of new chairs for the worship space. The final cost was less than expected at £9,758 which was also slightly offset by the sale of the old chairs, which raised £920. Other purchases included a new lawn mower and a cruet set for use in communion, in memory of Renee Harrison.

### **Charitable Activities and Mission Work**

During the course of 2018, St John's donated £6,440 to the following Christian organisations in order to support the work of people in need in this country and further afield and to further the spread of the Gospel:

<b>Monthly Charitable Donations:</b>	
Bunyagira Orphanage, Uganda	£1,710 (£130 per month)
Widnes Foodbank	£600 (£50 per month)
Compassion (sponsored Child)	£300 (£25 per month)
UFM Worldwide	£240 (£20 per month)
<b>Other Charitable Donations:</b>	
Mission – 'Other'*	£2,100
Mission – 'Local'	£1,490

\* £2k – CAP (local debt help)



## **Future Fabric and Maintenance plans**

The following list has been identified as future planned maintenance and repair jobs to be completed:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Pruning of Trees in the Church Grounds	
Replacing of Dining Room Chairs (H & S)	
Re-furbishing and updating of the Main Toilets	
Re-painting of the large white wall behind the Altar	
Replacing of the Glass in Interior Church Entrance Doors	
Replacing Main Church Doors with Safety Glass Doors	
Replacement /Repair of Church Garden Shed.	
Concrete Slope onto Church Pathway	

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the PCC to keep three months running costs to cover unforeseen emergencies. Additional funds will be reserved where possible in order to cover the cost of emergency roofing repairs. This Policy will be reviewed in twelve months.

## **Risk Assessments, Controls and Procedures**

The PCC operates under a mature system of controls and procedures developed over many years of operation, and the PCC monitors finance and operational issues routinely as part of its regular PCC meetings.

## **Financial Risk**

The PCC receives routine updates on the cash balance of all funds at every PCC meeting, and a full report as part of the annual accounts and APCM. Urgent and in-budget expenditure is discussed and agreed by the Standing Committee, whilst non-urgent and out of budget expenditure is agreed by the PCC. Collections are always counted by two people; all cheques require two signatories; and banking of income is ordinarily managed by the Churchwardens. The Church holds Ecclesiastical general insurance to cover its key liabilities and risks.



### **Health and Safety and Operational Risk**

A health and safety review is carried out annually by the Vicar and a churchwarden, and key issues are reported to the PCC. A regular meeting involving the Churchwardens, Vicar and Lay Chair of the PCC reviews and manages routine operational and maintenance matters, and identifies issues to be raised for discussion or decision to the PCC. An annual detailed review of maintenance and improvement projects is carried out. Wherever possible, the Church aims to have backup arrangements for its key operational roles and assets. The Church Centre serves as emergency cover and the Church's computerised accounts are maintained and backed up off-site.

### **Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection**

In September 2009 the PCC formally agreed a policy on *Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults at St John's Widnes*. The policy is reviewed annually, and every worker with children and young people is given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines. The Safeguarding Officer co-ordinates compliance with policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults, to provide registration of all volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults, and verification of applications for record checks for DBS, which are required by both parish and diocesan policy





BM:STJO018

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes  
Greenway Road  
Widnes**

**Charity registration number 1170687**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2018**

**Bramwell Morris  
Chartered Accountants  
18 Mulberry Avenue  
Turnstone Business Park  
Widnes  
Cheshire  
WA8 0WN**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Members of  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes  
Charity registration number 1170687**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2018.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nicola Frater MAAT

**Bramwell Morris Chartered Accountants  
18 Mulberry Avenue  
Turnstone Business Park  
Widnes  
Cheshire  
WA8 0WN**

**17 June 2019**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2018**

			<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	17738		17738	18796
Income Tax Recovered	4525		4525	5146
Small donation gift aid	1080		1080	841
Other Planned Giving (Not Gift Aid)	9675		9675	8259
Collections and other giving	1009		1009	668
	<b>34027</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34027</b>	<b>33710</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>				
Legacy	0		0	19925
Donations	8222		8222	955
Donations - Mission Funds	0		0	472
Donations - Verger's Fees	365		365	405
Deanery Mission & Growth Fund Grant	0		0	0
	<b>8587</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8587</b>	<b>21756</b>
<b>Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Toddleywinks	608		608	739
Table Top Sales	2333		2333	2082
Fees	664		664	1377
Heating & Lighting contribution	110		110	384
Contributions for use of Church Centre	14916		14916	9598
	<b>18631</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18631</b>	<b>14180</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>				
Bank Interest	8		8	9
Vicarage Gas Recharge	967		967	210
East Widnes Team Broadband Recharge	0		0	0
Other	920		920	0
PreSchool	81661		81661	90589
	<b>83556</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83556</b>	<b>90807</b>
<b>Total Reportable Income</b>	<b>144801</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144801</b>	<b>160453</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Donations - Bunyagira - Uganda	0		0	0
LDBF Fees	1379		1379	2357
Organist (Funerals)	420		420	700
Other	0		0	2140
Collections for external organisations	0		0	0
	<b>1799</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1799</b>	<b>5197</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>146600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146600</b>	<b>165650</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2018**

<b>Payments</b>			<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Mission Donations	6440		6440	2935
Parish Share	26998		26998	26466
Payments to East Widnes Team	6270		6270	7560
Church Running Expenses	9321		9321	9818
Cost of Services	798		798	1350
Buildings Maintenance	22612		22612	5868
Printing	1117		1117	276
Cleaning	4736		4736	4704
Training	48		48	0
Stationery and Postage	452		452	0
Bank Fees			0	0
Professional Fees	504		504	492
Fundraising costs	155		155	162
Assets Purchased	10201		10201	0
Pre-School	94178		94178	107956
<b>Total Reportable Payments</b>	<b>183830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183830</b>	<b>167586</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Donations - Bunyagira - Uganda	0		0	0
LDBF Fees	1379		1379	509
Organist (Funerals)	636		636	630
Other	679		679	389
Collections for external organisations	0		0	0
	<b>2694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>1528</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>186524</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>186524</b>	<b>169114</b>
<b>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-39924</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-39924</b>	<b>-3464</b>
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>79338</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>79772</b>	<b>83236</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>39414</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>39848</b>	<b>79772</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018**

<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Account</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Account		10634.23	42168.31
Petty Cash		200.00	14.25
		<u>10834.23</u>	<u>42182.56</u>
Reserve Account		17710.02	16951.54
Pre School Account		11203.00	20637.07
Pre School Account	Petty cash	102.00	0.00
		<u>39849.25</u>	<u>79771.17</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<u><u>39849.25</u></u>	<u><u>79771.17</u></u>

**Fund Account**

	<b>Balance at 01.01.18</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance at 31.12.18</b>
General	-10696.99	39271.12		56554.17	-27980.04
Mission - Designated	7973.93				7973.93
Unallocated Mission Giving - Designated	9248.57	5725.28		4541.29	10432.56
Allocated Mission Giving - Designated	1751.11	471.29			2222.40
F&M - Designated	1374.92	20663.99		20606.47	1432.44
CAP - Designated	2000.00			2000.00	0.00
Music & AV - Designated	259.00			85.79	173.21
Reserve - Designated	6755.00				6755.00
Chair Fund - Designated	16202.38	8.48		9758.16	6452.70
PCC Objectives - Restricted	352.00				352.00
Alpha - Restricted	82.00				82.00
Marjorie Lewis Funeral - Designated	360.00				360.00
Legacy - Designated	19924.57				19924.57
Agent	3547.87			3184.00	363.87
Pre School - Designated	20637.61	80461.00		89794.00	11304.61
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b><u>79771.97</u></b>	<b><u>146601.16</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>186523.88</u></b>	<b><u>39849.25</u></b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17/6/19  
and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
Ray Murratt  
Trustee



BM:STJO018

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes  
Greenway Road  
Widnes**

**Charity registration number 1170687**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2018**

**Bramwell Morris  
Chartered Accountants  
18 Mulberry Avenue  
Turnstone Business Park  
Widnes  
Cheshire  
WA8 0WN**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Members of  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes  
Charity registration number 1170687**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2018.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nicola Frater MAAT

**Bramwell Morris Chartered Accountants  
18 Mulberry Avenue  
Turnstone Business Park  
Widnes  
Cheshire  
WA8 0WN**

**17 June 2019**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2018**

			<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	17738		17738	18796
Income Tax Recovered	4525		4525	5146
Small donation gift aid	1080		1080	841
Other Planned Giving (Not Gift Aid)	9675		9675	8259
Collections and other giving	1009		1009	668
	<b>34027</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34027</b>	<b>33710</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>				
Legacy	0		0	19925
Donations	8222		8222	955
Donations - Mission Funds	0		0	472
Donations - Verger's Fees	365		365	405
Deanery Mission & Growth Fund Grant	0		0	0
	<b>8587</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8587</b>	<b>21756</b>
<b>Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Toddleywinks	608		608	739
Table Top Sales	2333		2333	2082
Fees	664		664	1377
Heating & Lighting contribution	110		110	384
Contributions for use of Church Centre	14916		14916	9598
	<b>18631</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18631</b>	<b>14180</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>				
Bank Interest	8		8	9
Vicarage Gas Recharge	967		967	210
East Widnes Team Broadband Recharge	0		0	0
Other	920		920	0
PreSchool	81661		81661	90589
	<b>83556</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83556</b>	<b>90807</b>
<b>Total Reportable Income</b>	<b>144801</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144801</b>	<b>160453</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Donations - Bunyagira - Uganda	0		0	0
LDBF Fees	1379		1379	2357
Organist (Funerals)	420		420	700
Other	0		0	2140
Collections for external organisations	0		0	0
	<b>1799</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1799</b>	<b>5197</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>146600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146600</b>	<b>165650</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2018**

<b>Payments</b>			<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Mission Donations	6440		6440	2935
Parish Share	26998		26998	26466
Payments to East Widnes Team	6270		6270	7560
Church Running Expenses	9321		9321	9818
Cost of Services	798		798	1350
Buildings Maintenance	22612		22612	5868
Printing	1117		1117	276
Cleaning	4736		4736	4704
Training	48		48	0
Stationery and Postage	452		452	0
Bank Fees			0	0
Professional Fees	504		504	492
Fundraising costs	155		155	162
Assets Purchased	10201		10201	0
Pre-School	94178		94178	107956
<b>Total Reportable Payments</b>	<b>183830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183830</b>	<b>167586</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Donations - Bunyagira - Uganda	0		0	0
LDBF Fees	1379		1379	509
Organist (Funerals)	636		636	630
Other	679		679	389
Collections for external organisations	0		0	0
	<b>2694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>1528</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>186524</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>186524</b>	<b>169114</b>
<b>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-39924</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-39924</b>	<b>-3464</b>
<b>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>79338</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>79772</b>	<b>83236</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>39414</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>39848</b>	<b>79772</b>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John, Widnes**  
**Parish Number 750**  
**Registered Charity No 1170687**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018**

<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Account</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Account		10634.23	42168.31
Petty Cash		200.00	14.25
		<u>10834.23</u>	<u>42182.56</u>
Reserve Account		17710.02	16951.54
Pre School Account		11203.00	20637.07
Pre School Account	Petty cash	102.00	0.00
		<u>39849.25</u>	<u>79771.17</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<u>39849.25</u>	<u>79771.17</u>

**Fund Account**

	<b>Balance at 01.01.18</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance at 31.12.18</b>
General	-10696.99	39271.12		56554.17	-27980.04
Mission - Designated	7973.93				7973.93
Unallocated Mission Giving - Designated	9248.57	5725.28		4541.29	10432.56
Allocated Mission Giving - Designated	1751.11	471.29			2222.40
F&M - Designated	1374.92	20663.99		20606.47	1432.44
CAP - Designated	2000.00			2000.00	0.00
Music & AV - Designated	259.00			85.79	173.21
Reserve - Designated	6755.00				6755.00
Chair Fund - Designated	16202.38	8.48		9758.16	6452.70
PCC Objectives - Restricted	352.00				352.00
Alpha - Restricted	82.00				82.00
Marjorie Lewis Funeral - Designated	360.00				360.00
Legacy - Designated	19924.57				19924.57
Agent	3547.87			3184.00	363.87
Pre School - Designated	20637.61	80461.00		89794.00	11304.61
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>79771.97</b>	<b>146601.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>186523.88</b>	<b>39849.25</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17/6/19  
and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
Ray Murratt  
Trustee