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Parish of Stockport and Brinnington

St Mary Stockport – St Thomas Stockport – St Luke Brinnington
STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH

Annual Report **of the Parochial Church Council** **for the year ending 31 December 2019**



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Signed

Rev Lynne Cullens

1. Introduction

1.1.1 Thank you for downloading or otherwise acquiring a copy of this, the first Annual Report of the newly formed Parish of Stockport and Brinnington.

1.1.2 Who would have guessed in April 2019 when we held our first Parish Meeting at St Mary's, with Archbishop Ian, that a year later we would have been forced to close our doors, observe lockdown legislation/guidelines, cancel our plans for an Annual Meeting in April 2020 and wear a mask, wondering day to day how life with Covid-19 still very much around will work out for all of us.

1.1.3 We had hoped that when re-scheduling the Annual Meeting later in the year (within the timeframe set by the Diocese) it would enable us to hold a meeting in person and in Church. However with restriction measures still in place due to the pandemic the Bishop of Chester issued an instrument allowing Annual Meetings to be held via Zoom up to the end of October.

1.1.4 It is somewhat a challenge to all of us, although more and more time has for many has been spent at the end of a keyboard lately. We appreciate that not everyone has access to Zoom but hope that as many of our parishioners and members of our congregations as possible - able and eligible to attend/vote - will be able to do so using a laptop, tablet, smart phone or by dialing in.

1.1.5 For the most part proceedings via Zoom will be as normal, the requirement being to initially appoint SIX churchwardens (nominations for which must be received in the prescribed format in advance of the meeting). At the Annual Meeting we also need to elect FOUR members to the Parochial Church Council (for a period of three years – replacing those who were only elected for one year in April 2019). Also required are THREE representatives for the Deanery Synod – to take up that position again for a period of three years but starting in December 2020. Our present representatives stay in post until later in the year.

1.1.6 This report represents the financial year 2019, although that seems quite a long time ago now. However, a lot has happened since our new parish came to life, and since Lynne joined us last summer. Although in-depth reports as to aspects from January 2020 have to be largely ignored at this time and which will be incorporated into our Annual Report in 2021 - when it is anticipated we can return to a normal time-table of holding our Annual Meeting around April (or at least before the end of May) – we have updated on the work of the parish to date (Summer 2020) for your information.

1.1.7 If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us and we'll do our best to help. Instructions as to how to join our Zoom meeting will be made available on church notices, our web-sites, our individual "A Church Near You" websites as well as via Facebook.

S M Heap - PCC Secretary /Parish Administrator
September 2020

1.2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish Stockport and Brinnington (PCC) submits its report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2019.

1.2.1 Aims & Purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Stockport and Brinnington, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches of Stockport St Mary, Stockport St Thomas, Brinnington St Luke and the premises known as Stockport St Andrew Community Church (technically a closed church but used for other purposes).

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

The new Parish of Stockport and Brinnington incorporated the Benefices of: Stockport (Stockport St. Mary); Stockport, St. Thomas; and St. Luke, Brinnington with St. Paul, Portwood .

The Pastoral Scheme affecting the above benefices was made by the Commissioners on 13 December 2018 to come into effect on 1 January 2019.

1.2.2 Objectives & Activities

The PCC is committed to the success of this newly formed parish, enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. To look at different partnership working initiatives, community development and opportunities of working with families, young people and children.

The Parish was fortunate in appointing the Rev Lynne Cullens as Rector in February 2019, her Induction and Installation taking place in July. Previous to Lynne's arrival the churches making up the new parish had been in an interregnum situation for quite some time, but keeping fully operational with services and events, supported by various local clergy and lay representatives as well as the Bishop of Chester, Bishop of Stockport and Archdeacon of Macclesfield. The Parish Ministry Team to benefit during 2020 with the appointment of both a part-time Associate Minister and Curate.

1.2.3 Achievements and Performance

As with any new venture it takes time to settle into a new structure, merge procedures and accounts and to plan for the future – however much has been achieved. For further details see Rector's Report.

2. Ministry Team Reports

2.1 Report of the Rector to the 2020 APCM of the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington

When I arrived in the Parish in July 2019, the APCM, the first as the new Parish of Stockport and Brinnington, had been held. No-one could have possibly envisaged what the world would be like by the time we held this, our 2020, Annual Meeting.

COVID19, which featured on the news as a virus in a distant country towards the end of last year, is now a painful, day-to-day domestic reality and one which continues to affect our families, neighbourhoods, infrastructure, economy and, inevitably, the Church.

As our Curate reminded me recently, we need to give space and permission, as a community of faith, for the articulation of the natural sense of loss and grief that brings for the world as we knew it. And particularly for those who have been bereaved and directly affected themselves; we need to allow proper time to lament the changes and challenges to all our lives that COVID has brought.

But I am also mindful of Christ's words to Peter in scripture, in Matthew chapter 16. 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it'.

What wonderful words of comfort, and an exhortation to remember that the Church is God's and nothing in the natural or super-natural can overcome it.

So, as we take this time to reflect, we lament as a Parish. We mourn lives lost, we grieve the effects of the pandemic on homes, livelihoods and aspirations.

But we recognise that, even in the midst of all that feels so dark and so lost, and in the anxiety of what the future might hold, there is that hope. That the Church cannot be overcome, that the Church will triumph. Not because of us, but because of God. Because of his promise to us that we are part of something here on earth that is eternal, divine and unassailable.

And we are called to trust to that, to put our hands to the plough and not to look back from our task, as Jesus says in Luke chapter 9. In the midst of change, our Christian vocation remains unaltered. We are called to the mission of the Church, the mission of Christ; to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, to teach, baptise and nurture new believers, to respond to human need by loving service, to transform unjust structures of society and pursue peace and reconciliation and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation.

But in this time, for this generation and facing these challenges, how is that to be done?

Firstly, we need to start with the premise that, since God does not intend a failing Church, it can be done. We need to trust not just to our faith in God, but in God's faith in us. We need to go forward unafraid.

And secondly, I am reminded of a radio interview I heard recently with a journalist who had interviewed the American basketball player, Kobe Bryant, just before his tragic death in a helicopter crash earlier this year.

Bryant was listed in the top ten NBA players of all time, an Olympic Gold medal winner and one of the most decorated players of all time. The journalist had heard that Bryant undertook a gruelling two-hour workout each day and he asked Bryant if he could watch it. 'Of course, meet me at 4 at the gym'. The journalist replied that he was busy that afternoon and Bryant responded 'No, 4 in the morning'.

So, the following morning, the journalist arrived at 3.45am and found Bryant already working out. He sat down to watch him and was amazed to find that, for a whole hour, Bryant practised the most basic footwork moves. The moves that children of elementary school age had already mastered. Over, and over again, Bryant went through his footwork, never once looking up. At the end of the session, the journalist spoke to him and asked why he, one of the most successful and experienced players of all time, had spent so long on such basic moves. Bryant replied that he did that everyday for a whole hour, 'You see, you must never tire of the footwork, you must never tire of the basics', he said. 'Because all else is built on the basics.'

And that is true for Christian mission and the future thriving of our Parish too. Even at this time, perhaps especially at this time, we must never tire of the basics, because it is on those that all else is built and will flourish.

So, what are the basics?

The first is that we are each called to discipleship, mission and the offering of our gifts. To act as channels of the holy spirit, contributing towards the active fulfilment of those five marks of mission I mentioned earlier.

This is the first element of our 'footwork' as a Parish.

We have a growing ministry team, and one of our primary roles is to release the gifts of laity. To empower, enable and equip each of you to go out and evangelise within your families, social and media networks, work-places and communities and to help bring others to Christ through invitation, service, relationship and the witness of your lives.

Sunday worship attendance does not grow in isolation. Sunday worship grows as the pinnacle of the 'footwork' – the day-to-day basic work of witness, discipleship and acts of loving service – carried out throughout the rest of the week. Work of social justice, befriending the isolated, feeding the hungry, facilitating healing and reconciliation; time and gifts dedicated to loving, serving and blessing the community beyond our congregations, that bears fruit, witnesses to the distinctiveness of our Christian calling and attracts others.

The second is that we need to hold before us that God calls us to 'what we can' and not 'what we can't'. There is much currently that we cannot do, as individuals and as a Church. But God always calls us on, beckons to us to follow where he leads; God invites us to discern what he is doing and encourages us to join in, as Archbishop Rowan Williams termed it.

So, we must not tire of seeking out what God wants us to do and of following it. To be unafraid of doing our 'footwork' - the basics of worship, outreach, discipleship and mission - differently, because currently we have no choice. To be unafraid of letting others use their gifts. To be courageous in stepping out into this new environment, forming new partnerships, embracing new ways of communicating and of building relationships, of harnessing the potential of opportunities to attract funding and of using our buildings in fresh ways. And of seeking to draw more of the 40% of adults who have apparently turned to prayer during the pandemic, into our parish community.

And the 'footwork' of prayer will be the rock on which all else is built. Seeking God out in prayer, listening and discerning his will as a community and for our community, will strengthen, enable, uplift, calm and direct.

And, despite the challenges, reflecting on the practical outcome of our 'footwork' over the past year holds much of blessing. Many of the activities below have been affected by lockdown regulations but the coming year will see these recommence as, when and how we are able

- Our ministry team has grown with the addition of our Associate Minister, Revd Jess Piper and our Curate Marie Flint.
- Relationships with our two church schools, St Pauls' and St Thomas' continue to deepen. I would like to add a note of personal thanks, on the retirement of Mrs Jill Gray as Headteacher at St Thomas', for the support she has extended to the Church over many years. We wish her well in this next phase of life and we welcome the new Head, Mr Paul Sanchez, as we look to the next phase in the life of St Thomas' School too. It is good to know we are ending the year with our new Associate Minister, Revd Jess, in post; she will lead on the development of a Children, Young People, Families and Schools' Mission Strategy over the coming year.
- We have extended our exploration of scripture through physical meetings, when we were able, via formal study led by Adam Pinder and through Open, our informal discussion-based weekly session for adults.
- We have established a formal Children's Ministry Team at St Luke's, with gifted, emerging and committed leaders with whom we have worked to create a monthly all-age worship Service, Shine! plus activities for children each week.

- With the on-going commitment of Linda and Graham Mather at St Luke's Parish Centre, a thriving drop-in and social business, providing wide-ranging community engagement and support (as well as a significant contribution to Parish funds) has continued to grow and thrive.
- Our Reader, Brenda Baxendale, made links with local care homes and agreed to lead regular Services. Interrupted by lockdown, it is hoped that this relationship might be taken forward once that is practically possible
- Our Reader, Rita Waters, established a growing Thursday morning ministry based on prayer at St Luke's, engaging with those currently outside the Church congregation who use the drop-in and table-top sale.
- St Mary's Nave Café too has served and attracted visitors and especially met the needs of the Tuesday lunchtime congregation. The Café will recommence as soon as we are able, with a new name, 'Host' and a new ethos and vision. I am personally grateful to Sue Heap and Isobel Clarkson for their enormous contribution to the work of the Nave Café over many years and to the volunteer team who have supported it so faithfully. I will lead the new 'Host' Café, with the support of a clergy and volunteer team, and we look forward to its ministry at St Mary's and beyond.
- We are delighted to have deepened a ministry link with Revds Mike Newman, John Briggs and John Knowles, who developed a growing congregation of people from across Stockport at our St Mary's Tuesday lunchtime Services. This combined well with the revised Holy Communion Service at its new time of 11.30am.
- I am hugely grateful too to the congregation member who made a significant personal donation which enabled two new boilers to be fitted at St Mary's, to bring back heating over the Winter.
- We had a member of the Parish, from St Thomas', attend the Called to Serve vocations day and who subsequently submitted a report of her experience to the Diocese. We continue to pray for her vocation and emerging gifts and for all who sense a calling to more formal ministry.
- There was a wonderful Service of Lessons and Carols at St Thomas's in December which was hugely well attended and received. It was dedicated to the memory of Richard Scott, St Thomas' much loved, gifted and greatly missed, Director of Music.
- Plans for the Heritage Open Weekend at St Thomas' had to be revised and went online, led by Revd Jess and with a new brochure and a short organ recital on PewTube from Peter Mayo
- Grateful thanks to the Churchwardens and all those at St Thomas' who have helped manage the tenanted house in the ownership of the Church.
- There was overwhelming Parish support for the establishment of a Community Support Fund to provide additional food and resources to local schools, as well as to respond to individual pastoral needs. I am hugely grateful to all who supported and

contributed to this fund which supported vulnerable families and individuals at key points across the year and which will continue as a resource to meet ad hoc small-scale need.

- With support from Marie and Simon Flint, our YouTube channel, PewTube, was launched and online worship began in March. We currently have 74 subscribers and 5,985 views. We upload Parish-led Prayer and Worship three times weekly and hope to develop our online presence. Revd Jess and Marie led a week's virtual Holiday Playscheme over the School Summer Holidays, to replace the physical Holiday Club we had planned to deliver.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed their gifts of care, time, skill, talents and resources with such generosity and good humour over this first year as a new Parish.

Special thanks to the PCC, especially our Lay Chair Peter Nelson, Secretary and Parish Administrator Sue Heap and Treasurer Kevin Morgan, the Churchwardens, those who lead worship, prayer and study, who act as servers or choristers, those who volunteer as sides-people and greeters, those who have provided catering and refreshments, those who have cleaned and maintained our buildings and those who have arranged flowers so beautifully and which have graced our Services and festivals.

Thank you too to our sister Churches and Patron Parishes for their ministry and welcome, to our third sector partners and to Mayor Laura Booth and the Civic Staff at Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council for their greatly appreciated support.

And thank you to the Diocese for their help in addressing the issues of finance and administration which have arisen throughout this year.

And now we look forward, not back; embracing the future that God intends for his people here in Stockport and Brinnington and willingly offering ourselves and our Parish to the work he would have us do.

May God continue to guide our mission and bless our Parish in the year ahead.

The Revd Lynne Cullens
Rector of Stockport and Brinnington
October 2020

2.2 Associate Minister's Report on the work amongst Children, Families and in Schools in the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington for the APCM, October 2020

Since taking up my post at the end of June, we have seen much happen amongst children, families and in schools across our parish, despite the restrictions placed on due to the Coronavirus pandemic. These have included:

- Providing food parcels to St Paul's and Vernon Park schools, using money from the Community Development Fund, money which is generously donated by members of our different congregations.
- A donation of £350, (£175 of which was donated by the parish, and a further £175 was given by an external donor – to whom we say thank you) was given to Vernon Park school to enable them to provide ponchos, underwear, crockery/cutlery to those children in desperate need.
- Online provision for children, which was started by Marie Flint, was continued. St Thomas' School now use this as part of their Assemblies programme each week.
- Our 'Holiday Club at Home' took place, albeit virtually, in the summer holidays. 19/25 activity packs were sent out across the parish, and there was a small engagement with the videos provided online. Positive feedback was also given on this, from those who engaged.
- When churches were re-opened, the monthly all-age service (Shine!) at St Luke's resumed, and at the end of the summer holidays we held a 'Backpack Blessing' service, both in person and online. My thanks to all those involved in that – it was a wonderful occasion!

Now that the school term has started again, we are continuing to work, where we can, with each of the schools, in providing online resources and occasional visits into school where permitted; providing practical/financial support to those most in need; hosting schools for special occasions (in a Covid-compliant way) such as Harvest and Christmas. All of which should be an encouragement too us, that we are still able to minister in this important part of our community, despite restrictions.

That being said, I am mindful that there are some things that we haven't been able to do and I, along with the ministry team, mourn the loss of those things. I am particularly saddened that we are currently unable to host Praise and Play at St Thomas'. However, we are continuing to think about how we might provide a virtual platform for this group.

Looking forward, although the landscape is unknown, there is much more we could do to share the gospel with the younger members of our parish community and I am keen to work with others, in establishing these things. These include:

- Providing a safe and comfortable space for children in the St Mary's Café, with resources for them to engage with the building and the Christian faith.
- Providing chaplaincy/community support to the Alternative Education facility at St Andrew's.
- Opening up a conversation with Stockport College about how we might support/serve them.
- Developing a Young Leaders Programme, for our 'older' young people.
- Thinking about how we might draw children/young people into our worshipping life.
- Creating a Baptism policy/preparation course for those seeking Baptism.

All of this, will of course, take time, and some of which may not be able to happen until we are safely through the pandemic. However, I am hopeful that we will be able to start on at least some of it this year, and I would love anyone who feels called to, to work with me in undertaking these tasks.

My thanks to all those who have been involved in children's ministry, in its many and varied forms, across our parish. It is because of the hard work and dedication previously shown, that we have been able to do all these things.

2.3 Curate's Report

It has been an unusual and challenging start to my curacy in the middle of a global pandemic and lockdown. It wasn't quite how I had anticipated it! But I have been overwhelmed by the welcome I have received, even if it has been socially distanced. Thank you all for your prayers, cards and words of support. So far, I have enjoyed 'settling in' to my new role, meeting new people and getting to know you and understand the needs of the community a little better. I'm looking forward to the wonderful things God has in store for us as we learn and grow and serve together in our parish in the future".

Marie Flint

3. Administrative Information

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PCC Treasurer: Kevin Morgan
Parish Electoral Roll Officer: Eric Tomlinson
Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator: vacant
Deanery Synod Representatives(5): Linda Mather - Kevin Morgan - Adam Pinder - Rita Water – vacancy [NB this to reduce to 3 representatives from 2020)

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4. The Parochial Church Council 2019/20

4.1 The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the new Parish of Stockport and Brinnington was created and held its first meeting on the 14th April 2019 (chair: The Ven Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield)

4.2 The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and holds charity status, although at this time is not a registered charity.

4.3 Membership:

Brenda Baxendale (Reader)	David Birch (Elected 2 years)
Jayne Brindley (Churchwarden)	Heather Chant (Elected 1 year)
Lynne Cullens (Rector) from July 2019	Marilyn Donohoe (Elected 3 years)
Margaret Forster (Elected 1 year)	Jennifer Goulden (Elected 3 years)
Patricia Hamilton (Elected 2 years)	Sue Heap (Churchwarden/PCC Sec)
Paul Heard (Churchwarden)	Anne Jepson (Churchwarden)
James Kitchen (Churchwarden)	Janet Langton (Elected 1 year)
Harry Long (Elected 3 years)	Linda Mather (Deanery Synod Rep)
Kevin Morgan (PCC Treasurer/Deanery Synod Rep)	Peter Nelson (Elected)
Adam Pinder (Churchwarden/Deanery Synod Rep)	Herbert Quick (Elected 2 years)
Catriona Smith (Elected 3 years)	Ann Stewardson (Elected 1 year)
Rita Waters (Reader/Deanery Synod Rep)	

5. Report of the PCC Secretary

5.1 Following the arrival of the Rector, meetings were held on the 30th July, 4th September, 15th October, 13th November (2019) as well as on the 8th January and 20th February (2020) with no meetings March & April 2020 due to lockdown and church closures. *For information any issues requiring a discussion/decision completed via email. PCC meetings resumed via ZOOM (not included in the stats below)*

5.2 Within what would have been a normal church year (ending April 2020 but excluding the meeting of the 14th April 2019) 9 members recorded 100% attendance; 5 recorded 86%; 6 recorded 71%; 1 recorded 57% and 2 recorded 43%

5.3 Retiring at the APCM 2020 are: Elected members: Heather Chant, Margaret Forster, Jan Langton, Ann Stewardson - Election of FOUR new members (x 3 years) to be made at the APCM 2020 All Deanery Synod Representatives subject to election at the APCM 2020 – number permitted for the new parish being THREE only (x 3 years).

Churchwardens to be elected/re-elected at the Meeting of Parishioners (x6)

6. Structure, Governance and Management

6.1 Church Representation Rules 2020

The new Church Representation Rules implement a range of reforms which include the elimination of various procedural requirements relating to parish governance. In certain circumstances provision also enables parishes to make their own governance rules (with the agreement of the bishop's council), these not however relevant to us at this time. The new rules are designed to be compliant with recent data protection legislation, provide for electronic communication, and better representation of mission initiatives within Church structures

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6.2 Items identified as of specific interest:

Revision of church electoral roll and preparation of new roll.

The provisions relating to the revision of church electoral rolls and the preparation of new rolls in Part 1 have been simplified. Names no longer need to be removed from the roll during the course of the year; they only need to be added. Names are removed, as appropriate, at the annual revision. Provision has also been made to avoid a person's name incorrectly being removed for the roll. Rolls may be published electronically instead of in paper form. The roll as published must include every name entered on the roll but not other personal data (e.g. addresses)

6.2.1 Annual Meeting

The annual parochial church meeting must (with the exception of this present year) be held between 1 January and 31st May (rather than 30 April). Due to Covid-19 closures and restrictions for this year the final date is extended to 31 October 2020.

The annual meeting no longer appoints sidespersons; they are now appointed by the PCC

A person who is elected in 2020 or subsequently, to serve as a lay member of a deanery synod is limited to two successive terms of office. Having served two successive terms, the person is ineligible for election for the next three-year term before being eligible again. But the annual meeting may pass a resolution disapplying the limit in the number of terms which may be served by lay members elected by the parish to the deanery synod. The term limit does not apply to any term of office which began before 2020 and will therefore not become material until the deanery synod elections in 2026.

6.2.2 Parochial church councils – ensuring lay majority

Lay members of a PCC cannot be outnumbered by clerical members. A meeting of the PCC is quorate only if the majority of members present are lay.

6.2.3 Parochial church councils – meetings

The Rules no longer specify a minimum number of PCC meetings which must be held each year. Instead, the PCC is required to hold a sufficient number of meetings to enable the efficient transaction of its business.

The Rules now expressly state who is entitled to attend a PCC meeting. A PCC may invite other persons to attend its meetings as it wishes.

6.2.4 Parochial church councils – conduct of business by correspondence

Provision is now made in the Rules to enable PCCs to conduct business by correspondence (whether on paper or by email) where the chair of the PCC decides that particular business can properly be conducted in that way.

6.2.5 Data Protection

The rules take account of recent changes to the law contained in the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

6.3 A PCC must provide the annual meeting with each of the following, which the annual meeting can discuss. *These items are incorporated into this report.*

- A report on the changes of the roll since the last annual meeting or in a year in which a new roll is prepared, a report on the numbers entered on the new roll. (see report of the Electoral Roll Officer)
- An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC (see report of the PCC Secretary) and the activities of the parish generally (see report of the Rector).
- The financial statements of the PCC for the year ending on the 31st December preceeding the meeting. (See report of the PCC Treasurer and supporting documentation)
- The annual fabric report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measures 2018 (See churchwardens reports); and
- A report of the proceedings of the deanery synod. (See Deanery Synod representative's report)

It should also be noted that:

- The PCC must ensure that a copy of the roll is available for inspection at the meeting.
- The annual report must include a statement as to whether the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding and vulnerable adults)
- The annual report to be prepared in the form specified by the Business Committee.
- The financial statements must be prepared in the form specified by the Business Committee and
- Must be independently examined or audited in the manner specified by the Business Committee
- If the PCC approves the financial statements that have been examined or audited (as stated above) the chair of the meeting at which they are approved (PCC 1st October) must sign them
- Once the financial statements have been signed (as stated above) the PCC must, for at least seven days before the annual meeting:
 - Publish the signed statements in such form (whether electronic or otherwise) as it decides, and*
 - Make a copy of the signed statements available for inspection on a reasonable request being made.*
- The PCC must, before the end of 28 days beginning with the date of the annual meeting ensure that a copy of the annual report and financial statements are given to the secretary of the Diocesan Board of Finance for it to retain.

7. Financial Review

Report of the PCC Treasurer (Kevin Morgan)

7.1 During the year the financial administration of the 3 parishes remained largely unchanged including banking arrangements.

7.2 Three individual sets of accounts have been produced to simplify the process. The only significant change was in respect of the Gift Aid recovery which was bought together for the claim at the end of 2019.

*For account details refer to the
Statement(s) of Financial Activities 2019 INDEX*

7.3. During the year the diocese agreed to write off the historical parish share debt against St Mary's and St Luke's to allow the new parish to start life with a clean balance sheet.

In respect of the individual accounts - notes are given with the respective account details at the end of this report.

8. Report of the Deanery Synod Representatives

During 2019 Stockport Deanery Synod met twice.

In March we welcomed the Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford (Dean of Chester Cathedral) to hear about his role at the Cathedral and what upcoming plans they had.

FYI - extract from minutes:

The Dean of Chester - the Very Reverend Dr Tim Stratford.

Tim explained his role in our diocese.

He told us about the various contexts in which he has ministered in his 33yr ordained ministry - two periods as a vicar; Chaplain to David Sheppard; and Diocesan press officer. Then as Archdeacon of Leicester where he helped to arrange the funeral of Richard III when reinterred in 2015.

Tim asked us about our experience of the cathedral.

He then went on to explain the vision of Chester cathedral: ***Discovery, Encounter, and Faith***. The core of worship is Matins and Evensong.

Tim expressed a desire that the cathedral would minister not only to those who attend services regularly, but also the one million people who visit each year.

Visitors experience beautiful spiritually uplifting music with no commitment. Now the cathedral policy is to be open for worship. Everyone, including tourists and casual visitors are welcome. In one hour up to 50 people will come in.

Tim sees the commands of Jesus: ***“Do this in remembrance of me”*** and ***“Go and baptise in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”*** as a missional challenge.

During June we had an away day at where we were led by Revd. Christine Bull, reflecting on art and faith.

Adam Pinder – October 2020

9. Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll for the parish has been prepared as required under the Church Representation Rules 2020 by our Electoral Roll Officer, Eric Tomlinson. The PCC thank Eric for undertaking this role.

The time-table for undertaking this task was this year interrupted by the pandemic and closure of our premises. Eric has however re-scheduled the time frame in line with the amended meeting date to ensure the procedures are followed correctly.

The new Electoral Roll presented at the Annual Meeting.

Number of entries: St Mary's 58 / St Thomas' 50/ St Luke's 37

Total: 145

10. Churchwarden(s) Reports on the fabric of church buildings and other premises

10.1 Stockport Parish Church (St Mary's in the Marketplace)

- 10.1.1. No major works have been undertaken at St Mary's during the last five years – due to being in an interregnum situation for four of those years and there being need to take stock as to where we are and to determine where priorities lie for the future.
- 10.1.2. A small group has been identified to look into issues and will meet when able to do so to take matters forward and make appropriate recommendation to the PCC.
- 10.1.3. Some matters have however been forced upon us and action taken, the outstanding Quinquennial Report of November 2018 our foundation stone for preparing a new schedule of works. See 10.1.7 for details.
- 10.1.4. The total breakdown of the heating system took us to crisis point on the approach to Christmas 2019 whereby without taking urgent action the church would have been unable to function during the winter months and the fabric of the building subject to serious further damage. See 10.1.8. for details.
- 10.1.5. There have been identified issues with regard to the flag pole / fixing plate and to mechanism of the clock - both of which are presently being addressed. See 10.1.9. and 10.1.10 for details.
- 10.1.6. Replacement of South Porch roof: Due to the near collapse of the original roof, it was necessary during 2019 to replacing the south-porch roof at a cost of £18,951.00 (£17,229.00 payable to Heritage Conservation and Restoration Ltd & £1722.00 to Lloyd, Evans, Prichard for Architects fees). A £10,000.00 grant was awarded from Historic England and a VAT refund of £2,871.50 received at completion of work, giving us £12,871.50 towards total expenditure. The balance (£3,709.50 was paid from reserves/donations).
- 10.1.7. Notes regarding the **Quinquennial Inspection Report:**

The November 2018 Quinquennial Inspection report, prepared by Lloyd, Evans, Prichard remains largely unread, a meeting with our Architect (Duncan Sanderson now of Kepczyk, Pearce, Sanderson – Architects, Surveyors and Historic Building Consultants) yet to be arranged to discuss in detail.

Readers may wish to note the following aspects:

- Urgent works requiring immediate attention are listed below and should be acted upon without too much further delay.

- . *to undertake a programme of works to address the backlog of maintenance issues identified – including the clearing out of rainwater gullies, removal of vegetation and other debris from parapet gutters and blocked catchpit outlets, from all rainwater hoppers and downpipes. Remove vegetation from retaining wall to north west of church and other identified areas.*

- . *to commission a report from a Structural Engineer into the integrity of the stone surrounds to windows, principally at Gallery level, where significant damage has occurred from corroding ferramenta.*

- . *to commission a report from a leading light specialist into the condition of the glazing and ferramenta in connection with the above.*

- . *to commission a report from a specialist timber specialist into the condition of the structural timbers and boarding of the Bell Chamber, Clock Chamber and Ringing Chamber floors in the Tower*

- . *to ensure access can be gained to the Heating Chamber.*

- Works recommended as Essential within the next 18 months (now past that time frame) are equally listed as follows:

- . *to re-fix sagging section of north Chancel eaves gutter over ridge of Clergy Vestry roof*

- . *to replace missing cover flashing at abutment of south Chancel roof slope and Nave east wall.*

- . *to check security of cover flashings to North West Porch and secure into bed joints where necessary. Back point in BLM nastic.*

- . **to act on the recommendations of the Electrical Inspection Report**

(At the same time to look at upgrade to lighting system(s) and installation of LED lighting)

- . *to mortar seal large gap between Tower east wall and abutting merlon to canted wall to north.*
- . *to check stability of cruciform finial to Chancel east gable and secure if necessary*
- . *to instigate programme of phased masonry repairs and re-pointing to the main body of the church, commencing with the north wall of the Nave – address defects noted.*
- . *to instigate programme of works to attend to issues identified in respect of corroding ferramenta and failing wire ties to the leaded light glazing.*
- . *to re-fix loose grilles covering heating ducts (as noted)*
- . *to lift and reset loose floor tiling (as identified)*
- . *to point up / lift and reset damaged and displaced areas of paving in the churchyard*
- . *to remove loose copings to wall retaining ramp to South West porch entrance and secure to masonry beneath with stainless steel dowels.*

➤ Works recommended as essential within 5 years are listed below and ideally should be scheduled into a future plan of works:

- . *overhaul slated roof areas, including replacing any damaged/slipped slates where noted and renew lead tingles in stainless steel.*
- . *re-point ridge tiles to Nave*
- . *renew asphalt roof covering and cover flashings over North West Porch including any necessary timber remedial works – renew Upvc downspout in cast iron.*
- . *commission a programme of external decoration works – as identified.*
- . *rub-down and redecorate corroding metal sections of bell mechanisms*
- . *instigate a programme of periodic monitoring, by borescope or panel removal, to areas of timber wall panelling to detect early signs of rot in the wall cavity behind, specifically to Rectors Vestry and North and South aisles and galleries over.*
- . *continue phased programme of masonry and window repairs to the church, second phase being South aisle.*

- Desirable works – of which the report identifies various repair and maintenance issues.
- Works required to improve disabled facilities and access to the church – whereby the church currently affords wheelchair access via the North Porch entrance, it is noted that to change – potentially glaze in that entrance making a new enclosed porch area - would require carefully considered re-ordering to accommodate disabled facilities and seating areas given the constraints of the existing plan form. This would however provide a new enclosed entrance, remove the potential for rough sleeping in that area, and improve the entrance allowing properly closing doors and reducing considerably heat loss from that part of the building.
- Recommendations on the maintenance and care of the church and contents – the report highlights areas that should be monitored, the need for regular planned maintenance and clearing of gutters etc. The report also outlines where some trees in the graveyard overhang the building – an aspect to be taken up with Stockport Council, and concern over the amount of moss build-up.
- Recommendation of further details investigations – the report identifies where other specialist reports need to be commissioned.

All aspects related to fabric repairs requiring professional supervision

10.1.8 Heating – replacement of TWO boilers

In the weeks approaching Christmas 2019 it was possible for us (thanks to donations received) to replace TWO of the THREE Keston C55 boilers along with associated works at a cost of £13,680.00. An underfloor leak has since been repaired near to the south entrance and work undertaken regarding the pressurisation unit.

The system is now functional but not truly effective and efficient. To allow this to happen and for the system to work as designed the third boiler needs to be changed preferably before Autumn/Winter. Pipework is already in place although there are some minor associated works required. None of this of course changes the fact that at some point the under floor pipework will need to be upgraded or new heating system installed.

10.1.9 Flagpole/Fixing Plate:

Work continues to resolve the problem with the damaged fixing plate (located on the tower roof) for the flag pole and once a satisfactory conclusion reached for it's repair, the replacement of lanyard and other fittings to the pole to allow it to once again be fully functional

10.1.10 Church Clock

Work continues in liaison with the Diocese and Stockport Council to make necessary arrangements for the replacement of the "autowind" system and repairs to the escapement.

Report prepared by S M Heap (September 2020)

10.2 St Andrew's (Hall Street)

10.2.1. Technically a "closed church" St Andrew's is used as a parish office and for external hire.

10.2.2. There were no major issues during 2019 although subject to vandalism during October 2019 – broken window (Ladies toilet) and ripping out of telecoms/data cabling to the office.

10.2.3 Grounds maintenance continues to be undertaken by AT Garden Services, expenditure for 2019 recorded as being £995.

Report prepared by S M Heap (September 2020)

10.3 St Thomas' Church. Stockport

10.3.1 EXTERIOR

10.3.1.1. West Entrance Gateway

The South side wall has suffered impact damage causing it to move off its base.

This is the second time this has happened. On the first occasion we were able to push the whole structure back. It may be possible to use brute force to reposition it but long term will require a rebuild.

10.3.1.2 South East Corner Parapet

There is a gap in the parapet stone work which overhangs the South East corner. There is concern that the slab could fall. Identified as requiring urgent attention in the 2010, 2015 and 2020 Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

10.3.1.3 Stonework

Numerous parts of the stonework have become damaged as the cast iron ties have rusted and thus expanded and caused the stone to split. The stonework around the parapet gives greater concern as it allows water ingress between brick and ashlar.

Also there is considerable growth of vegetation where seeds have entered the gaps in the parapet stonework

A detailed survey was undertaken by Peter Skinner, the previous Architect.

Now in the possession of our Current Architect

10.3.1.4 Roof Leak

During heavy rain combined with a North wind the roof leaks in the North West corner. This problem has occurred ever since the Church was re-roofed in 1999.

Cause has never been identified. No obvious visible signs of cause.

There is also an occasional leak in the South gallery and again there is no visible cause

Both leaks are causing consequential damage to the ceiling

10.3.1.5 Interior Walls

Damage to plasterwork in the Vestry, Baptistry and Sacristy suggests that damp is rising from the three corners of the building. Roof drainage and the poor state of the flagging is the probable cause. Our Architect is aware of the problem.

10.3.1.6 Broken Windows

There are 3 broken windows.

- Upper storey North East corner. Ordinary glass fitted when the stained glass was removed.
- Ground floor ante room off the vestry/portico steps. Georgian wired. Broken from the outside by persons unknown
- Ground floor ante room off North East entrance. Georgian wired. Broken from outside by persons unknown

10.3.1.7 Drains

Some drains are blocked and have been found impossible to clear using self-help. Some drains require new covers due to corrosion of existing. Probably requires Drainage Contractor input.

10.3.1.8 Gates to East Entrance

We have been reluctant to close off the churchyard completely because we are aware that people visit for “legitimate” reasons. However, continual miss use of the portico area suggests that the time has come to install gates at the East End. Our Architect has provided a drawing, The DAC are happy with the idea but we do need to acquire Planning Permission from SMBC/ Stockport Heritage

10.3.1.10 Pathways

Pathways are in a poor state with many potholes. Much of the top layer of stone has disappeared in some areas. Potholes could be filled with new stone aggregate but that would only be a temporary solution.

10.3.1.11 Graffiti portico steps

A complete eyesore. Several trials by specialist contractors have proved to be ineffective. The pigment used to deface the building has penetrated deeply into the soft, absorbent sandstone ashlar. Being a Grade 1 listed building we are not allowed to paint over the area with Masonry paint. It seem that the only solutions would be to a) Replace the stone. b) fix boarding over the area. (which would be allowed)

10.3.1.12 Flagpole

Is in a poor state of repair and currently unused. Will become unsafe over time and should be removed/replaced

10.3.1.13 South West Door

No longer used and in a state of neglect and disrepair. Needs repairing and oiling

10.3.1.13 Down Spouts

In a good state but need painting as they are cast iron and beginning to rust.

Advice to be sought from Architect as to Paint type and colour. (Listed Building Regs)

10.3.1.14 Gallery Windows

The “temporary” installation of double glazing in polycarbonate is proving to be quite successful in terms of warmth retention and noise prevention.

There are signs of water ingress via the temporary glazing.

,In time, consideration should be given to replacing with windows in keeping with the architecture.

10.3.2 INTERIOR

10.3.2.1 Ceiling

The main ceiling is the final area in need of decoration. A quote of £10k was obtained in 2017.

10.3.2.2 East Wall

Damage to the South pilaster and stencilled acanthus leaf decoration is in need of professional attention

10.3.2.3 Vestry Plaster

Perished plaster in South East corner caused by rising damp

10.3.2.4 Baptistry Plaster

As for Vestry plaster above

10.3.2.5 Tower

The tower has four chambers.

- The Clock Chamber. Contains the four clock faces. There is a new ladder giving access to the Cupola. In good state.
- The bell chamber. Contains Four bells providing the clock chimes and one bell for ringing for services

All the bells are in good condition but the “Service Bell” is loose in its head stock. If it were to fall, it would fall onto the four clock bells. Precautions have been taken in that a wooden frame has been erected just below the bell so that if it does fall it will only drop a matter of inches onto the frame.

This area needs cleaning, the walls need painting and the wire netting attached to the louvres needs renewing. Over time it has rusted and recently it was found that a pigeon had gained access and was nesting. Pigeon evicted and netting repaired. Later inspection showed further pigeon infestation via more corroded netting. The louvres were also covered with plastic sheeting to reduced winds entering the area. Over time this has been torn and needs replacing.

- The Clock mechanism chamber. The clock mechanism is contained within a wooden cabinet with glass doors. The cabinet and walls would benefit from a coat of paint and the area needs cleaning.
- The lower chamber. Giving access to the gallery and upper chambers. Used too much as a storage area. Walls become very damp in winter. Could do with painting.

10.3.2.6 Cellar

This houses the boiler which continues to function satisfactorily.

Piping in this area could do with lagging

Report prepared by: Eddie Locket - 4 September 2020

10.4 St Luke's, Brinnington

Church Wardens report on behalf of St Luke's in the Parish of Stockport & Brinnington.

St Luke's is a 60 year old prefab building which is rapidly reaching its sell by date. There are numerous issues which need addressing. The building is in need of re-wiring, a leak has appeared from the roof, areas of the exterior need attention plus other improvements within the building.

With the above in mind there has been a working party of Church members, and members of the community, which use the hall mid-week set up to explore options of how we move forward in the best use of the building. There are a number of options being explored which include.

1/ Redesign and refurbish the existing building.

2/ A new Church built on the current site.

We are awaiting plans from the architects so the options can be fully explored.

Please note these are only suggestions and will go out for consultation and approval prior to any decisions being reached.

Thanks once again to all the people that help to keep St Luke's running.

Brenda, Gillian, Linda members of the PCC and the Children's Church team.

This year has seen circumstances not witnessed in the past, so many things being different and unprecedented.

With God's help we shall come out of this stronger.

Paul & James.

11. Safeguarding

11.1 The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our church community.

11.2 The Parish of Stockport & Brinnington is therefore obliged to following required legislation, guidance and recognized good practice as set by the Church of England.

11.3 Appointed as Safeguarding Co-ordinator (at the APCM April 2019) for the Parish, Rita Waters unfortunately had to step down for personal reasons during the year. Arrangements are actively in hand for this post to be filled again following the APCM in October 2020 .

11.4 Work has continued during the year with support from the Rector, and since the creation of the new Ministry Team, many aspects incorporated into the job role of the Associate Minister working with Children, Families and with Schools.

2020: As requested by the Diocese responses have been given as required to questions raised under PSR2 (Past Cases Review)

What is PCR2?

In 2007, the Church of England commissioned a Past Case Review (2007-2009) which sought to look at the Church's handling of safeguarding cases over many years.

A report in 2018 into the original PCR revealed shortcomings both in the process and final outcome. As a result, the Church of England announced that all dioceses must complete a second review.

On the 27 January 2020, Bishop Keith in his capacity as Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel and Acting Bishop of Chester, wrote to all Incumbents. In his letter, he explained in more detail why the review was taking place and what parishes are required to do.

The Past Case Review 2 (PCR2) is part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of past and current safeguarding cases. PCR2 in the Diocese of Chester is commissioned by the Church of England. Over the course of 2020, an Independent Reviewer will look at all safeguarding files and files relating to church officers, both lay and ordained, past and present. All parishes and church settings are required to respond.

S M Heap

12. The Nave Café (St Mary's)

12.1 The Nave café was originally registered with Environmental Health (Stockport Council) the beginning of July 2013 and later awarded (January 2014) Food Standards Agency – Food Hygiene Rating Grade 5, retained at a second inspection during 2016.

12.2 The café has benefitted from the services of Pure Innovations Ltd to run the café service during the week and some support from the Rotary Club of Stockport one Saturday per month.

12.3 Café sales have however significantly reduced this financial year (2019) with customer foot-fall again at an all time low. A reduction in profit shown has been shown as £2,296 from the previous financial year. For 2019 Income is recorded as £11,492 with expenditure of £6,365 (A profit of £5,127 for the year as against a profit of £7,423 for 2018).

12.4 The future of the Nave Café (operationally) was reviewed early 2019 when it became no longer viable as a training base for Pure Innovations clients – advance food preparation being suspended due to a lack of customers requesting food items, with insufficient duties remaining to sustain a manager and up to four/five clients.

12.5 Pure Innovations withdraw their service to the Nave Café on the 31st May 2019.

12.6 From that date the café continued to run on a reduced menu – staffed mainly by church volunteers, subject to review and implementation of new business plan.

NB: The Nave Café closed in March 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdown measures and now subject to re-opening and being re-launched in a new format (with a new name) when restrictions allow 2020/21.

S M Heap

Financial Statements – St Mary Stockport 2019

It should perhaps first be noted that the year-end accounts for St Mary's have this year been completed using the "Receipts and Payments" method rather than by "Accruals". This bringing the accounts in line with those of St Thomas and St Luke.

This does however mean that a comparison with the accounts from last year could in some cases give a distorted figure where balances under the previous system would have been adjusted.

The every-day keeping of the accounts for St Mary's, paying of invoices and making all banking arrangements has been undertaken by Sue, weekly "cashing up" and weekly balancing by Isobel and the final statements prepared by Adam. Statement of financial activities submitted to PCC Treasurer Kevin, for submission to Haskell Woolfe, Accountants and for preparation of the parish "balance sheet".

Statement of Financial Activity - Income & Expenditure [Business Account only]

<u>St Mary's in the Market Place</u>								
<u>Statement of Financial Activity</u>								
<u>for year ended 31st December 2019</u>								
<i>note this excludes all restricted funds.</i>								
						2019		2018
INCOME								
	Planned Giving					£ 16,186.50		£ 15,836.50
	Donations					£ 28,128.97		£ 12,284.62
	Bequests & Donations					£ -		£ -
	Church Plate Collection					£ 5,842.00		£ 5,980.00
	Commercial					£ 6,650.40		£ 5,749.90
	Nave Café Income					£ 11,492.40		£ 13,915.00
	Fees					£ 417.00		£ 958.80
	Banking					£ 19.70		£ 10.71
	St Andrews Income					£ 10,342.50		£ 9,940.00
						£ 79,079.47		£ 64,675.53
EXPENDITURE								
	Donations to other organisations					£ 1,818.75		£ 1,370.00
	Payments Outside the Parish					£ 23,645.05		£ 17,474.76
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)					£ 39,785.37		£ 25,620.43
	Nave Café Costs					£ 6,365.22		£ 6,491.30
	St Andrews Costs					£ 8,396.10		£ 7,763.73
	Ordinary Payments					£ 3,317.21		£ 2,756.28
	Appeal					£ -		£ -
	Removal of accruals							-£ 363.59
						£ 83,327.70		£ 61,112.91
	NET GAINS / (LOSSES)					£ (4,248.23)		£ 3,562.62
	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY					£ 11,907.54		£ 8,344.92
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER					£ 7,659.31		£ 11,907.54
Commentary								
	2019	2018	Movement			Opening Balance	£ 11,907.54	
Nave Café	£5,127.18	£7,423.70	-£ 2,296.52			2019 Receipts	£ 92,163.12	
St Andrews	£ 1,946.40	£ 2,176.27	-£ 229.87			2019 Payments	-£ 84,503.81	
						Final Balance @ 31/12/2019	£ 7,659.31	
Sub Total	£ 7,073.58	£ 9,599.97	-£ 2,526.39	Decrease in Profit				
31							£ 7,659.31	
						Check	-£ 0.00	

Statement of Financial Activities

St Marys				
	Income			
	Donations		£ 28,128.97	
	Bequests & Donations		£ -	
	Commercial	Candles	£ 1,268.20	
	Commercial	Cards/Mags/Calendars	£ 283.70	
	Commercial	Events	£ 2,518.50	
	Commercial	Heritage Rent	£ 2,580.00	
	Nave Café Income		£ 11,492.40	
	Banking	Interest	£ 19.70	
	Fees	Insurance Claims	£ -	
			£ 46,291.47	
	Expenditure			
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Gas	£ 7,640.00	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Electricity	£ 4,415.50	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Water	£ 333.32	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Insurance	£ 6,561.45	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Telephone	£ 1,315.86	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Contracted Services	£ 578.23	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	£ -	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 3,793.35	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Caretaking Supplies	£ 1,621.47	
	St Mary's Parish Church (premises and associated costs)	Boiler Maintenance	£ 13,859.51	
	Donations to other organisations	Age UK	£ 70.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Children's Society	£ 200.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Christian Aid	£ 275.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Leprosy Mission	£ 300.50	
	Donations to other organisations	Mary's Meals	£ -	
	Donations to other organisations	Mayor of Stockport Charity	£ 100.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Royal British Legion	£ 60.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Shopmobility	£ 200.00	
	Donations to other organisations	St Ann's Hospice	£ -	
	Donations to other organisations	Wellspring	£ 132.00	
	Donations to other organisations	Chester Clergy Family Charitable	£ 372.25	
	Donations to other organisations	Mission to Seafarers	£ 109.00	
	Nave Café Costs		£ 6,365.22	
	Ordinary Payments	Stationery (inc postage)	£ 772.24	
	Ordinary Payments	Photocopier	£ 1,120.49	
	Ordinary Payments	Printing - external supplier	£ -	
	Ordinary Payments	Bibles / Gospels / Tracts etc.	£ 30.15	
	Ordinary Payments	Chester Diocesan News	£ 77.19	
	Ordinary Payments	Candles	£ 402.74	
	Ordinary Payments	CARDS etc for resale	£ -	
	Ordinary Payments	Flowers & Wreaths	£ -	
	Ordinary Payments	Parking	£ 727.80	
	Ordinary Payments	Website Costs	£ 186.60	
	Appeal		£ -	
			£ 51,619.87	
	GAINS / (LOSSES)			£ (5,328.40)

St Andrews				
	Income			
	St Andrews Income	Hire	£ 10,342.50	
	St Andrews Income	Appeal	£ -	
			£ 10,342.50	
	Expenditure			
	St Andrews Costs	Gas	£ 3,282.95	
	St Andrews Costs	Electricity	£ 2,005.00	
	St Andrews Costs	Water	£ 210.12	
	St Andrews Costs	Telephone	£ 894.11	
	St Andrews Costs	Insurance	£ 806.92	
	St Andrews Costs	Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	£ -	
	St Andrews Costs	Cleaning	£ -	
	St Andrews Costs	Grounds Maint	£ 995.00	
	St Andrews Costs	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 202.00	
			£ 8,396.10	
	GAINS / (LOSSES)			£ 1,946.40
	GRAND TOTAL - GAINS / (LOSSES)			£ (4,581.55)
			Check	£ 0.00

Ministry				
	Income			
	Planned Giving		£ 16,186.50	
	Church Plate Collection	General	£ 4,943.00	
	Church Plate Collection	Specific	£ 899.00	
	Fees	Assigned	£ 417.00	
			£ 22,445.50	
	Expenditure			
	Payments Outside the Parish	Parish Share	£ 21,991.71	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Assigned Fees	£ 134.00	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Deanery Exp	£ -	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Audit Fees	£ 240.00	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Retired Clergy Fees	£ 296.80	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Fees & Charges	£ 305.28	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Rectory - Council Tax	£ 835.87	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Rectory - Water Services	£ -	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Rectory - Utilities	£ 767.91	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Rectory - Telephone	£ 249.59	
	Payments Outside the Parish	Rectory - CDBF Refund	-£ 1,176.11	
			£ 23,645.05	
	GAINS / (LOSSES)			£ (1,199.55)

Additional summaries and copies of the actual spreadsheets available for inspection on request – personal data will however need to be removed.

Worthy of note is a reflection of what is not recorded in the accounts under the “Receipts and Payments” system, in that an additional sum of £ 3323.36 was paid in January 2020 (or has remained unclaimed) which related to 2019 expenditure with an additional income of £225.50.

2020	Opening balance			<u>£7,325.99</u>
2019 expenditure paid January				
	3953 Inprint Colour	£34.14		£7,291.85
	3954 AT Garden Services	£300.00		£6,991.85
	3956 AGE UK Stockport (50%)	£67.50		£6,924.35
	957 Shopmobility Stockport (50%)	£63.00		£6,861.35
	3958 Wellspring / Banks Lane (50%)	£124.00		£6,737.35
	Grenke (equipment protection 6 mont	£156.34		£6,581.01
	Absolute Coffee Supplies	£234.00		£6,347.01
	3921 LSC expenses	£48.20		£6,298.81
	CCLI	£155.28		£6,143.53
	3939 UK Safety Management PEAT	£197.27		£5,946.26
	3950 AC Electrical	£677.01		£5,269.25
	3955 SMH expenses	£265.01		£5,004.24
payment pending	Children's Society (Christingle)	£110.00		£4,894.24
payment pending (half year fees)	SMH [Web-site fees - Vistaprint]	£186.60		£4,707.64
payment pending	SMH [outstanding expenses]	£339.44		£4,368.20
	Absolute Coffee Supplies	£234.00		£4,134.20
	BT Group	£131.57		£4,002.63
2019 income banked January	Credit (29th December)		£225.50	£4,228.13
				£4,228.13
		£3,323.36	£225.50	

NOTES:

STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH (St Mary's) :**Restricted Funds****Stockport Parish Church of England Religious Education Fund
Club and Society Current Account****2019****Balance held:****£3,140.12****CCLA****The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund**

609067001D	Stockport St Mary PCC	£680.70
609067002D	Hallworth	£1,760.87
609067003D	Stipend Account	£2,700.00
609067001F	Curacy A/c	£4,761.00
		<u>£9,902.57</u>

HAROLD BEARD TRUST**Expenditure Income Balance****St Mary's PCC re Harold Beard**

2019	Opening balance		£76.02
	Transfer of		
	Funds	£1,500.00	£1,576.02
	NAT West Unpaid Item		
	Fee	£40.00	£1,536.02
	Organ repairs	£628.32	£907.70
	Organ repairs	£242.16	<u>£665.54</u>

Stockport St Mary's PCC Re Harold Beard Trust

2019	Opening balance		£20,051.50
	Interest received	£41.28	£20,092.78
	CBF Investment Plan	£2,326.86	£22,419.64
	Funds Transfer	£1,500.00	<u>£20,919.64</u>

Appeal Accounts:

St Mary's Restricted Fund					
Interior Appeal Fund		Expenditure	Income	Balance	
2019	Opening Balance			£10,391.73	
	Grant Historic England		£9,000.00	£19,391.73	
Heritage Conservation Res	Porch Roof repair	£17,229.00		£2,162.73	
Lloyd Evans Prichard	Architect Fees	£1,722.00		£440.73	
	Grant Historic England		£1,000.00	£1,440.73	
	VATrefund		£2,871.50	£4,312.23	
	Donations received		£500.00	£4,812.23	Closing Balance

St Mary's Restricted Funds						
Appeal Account(s) Receivership Payments Pending (balance of works completed Phase 6)						
2019	Balance held			£31,642.57		

NOTES:

Also quoted in the Annual Report for 2019 (accounts for 2018) were two Lloyds Accounts. One stated as holding £952.00 and the other £365.24. Investigations were undertaken during 2019 and contact made with Lloyds to trace these account. It was established that one account (the larger sum) was closed several years ago – the passbook we held not cancelled. The other account had remained in existence but has now been closed and those funds paid into St Mary's business account

Financial Statements: St Thomas 2019

The statements have been produced using the same method as previous years.

The accounts are showing an excess of expenditure over income once we take into account a transfer of £2,000 to the St Mary's bank accounts to cover the shared costs of running the parish. Most of the income and expenditure items remained broadly in line with the previous year. There remains a commitment in the accounts to fund the installation of gates at east entrance to the church grounds.

St Thomas				
Financial Statement for the period ended 31st December 2019				
General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account		£	£	2018
Receipts	2019			£
Voluntary income / receipts	£			
Regular Giving				
Tax-efficient Planned Giving	27,114		26,216	
Other Planned Giving	1,445		1,516	
Loose Cash Collections	712		723	
Other gift aid	239		621	
Income tax recovered via gift aid	6,877		6,713	
		36,388		35,789
Activities for Generating Funds				
Wall safe donations (incl Magazine / P&P)	459		396	
Candles / Memorial Book / Scroll / Flowers	4940		361	
		954		757
Receipts from Church Activities				
Wedding & Funeral Fees to PCC	313		488	
Hire of Church	1,460		2,355	
		1,773		2,843
Receipts from investments				
Interest from Bank	25		12	
Rent from Richardson Street	5,140		5,040	
		5,165		5,052
Other incoming resources				
Charity Collections	1,402		1,107	
General Donations (for unrestricted use)	46		190	
		1,447		1,297
Total Receipts				
		45,726		45,738
Payments				
Church activities				
Charitable giving	2,002		1,740	
Parish Share	14,514		16,900	
Organist provision	3,264		3,184	
Working Expenses	169		176	
		19,949		21,999
Church expenses				
Heating , Electricity, Water	7,603		5,759	
Church Insurance	7,563		7,733	
Church Maintenance & Repairs	784		891	
Organ Maintenance	486		1,103	
Altar Expenses	597		296	

Flowers	514		215	
Easter Eggs / Christmas Tree	94		73	
Childrens work	4,163		4,054	
Sundries	366		253	
Choir	147		146	
Choral	300		300	
Richardson Street	1,163		957	
Presentation	92		94	
Printing and Stationery / Postage / Licences	86		302	
Phone	2720		283	
		24,229		22,458
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repairs to the church	0		1,380	
Major repairs to other property	1,200		0	
		1,200		1,380
Total Payments				
		45,379		45,837
Excess of Receipts over payments		348		-99
Fund Transfers (To St Mary's Church)		-2,000		0
Total Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2019		22,644		22,744
Total Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2019		20,992		22,644

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash Funds		
Total of Cash Floats	50	128
Bank current and deposit accounts	13779	15412
Total cash funds	13829	15540
Unrestricted fund 20992		
Designated Organ Fund 268		
21260		
Other Monetary Assets (debtors)		
Clergy cover (recd 2020)	254	659
End of year income tax claim (recd. 2020)	6877	6713
Hire of church (NCO - recd 2020)	300	0
Total debtors	7431	7372
Assets retained for the use of the Church (unrestricted funds) Fixed Assets (90 Richardson St)	11212	11212
	11212	11212
Liabilities		
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
Other Tangible Assets		
Total	32472	34124

NOTES:

1.The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2.The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the church-wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.

3.The expenses paid to clergy may include a small, immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

4. The payments to charities included £79.34 to USPG, £150 to Christian Aid, £150 to Water Aid. £150 to The Christie, £182 to the Wellspring, £150 to Help for Heroes, £91 to Solving Kids Cancer, £285 to MacMillan, £245 to the Children's Society, £519.60 to Willow Wood Hospice

Financial Statement other funds for year ended 31 December 2019

Receipts	2019 2018	£
Organ Fund Receipts and Payments Account -	£ £ £	—
Designated The organ fund is restricted to ex-	Fund	
penditure on repairing	and renovation of the church organ.	
Receipts		
Total Receipts	0	0
Payments		
Total Payments	0	0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0	0
Total Organ Fund at 1 January 2019	268	268
Total Organ Fund at 31 December 2019	268	268

Financial Statement St Luke's 2019

The statements have been produced using the same method as previous years.

The receipts and payments amounts were almost the same. This is mainly as a result of the lower parish share costs together with an increase in income for the use of the parish centre. As reported above, the historical parish share debt has been cancelled by the diocese on the formation of the new parish.

General fund receipts and payment account								
		2019		2018		2017		2016
		£		£		£		£
Receipts								
Gift aided Income		4,050		4,935		5,968		5,237
Income Tax recovered		1,012		1,234		1,492		1,310
Other collections		740		816		922		940
Donations		2,037		2,308		1,855		1,507
Uncovenanted planned giving		1,661		825		1,345		1,144
Legacies								13,086
Fairs (& fund raising)		868		1,112		1,019		1,013
Interest on investments		13		33		69		178
Parish Centre income	11,400		12,555		13,713		14,923	
less expenditure	-9,141	2,259	-11,716	839	-17,872	-4,159	-15,769	-846
Fees		88		43		716		957
		12,728		12,145		9,227		24,526
Payments								
Donations to charities				38				36
Parish share		7,477		9,000		9,000		14,021
Ministry expenses	1,518		1669		3,293		3091	
less grants and refunds	-1,140	378	-1312	357		3,293		3,091
Church running costs		3,839		6,097		2,710		2,972
Upkeep of services		144		213		160		437
Organists								
Training and Education	175		221		408		1003	
less mission fund		175	-30	191	-205	203	-812	191
Salary and administration expenses	104		110		186		2571	
less grant		104		110		186	-2390	181
Repairs and replacements (Church)	142		289		9,699			
less insurance								
less building fund		142	-289		-9,699			
Repairs and replacements (Hall)	475							
less building fund		475						
		12,734		16,006		15,552		20,929
Current Assets as of 31 December								
Bank Account	5,793		5618		3,107		2594	
Church of England deposit fund	7,625		7625		13,092		30723	
	13,418		13243		16,199		33317	
Cash in hand (PCC)			194				37	
Cash in hand (parish centre)		13,418	187	13,624	838	17,037	252	33,606
less receipts in advance								-340
TOTAL		13,418		13,624		17,037		33,266

Represented by							
General fund 1st January		11,811		15,672		21,997	18,400
less payments over receipts		-6		-3,861		-6,325	-3,597
		11,805		11,811		15,672	21,997
General Fund 31st December							
Restricted Funds							
Building Fund		538		538		827	10,526
Vicarage Fund		767		767			
Mission Community		190		190		190	190
Mission Fund		318		318		348	553
Total restricted funds		1,813		1,813		1,365	11,269
		<u>13,618</u>		<u>13,624</u>		<u>17,037</u>	<u>33,266</u>

Parish Accounts Summary

Report to follow

Balance Sheet

Report to follow

Report of the Independent Examiner (Haskell Woolfe Accountants)

Report to follow

Minutes of the Annual Meeting April 2019 & PCC Meeting April 19
as approved by Ian Bishop the Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Parish of Stockport and Brinnington - St Mary / St Thomas / St Luke

Meeting of Parishioners & First Parochial Church Meeting - 14th April 2019

MINUTES

- Welcome/Introduction & Prayers – given by the Ven Ian Bishop (Chair)
- Apologies for absence: Richard Scott & Roger Hulme (both meetings)
- Appointment of Minute Secretary (this meeting): Sue Heap
- Appointment of Tellers (this meeting): Ian Hamilton / Rita Waters
- Election of Churchwardens:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Church</u>
Jayne Brindley	Edward Lockett	Peter Nelson	St Thomas
Susan Heap	Isobel Clarkson	Frank Hamnett	St Mary
Paul Heard	Patricia Ashworth	Linda Mather	St Luke
Anne Jepson	Dorothy Fernley	Patricia Lockett	St Thomas
James Kitchen	Mark Clough	J Goulden	St Luke
Adam Pinder	David Birth	David Andrews	St Mary

- Receipt of final ACPM Minutes from 2018
– agreed to be taken as read with all PCC business for the old parish(s) now cleared
[Agreed by all]
- Matters arising – none
- Presentation of Electoral Roll
Prepared and presented by Eric Tomlinson. Eric thanked all those involved in assisting with the preparation of the new roll.
The new Electoral Roll for Stockport & Brinnington for 2019 being 146: [St Mary: 57 / St Thomas: 52 / S Luke 37]
Thanks to Eric for undertaking this task given by Ian Bishop

➤ Election of Parochial Church Council

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules automatic membership to the Churchwardens and Licensed Readers

As determined by the total number of the electoral roll: 12 to be elected:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Church</u>
David Birch	Adam Pinder	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Heather Chant	Dorothy Fernley	Kevin Morgan	St Thomas
Marilyn Donohoe	Rosalind McKell	Paul Heard	St Luke
Margaret Forster	Susan Heap	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Jennifer Goulden	Lesley Atkinson	Jean Williamson	St Luke
Patricia Hamilton	Linda Mather	Paul Heard	St Luke
Janet Langton	Brenda Azariah	Edward Lockett	St Thomas
Harry Long	Kevin Morgan	Patricia Lockett	St Thomas
Peter Nelson	Edward Lockett	William Frith	St Thomas
Herbert Quick	Paul Heard	Mark Clough	St Luke
Catriona Smith	Susan Heap	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Ann Stewardson	Peter Nelson	Kevin Morgan	St Thomas

➤ Election of Sidespersons

Amiri Hamid	St Thomas
Andrews David	St Mary
Andrews Sheila	St Mary
Ashton Barbara	St Mary
Birch David	St Mary
Birch Pat	St Mary
Broderick Brian	St Thomas
Childs John	St Thomas
Clarkson Isobel	St Mary
Forster Margaret	St Mary
Frith Bill	St Thomas
Hamnett Frank	St Mary
Heap Susan	St Mary
Long Sheila	St Thomas

Mason Sarah	St Thomas
Morgan Kevin	St Thomas
Pinder Adam	St Mary
Shuttleworth Margaret	St Mary
Smith Catriona	St Mary
Stewardson Ann	St Thomas
Taylor Carol	St Mary
West Ann	St Mary

➤ Presentation of Annual Reports and Financial Statement

– it was suggested that these be accepted (without formal presentation) – Proposed: Brenda Baxendale / Seconded: Peter Nelson [Agreed]. Copies available on request.

➤ Appointment of external examiner

Recommendation for Haskell Woolfe Accountants (Stretford)
Proposed: Adam Pinder / Seconded: Rita Waters [Agreed].

➤ Deanery Synod Membership

Confirmed received from Rural Dean (via Church House) that as no elections for 2019 present membership to stand until Spring 2020 when new figures calculated from electoral roll for the new parish.

Linda Mather (St Lukes)	Kevin Morgan (St Thomas)	Adam Pinder (St Mary)
Rita Waters (St Mary)	Vacancy (St Luke)	

Following this meeting members of the newly formed PCC (present at the APCM) remained:

Parish of Stockport and Brinnington - St Mary / St Thomas / St Luke

First meeting of the Parochial Church Council for Stockport & Brinnington

14th April 2019

MINUTES

Ven Ian Bishop (chair)

Attending: Churchwardens / Licensed Readers / Deanery Synod representatives (not newly elected) and those newly elected PCC members present at the APCM

ITEMS:

- Lots to be drawn to determine who is elected to serve 1/2/3 years

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Church</u>
David Birch	Adam Pinder	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Heather Chant	Dorothy Fernley	Kevin Morgan	St Thomas
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Margaret Forster	Susan Heap	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Jennifer Goulden	Lesley Atkinson	Jean Williamson	St Luke
Patricia Hamilton	Linda Mather	Paul Heard	St Luke
Janet Langton	Brenda Azariah	Edward Lockett	St Thomas
Harry Long	Kevin Morgan	Patricia Lockett	St Thomas
Peter Nelson	Edward Lockett	William Frith	St Thomas
Herbert Quick	Paul Heard	Mark Clough	St Luke
Catriona Smith	Susan Heap	Isobel Clarkson	St Mary
Ann Stewardson	Peter Nelson	Kevin Morgan	St Thomas

- **Appointment of Secretary:**

[no nominations at this time – to be determined at a later date [if not a member of the PCC co-opted membership can be given]. Sue Heap to provide initial cover for this role

- **Appointment of Treasurer:**
Nominated: Kevin Morgan – Proposed: Peter Nelson / Seconded: Rita Waters [Agreed]
- **Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer:**
Nominated: Eric Tomlinson – Proposed: Peter Nelson / Seconded: Adam Pinder [Agreed]
- **Appointment of Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**
Nominated: Rita Waters (1 year) – Proposed Ann Jepson / Seconded: Linda Mather [Agreed]
- Any other business:
 - . **Appointment of Vice-Chair:**
Nominated: Peter Nelson – Proposed Paul Heard / Seconded Rita Waters [Agreed]
 - . **Approval of the PCC for Brenda Baxendale to be made Reader Emeritus**
Proposed: Rita Waters / Seconded: Paul Heard [Agreed]
 - . **Historic Parish Share** - Confirmation given by the Ven Ian Bishop that the arrears of Parish Share from the former Parish(s) has been officially written off. The new parish is therefore “debt free”.
 - . **The post of Associate Minister** is an appointment of the Rector. However was reported that the “roll description” is presently being prepared and it is anticipated that an advert will appear after Easter for appointment in the Autumn.
 - . **Additional post of Curate** – an offer has been received for the Parish to also appoint a Curate effective from 2020 – this to be explored further in due course, but would be a welcome addition to the ministry team.
 - . **New Parish Number** – to note that the new parish number is 1801 [previously that of St Luke’s]
 - . **Archdeacons Visitation - A reminder that ALL churchwardens MUST attend** – our local service being on the 1st May at St Paul’s – Compstall at 7.30pm

Sidespersons are encouraged to attend / others wishing to do so in support are most welcome.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 26th June 2019 - St Thomas’ Church at 7.30pm.