



Annual Report

for the year ending 31 December 2020



Meeting of Parishioners
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday, 25th April 2021 1pm via Zoom



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Parish of Stockport and Brinnington
Diocese of Chester

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This report (subject to update) was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting (held via Zoom) on the 7th April 2020.

Signed

Rev Lynne Cullens

1. Introduction

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

1.1.2 Although that last Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in October 2020 rather than earlier in the year, this report in general refers to the financial year January – December 2020 with some updates from early 2021 for general information.

1.1.3 As recommended following the continued restrictions due to Covid-19 the meetings will again this year be held via Zoom and approved by the Bishop of Chester (February 2021). It is however intended to hold congregational meetings in person around September as we are aware not everyone has access to Zoom and therefore unable to join on-line meetings.

1.1.4 If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we'll do our best to help. Instructions as to how to join our Zoom meetings will be made available on church notice boards, our web-sites and via Facebook.

1.1.5 Required at the Meeting of Parishioners will be the election of Church Wardens for the coming year. Notice is given of our intention to pass a resolution to dispense with the "disqualification after six periods of office rule" for churchwardens, this to remain in place until revoked at a subsequent meeting of parishioners.

1.1.6 Required at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will the election of FOUR members to the PCC – for a period of three years and the appointment of an Independent Examiner or Auditor. There are no Deanery Synod elections during 2021.

1.2 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

1.2.1 The Parochial Church Council of the Parish Stockport and Brinnington (PCC) submits its reports and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2020.

1.2.2 The PCC is required to report on changes to the Electoral Roll of the parish since the last APCM; to report on the proceedings of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting; to make available financial statements for the year ending of the 31st December preceding the meeting; to report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church (or churches) of the parish; to report on the proceedings of the deanery synod and on other matters of parochial or general interest.

1.3 Aims & Purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting, within 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 (technically a closed church but used for other purposes).

1.4 Objectives & Activities

The PCC is committed to the success of this relatively 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.

1.5 Administrative Information

Rector:	Rev Lynne Cullens
Associate Minister:	Rev Jess Piper
Curate:	Rev Marie Flint
Ordinands:	Jane Crook & Geoff Reyner
Readers:	Brenda Baxendale & Rita Waters

Churchwardens:	St Mary's	Sue Heap & Adam Pinder
	St Thomas'	Jayne Brindley & Anne Jepson
	St Luke's	Paul Heard & James Kitchen

PCC Elected Members

St Mary's	David Birch / <u>Tony Marsh</u> / <u>Catriona Smith</u>
St Thomas'	<u>John Brierley</u> / <u>Harry Long</u> / <u>Kevin Morgan</u> / Peter Nelson / <u>Jane Scott</u>
St Luke's	<u>Mal Donohoe</u> / Pat Hamilton / <u>Jen Goulden</u> / Herbert Quick

[Retiring: David Birch, Pat Hamilton, Peter Nelson, Herbert Quick]

PCC Appointments:

Vice Chair:	Peter Nelson
Secretary:	Sue Heap
Treasurer:	Kevin Morgan
Electoral Roll Officer:	Eric Tomlinson
Safeguarding Co-ordinator:	Brenda Baxendale

Environmental Officer (new)	Pat Hamilton	(from Jan 2021)
GDPR Co-ordinator	Sue Heap	

Deanery Synod Representatives	Linda Mather / Kevin Morgan / Adam Pinder
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St Luke's Centre Manager	Linda Mather
Parish Administrator	Sue Heap

External Examiner/Auditor	Haskell Woolfe Accountants
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2. Ministry Team Reports

2.1 Report of the Rector – Rev Lynne Cullens

With the enforced delay in holding last year's APCM, it feels as if this piece comes hard on the heels of my previous Report to you, but much has changed over the intervening months and it's a new and largely unknown world into which we're shortly to emerge.

Amidst the grief, anxiety and challenge of the past year, there have been blessings across the Parish for which I am sincerely grateful. So, to those who have extended care to others in our congregations and beyond, thank you. To those who have led and supported our worship both online and in person, thank you. To those who have come to me with visions for new ministries and outreach, thank you. To those who have continued to support the Parish financially and administratively and brought us through, thank you. And to God for all of the above and more, thank you.

The past year has seen our world, its economy, its value system and the very nature of the Church, exposed by the ravages of the pandemic. Stripped of the veneer of resilience, our society has been shown to be deeply flawed and none of us can, or should, stand apart from that. But the peculiar pressures of the pandemic, and the enforced fast from physical worship in particular, have birthed something of a quiet revolution in the Church. As church has gone online, as we have found new ways of being a worshipping, serving community of faith, we have reached people who have rarely, or perhaps ever, encountered Church before. And research suggests that those people are younger and more diverse and that they're actively seeking to know more about their relationship with God.

But, statistics aside, having St Mary's Church open over Easter weekend has also been enlightening on this. Young professionals came, people of different ethnicities came, those determined to change from lifestyles involving crime and addiction came, those who had stopped going to church because they had been made to feel it 'wasn't for people like them', came. And they blessed us with their understanding and insights into God.

So this is the opportunity that we have now as a Parish in the year ahead; to build a new form of church that seeks to learn of Christ from those closest to him. That seeks to take our witness to the love and mercy of God out into our communities in myriad new ways. That brings the transforming power of Christ to those he is drawing to us; those seeking love, community, relationship, dignity and voice.

Archbishop Rowan Williams once famously said that we 'should see what God is doing and join in'. God is doing something powerful in his Church here in Stockport and Brinnington, the wind of his holy spirit is blowing through it. Let's join in. Let's use the opportunity of a large ministry team, of new vocations and emerging leaders, of growing relationships with schools, of creative ways of engaging online, of burgeoning links with sister churches and agencies across the town, and let's each and every one of us join in.

Let's not just build back better, but build back braver, more encouraged, more joyful and, pray God, more faithful to his will. And we pray His continued guiding and blessing as we navigate our way ahead.

With love, prayers and every blessing, Lynne

2.2 Associate Minister's Report - Revd Jess Piper

Although much of our time this year has been spent under varying forms of restrictions, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is still much to rejoice in.

We have continued to support our schools, both practically, in providing food and clothing, and spiritually, in producing an online resource for collective worship. I have been hugely encouraged by the engagement with our online worship, especially the schools' involvement in the service with the Bishop in November and also the Easter Garden challenge for our service on Easter Day.

I have also maintained regular contact with Headteachers or RE leads in each of the 5 primary schools in our parish – all of whom are appreciative of the support and are open to us growing our relationship once restrictions allow.

We are also looking to partner with Stockport Christians in Schools on an after-school club.

We partnered with St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall to provide 55 luxury hampers at Christmastime and are now working with them in providing regular food donations to St Paul's school in Brinnington. A huge thank you to them for their continued support.

The Community Support Fund continues to have a healthy budget and enables us to support some of those families most in need. I am working on expanding this, to incorporate other projects across the parish, as well as re-branding for wider advertising/engagement.

Jess

2.3 Curate's Report – Rev Marie Flint

I started my curacy at Stockport and Brinnington in July 2020 in the middle of the Covid pandemic and was licensed via zoom; my ordination to the Diaconate being a trimmed down affair in October. Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome in a difficult time and to all those who came along 'virtually' to my licensing and ordination, in support. Thanks to everyone who has wished me well and prayed for me and for those who supported me in the ordination celebration service at St. Mary's. My ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled for 19th June 2021 at 5pm – the details of which are yet to be released. I have also commenced a Post-Graduate Diploma at Chester University, which I am enjoying so far, and my learning is proving useful for Parish Ministry. I pray that it will, together with excellent supervision from Lynne and support from the Ministry team and the congregation, continue to shape my ministry here into fruitfulness.

It has been a challenge for me to get to know people well during the pandemic but I do feel that I am beginning to build relationships, particularly with some of the St. Luke's congregation who are most vulnerable and have been socially isolated, with regular phone calls and door step socially distanced visits.

In response to National Lockdown in March, and in my former role as Children's and Families worker, together with some technical support from my husband Simon, we launched Stockport Parish PewTube, which has just reached its 1st birthday. The channel has nearly 100 subscribers, has produced over 200 videos and has had over 10.9 thousand views and 857 watched hours at time of

writing. PewTube has not only sustained us while we have been unable to physically meet in our church buildings, but it has also been wonderful to be able to involve a huge variety of people and to see their leadership gifts unleashed and flourish in this media. Thank you to everyone who helps put our content together.

Our social media presence via PewTube and our Facebook pages have also given us a great opportunity to engage with our communities, particularly through our Carol Service, Stockport Sings Christmas and the Christmas Angel Project. Thanks to Catriona, who inspired us and led with the angels, the project was particularly successful with tens of thousands of people across Stockport and beyond seeing the post and sharing it. Around 50 people offered to knit angels to share with the community. Those who knitted told us that they had welcomed the opportunity to take part in something joyful and fun during the pandemic and they had found the knitting process positive for their mental health. It would be brilliant to build on these new relationships in the future. Please do 'like' and 'share' the Parish social media posts. It is fantastic witness to our community. I look forward to helping to develop our social media presence in the future. It has huge potential for witness, evangelism and outreach, which we are only scratching the surface of at present.

Together with Jane, our ordinand, we plan to bring together an urban retreat, based at St. Mary's called 'Encounter' from 22nd September to 26th September 2021, which will coincide with Stockport Foodie Friday on the last Friday of the month. We plan to have a school's day, 3 days of prayer stations, guided resources for people to encounter God for themselves in Stockport Town Centre, worship, art displays and community and congregation involvement, finishing with a shared meal and a worship service on the Sunday afternoon. Please do get in contact if you would like to be involved in the planning and/or delivery of this exciting project.

I look forward to encountering God with you and discovering what He has planned for us all together in the future.

Marie

2.4 Ordinands Report – Jane Crooks

restore

In January this year, I was struck afresh by the fact that there are many in our church congregations who have experienced real suffering and loss since the start of 2020. And outside the church there are many, many more.

I was reminded that Jesus is the One who can restore the souls of the bruised and broken people in our churches and our communities. After all, Psalm 23, which is perhaps the best-known Psalm, also speaks of God, the Good Shepherd, restoring our souls. But how could the church provide an opportunity for people to take a little time out of their busy lives and encounter God in a really gentle and unthreatening way?

Out of those first thoughts came the idea for 'restore': a short, weekly service of Bible readings, beautiful music and prayers. The aim is to offer a sacred space of healing and restoration for all those who need the opportunity to think and pray in a quiet, undemanding place. No participation will be required and people can either leave immediately at the end or stay for longer if they want to. There will be chance after the service to chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake, once restrictions allow.

I do hope that you will come, if you're free and perhaps even bring a neighbour. I expect we all know people who have had a really difficult year. I hope that 'restore' will help them and others like them to discover something of God's loving care and compassion, over the next weeks and months.

Initially 'restore' will run at St Mary's, from 12 to 12.20pm on Thursdays, starting on 27th May.

Vocations

I am a Second Year Ordinand, training for ministry with St Mellitus College in Liverpool and in November, I was given a placement in the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington. I would like to thank all those who have already welcomed me into the parish, despite the constraints of lockdown. I feel privileged to be an ordinand in this parish, at this particular time: there are so many areas in which this parish is seeking to move forwards and I am really grateful for the opportunity to be involved.

A vocation is, of course, something that all of us have and it does not have to involve ordained ministry! Although I have not been here very long, I can already see that this is a parish where many people have a sense of vocation and are already serving faithfully in a variety of crucial roles. It has also been thrilling, even in the last few weeks, to see members of the congregation stepping up to serve God in new ways, as they discover a new sense of vocation and take the risk of offering to do something different.

It has also been very encouraging to discover that some people are currently considering more formal lay training. The Diocese of Chester runs a course called 'Foundations for Ministry' which many people have found really helpful, as they have explored how God has uniquely called and equipped them for ministry in the church and in the world. Perhaps as all we emerge from lockdown, many of us will take the opportunity to review how we are investing our time and talents. There are many exciting possibilities in the parish and beyond.

Jane

2.5 Ordinands Report – Geoff Reyner

Geoff Reyner, our Ordinand who is with us until end of July states;

"I am very much enjoying my Placement with the Parish and the encouragement from the Ministry team as well as members of all 3 congregations who I have met on Zoom. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person in the next few months. I have been involved in a number of group activities such as Together and in particular the OPEN sessions on a Tuesday night. There are attendees from all 3 churches and we have a very friendly and committed group of people. We have just completed a 5 week lent course in which I led 2 off the sessions, and it was good training for me going forward. I have chaired many meetings of various types – commercial and personal interest, but this was different. We enjoyed some breakout sessions and lively discussion was held around the course topics. The Lockdown we are all enduring was the main theme and hopefully, God willing, we can see light at the end of the tunnel."

3. The Parochial Church Council

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 the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington is not a registered charity.

3.1 Report of the PCC Secretary

Those invited to attend meetings of the PCC at the present time are:

Brenda Baxendale [R]	David Birch [E]	John Brearley [E]	Jayne Brindley [C]
Lynne Cullens	Marilyn Donohoe [E]	Marie Flint	Jennifer Goulden E]
Pat Hamilton [E]	Sue Heap {C/Secretary]	Paul Heard [C]	Anne Jepson [C]
James Kitchen[C]	Harry Long [E]	Tony Marsh [E]	Linda Mather [DS]
Kevin Morgan [DS/E/Treasurer]	Peter Nelson [E]	Adam Pinder [C/DS]	Jess Piper
Herbert Quick [E]	Jane Scott [E]	Catriona Smith [E]	

With an invitation now extended to Jane Crooks and Geoff Reyner

R = Reader

E – Elected member

C =Churchwarden

DS = Deanery Synod representative

PCC meetings (via Zoom) took place on what would normally have been a “new” year on the 15th June / 1st July / 24th August & 1st October prior to the APCM elections on the 18th October 2020. Meetings of the new PCC continued on the 2nd November, 11th January 2021 and 8th March with a final meeting before the 2021 APCM scheduled for the 7th April. All meetings were quorate (i.e. one-third of its members [or in the case of an emergency a majority of its members] - the majority of the members present being lay persons) and well attended. In addition to Zoom meetings (where formal Minutes are prepared) where necessary issues have been “discussed” and decisions made via e:mail – these in particular were regarding church opening arrangements in view of Covid restrictions when a weekly review took place.

Structure, Governance and Management

Church Representation Rules 2020 - Copies of the publication are available from Church House Publishing ISBN 978-0-7151-1158-1

4. Deanery Synod Representation

There was one meeting in 2020 on 12th March 2020. We had a guest speaker, Emily Allen the Diocesan Church Buildings Missioner. The discussions were around the challenges and opportunities of our buildings.

The planned Deanery away day and November meeting were not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adam Pinder (March 2021)

5. 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.

Electoral Roll Numbers: St Mary's 57; St Thomas' 50; St Luke's 34 = Total: 141
From those named on the Roll – 37 are resident in the parish / 104 are non-residents

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

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

Due to Covid 19 continued restrictions and further lockdown since the last APCM report works have been limited to essential items only. Contractor access to the premises has kindly been arranged via the Ministry Team for which I am most grateful. Items listed on the Quinquennial Inspection Report of November 2018 (and as otherwise previously identified) remain outstanding.

As a matter of interest it can be reported that in recent weeks:

- The third **replacement boiler (and new heating control)** has been fitted – funding for this being part of the Cultural Recovery Grant awarded for 2020/21
- Also being funded from the Cultural Recovery Grant - the **step lift in the Heritage Centre** area of the church has finally been repaired and is now fully operational. It has also been inspected by an independent engineer (as required by legislation). Inspections will continue take place on a six-monthly basis in addition to scheduled service visits. **Care needs to be taken to ensure that the power to the lift is never disconnected and the batteries allowed to drain.**
- **Outstanding repairs to the Fire Alarm and replacement of Fire Extinguishers** – difficulties remain ongoing contacting our contractors for essential Fire Alarm repairs and for the necessary replacement of some Fire Extinguishers - with the hope that these issues can be resolved in the near future. Both items required to be to necessary standard before the church is fully open again and use is made of electrical kitchen appliances.
- **Upgrades and necessary maintenance St Mary's clock** - work continues into another financial year - in liaison with the Diocese and Stockport Council - to make necessary arrangements for the replacement of the "autowind" system, repairs to the escapement and installation pendulum regulator to the Turret Clock at St Mary's. Also including electrical works. Public notice period now envisaged for April/May 2021 prior to works being completed May/June (2021) funded by Stockport Council.
- **Essential works to the flag pole** have now been completed (at least in part) which will allow for the flag to be flown for special occasions. Further testing and roof works pending.

SMHeap – 1/4/21

6.2 St Andrew's (Hall Street)

There were no major issues reported during 2020 although we are aware that gutter cleaning and possible roof repairs may need to be made in the near future. Repairs to damage to internal light fitting also required.

Grounds maintenance continues to be undertaken by A T Garden Services.

SMHeap – 1/4/21

6.3 St Thomas' Church. Stockport

Fabric report 2020

This year's Quinquennial Inspection reported nothing that we were not already aware of and during the year nothing has been done to rectify the many defects and problems that exist as listed in last year's report.

The area of ceiling in the North West corner of the gallery which was treated with damp proof solution and repainted by Mr Davidson at the same time as the West gallery wall was painted now has a hole where further water ingress has penetrated.

Paintwork to the South gallery ceiling has further deteriorated due to rainwater ingress.

The broken windows (upper NW ante room and "Rector's vestry") still need repair

The drainpipes still need painting

Drains around the churchyard were cleaned out but several require further cleaning by a professional company

Potholes in the driveways have become worse

All accessible vegetation growth around the roof parapet was removed. However Buddleia has once again established itself beneath the portico netting and will require professional action to remove (*Acorn Environmental*) *If left alone the growth of the plant will break the netting and allow pigeon access.*

Further deterioration of the chicken wire protection to the bell chamber louvres has allowed access to pigeons which are now nesting.

More graffiti has appeared within the portico and neighbours have reported Anti-Social Behaviour in that area. We still await the erection of gates to the East entrance and at the time of writing (March 27) Planning Permission and Faculty have been approved and we now await the appointment of a contractor and PCC approval.

Our church still remains on the "*Churches at Risk Register*"

This will be my last Fabric Report and I pray that, before too long, funding may be found to restore this magnificent Place of Worship to its former grandeur

Eddie Lockett

27 March 2021 - I went on the roof today to check on rainwater drainage and found all to be OK. I removed vegetation growth from the exposed joints in the parapet stonework and noticed that, in several places, the mortar between the parapet stonework and the lead gutter flashing is in a poor condition.

ORGAN REPORT for St Thomas' Church – April 2021

The last report on St Thomas' organ was in April 2019. Most of that is still relevant, but below is the current (favourable) situation.

The organ was last tuned in December 2019 and used as normal up to the last (to date) Sung Eucharist on 15th March 2020. Since then, the organ has been silent for most of the three Covid-19 “lockdowns”, when the church was closed for worship. When the church has been able to open for Sunday worship, only incidental music has been played, and this situation is likely to continue for some time.

During the first “lockdown” (March – August 2020) organists were eventually allowed access, mainly to exercise the organ, but also to practise. Pipe organs need fairly regular playing to keep parts in working order and, in some cases, to help keep vermin at bay! 13 of the 21 weeks were thus used. The organ was not played at all during the last two “lockdowns” (Nov 2020 + Jan–April 2021) but, when church services resumed on April 11th, the organ, blower and humidifier were all in good fettle. Tuning is generally good and a full wind supply can be held on full organ, supporting the general advice from Harrison & Harrison, our tuners, not to use the organ more than necessary.

Tuning and maintenance has been suspended since March 2020 – indeed, a number of H&H's staff have been furlowed, including Ian, our tuner. Depending on developments, it would be prudent to have a tuning and maintenance session before the end of this year. Some maintenance is evident, but nothing that affects current playing requirements. Over the past few years we have been fortunate in H&H's generosity – first, the original annual tuning contract of three visits has been allowed to dwindle to two, occasionally one, without comment or penalty – second, the condition of the organ owes a lot to the expertise of H&H's tuners. It should also be noted (see 2019 Report) that the double glazing and more stable heating in church undoubtedly help keep the organ in a stable condition.

Peter Mayo

12.04.2021 – for APCM 25th April 2021

6.4 St Luke's Brinnington

The structure of St Luke's building continues to deteriorate.

St Luke's is a 60 plus year old prefab building which is rapidly reaching its sell by date. There are numerous issues which need addressing. This was highlighted in last year's report and the decision was taken to explore new ways to make best use of the building.

The options looked at were as below,

- 1/ Redesign and refurbish the existing building.
- 2/ A new Church built on the current site.

The working committee looked at and discussed the above and instructed a team of architects to look at the possibilities of both options.

With detailed plans having been drawn up it was planned to throw this open to discussion and consultation to the Church congregation and community of Brinnington. Alas prior to this happening the circumstances of “ Covid “ ruined all these plans, numerous Zoom meetings were held to try to move this forward.

The current situation is that as soon as possible we will hold these open meetings with the community, architects, and the building committee to further the future of the Church in Brinnington and continue to do God’s work in very difficult and trying circumstances.

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

Paul & James.

7 Safeguarding Report

I was appointed Safeguarding Co-ordinator following the APCM in October 2020.

The first thing that had to be put in place was the parish policy ‘Promoting a Safe Church’ for adoption by the PCC early in 2021, this has to be reviewed annually.

As the new parish all safeguarding checks and training has to be undertaken and this will take place in the new year. Our safeguarding policy and posters with details of contacts will be displayed in all our churches.

Our aim is to ensure the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington is a ‘Safe, Loving and Caring’ place for Everyone in our community and beyond.

Brenda Baxendale

Safeguarding Co-ordinator

8. GDPR (Data Protection)

8.1 The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on the 25th May 2018 and it is generally assumed that necessary checks and policies were adopted at the time by St Mary’s, St Thomas’ and St Luke’s under the old parishes. *The 2018 legislation replaced the previous law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) giving individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes are required to comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation.*

8.2 With the merger of the three churches and formation of the Parish of Stockport and Brinnington it was recognised that data protection regulations needed to be reviewed and a single policy adopted by the new parish.

8.3 This work has been delayed to some degree over the last year, although we are confident that we are in no way in breach of any of the GDPR requirements. However a new audit/review will be undertaken in the coming months – as the parish expands and new initiatives are undertaken - and a new policy will be presented for adoption by the PCC in due course.

8.4 To note – that although the United Kingdom left the European Union on the 31st January 2020 after the transition period the UK was no longer regulated domestically by the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Instead, the UK passed its own version into law, known as the UK-GDPR (United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation) which took effect on Exit Day.

9. Treasurers Report(s) – Kevin Morgan

Finance report 2020

The accounts this year have been produced as a single parish this will allow the parish to apply to be registered as a charity and will bring greater opportunities to apply for funding opportunities.

The breakdown sheet provides the opportunity to review the financial status of the individual churches. Of particular note is that the planned giving has held up well with some additional donors moving to bank donations. These continued regular donations have enabled the churches to continue to operate.

There has been significant reduction in income as a result of the suspension of some of the activities including the closure of the café at St Mary's, the suspension of the social venture at St Luke's and hirers not being able to use St Andrew's and St Luke's. This reduction in income has been masked this year in the overall financial figures because of a rebate of overpaid parish share for 2019. In addition we received a £2000 grant from the diocese and also negotiated a temporary reduction in parish share due for the year.

The income for St Mary's was boosted by receiving a grant to fund a number of items deemed essential to allow the building to open again a sum in excess of £30,000 has been provided and this must be spent by the end of June 2021. St Luke's have also been fortunate to receive a legacy of nearly £13,000 which will be used to support the plans for the building.

The long term tenant of the former curate's house at Richardson St moved into sheltered accommodation towards the end of the year and the rental income for this property has now stopped. A proposal for the future of this property will be discussed at the first meeting of the new PCC.

We are currently starting the cautious exit from lockdown and resuming regular activities. It is therefore hopeful that we will be able to resume safe commercial activities across the parish in the second half of the year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Sue for the everyday financial management and record keeping at St Mary's and to Jane for her support with St Thomas's and St Luke's. The final thank-you goes once again to all who give so generously and regularly in support of the parish, without you the financial reports would be looking significantly different.

PCC Stockport and Brinnington statement of financial activity
for year ended 31st December 2020 (Excludes St Mary Restricted funds)

Overall summary

Voluntary giving	
Planned giving	£ 50,749
Collections at services	£ 5,416
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 9,776
Gift Aid recovered (planned giving and one-off donations)	£ 17,170
Legacies received (capital value)	£ 12,845
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 30,060
Total voluntary giving	£ 126,016
Activities for generating funds	
Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ -
Income from investments	
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 3,102
Church activities	
Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 269
Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ 10,690
Other incoming resources	
Other receipts not already listed	
Total	
RECEIPTS	£ 140,077

Costs of generating funds	
Costs of fundraising activities	£ 75
Church activities	
Mission giving and donations	£ 3,079
Diocesan parish share contribution	-£ 6,925
Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 7,624
Clergy and staff expenses	£ 4,782
Church expenses	
Mission and evangelism costs	£ 2,542
Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 25,187
Church utility bills	£ 18,229
Costs of trading	£ 12,023
Major capital expenditure	
Major repairs to the church building	£ 259
Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	£ -
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	£ 1,113
Other expenditure	
Other payments not already listed	
Totals	
PAYMENTS	£ 67,986
Change to unrestricted funds (Receipts - payments)	£ 72,091
Unrestricted funds at 31/12/2019	£ 44,955
Fund transfers	-£ 11,783
Unrestricted funds as 31/12/2020	£ 105,263
CASH BALANCES	UNRESTRICTED
Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/20	£ 119,627
Consisting of	
Unrestricted funds	£ 105,263
St Luke building fund	£ 13,270
Community fund	£ 1,094

**PCC Stockport and Brinnington statement of Financial activity
for year ended 31st December 2020 (Excludes St Mary Restricted funds)**

Receipts - detail

Voluntary giving	St Mary	St Thomas	St Luke	Combined
Planned giving (1)				
Tax-Efficient planned giving	£ 11,955	£ 27,154	£ 4,310	£ 43,418
Other Planned Giving	£ 4,492	£ 999	£ 1,840	£ 7,331
Collections at services (3)				
Loose cash collections	£ 1,566	£ 192	£ 352	£ 2,110
Other gift Aid	£ 3,103	£ 203		£ 3,306
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off) (4)				
Community Fund gift Aid		£ 1,680		£ 1,680
Community Fund Non Gift Aid		£ 400		£ 400
Planned giving other churches	£ 180			£ 180
Wall Safe Donations		£ 105		£ 105
Candles	£ 425	£ 45		£ 471
Charity collections	£ 297	£ 826		£ 1,123
General donations	£ 1,200	£ 20	£ 2,333	£ 3,552
Presentation		£ 265		£ 265
Shared income			£ 2,000	£ 2,000
Gift Aid recovered (planned giving and one-off donations) (6)	£ 6,873	£ 7,893	£ 1,983	£ 16,750
Tax recovered on community fund gift aid (6)		£ 420		£ 420
Legacies received (capital value) (7)		£ -	£ 12,845	£ 12,845
Grants (include recurring and one-off) (8)	£ 30,060	£ -		£ 30,060
Total voluntary giving	£ 60,151	£ 40,202	£ 25,663	£ 126,016
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising activities (gross proceeds) (9)				
Income from investments				
Interest	£ 15	£ 7		£ 22
Richardson St		£ 3,080		£ 3,080
Total income from investments	£ 15	£ 3,087	£ -	£ 3,102
Church activities				
Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.) (11)	£ 31	£ 227	£ 11	£ 269
Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising (12)				£ -
Hire of St Andrews	£ 6,093			£ 6,093
Commercial other	£ 569			£ 569
Nave Café Income	£ 2,095			£ 2,095
Parish centre income			£ 1,933	£ 1,933
Total receipts from Church Activities	£ 8,788	£ 227	£ 1,944	£ 10,959
Other incoming resources				
Other receipts not already listed (13)				
RECEIPTS	£ 68,953	£ 43,517	£ 27,607	£ 140,077

**PCC Stockport and Brinnington statement of financial activity
for year ended 31st December 2020 (Excludes St Mary Restricted funds)**

Payments - detail

	St Mary	St Thomas	St Luke	Combined
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of fundraising activities	74.94			74.94
Total cost of generating funds	74.94	-		74.94
Church activities				
Mission giving and donations (18)	£ 297	£ 1,376		£ 1,673
Mission fund expenditure (18)		£ 1,406		£ 1,406
Diocesan parish share contribution (19)	-£ 3,225	-£ 2,129	-£ 1,572	-£ 6,925
Salaries, wages and honoraria (20)		£ 2,604	£ 5,020	£ 7,624
Curate housing (21)		£ 2,322		£ 2,322
Rectory council tax (21)	£ 209	£ 1,045		£ 1,254
Rectory telephone (21)	£ 1,205			£ 1,205
Total Church Activities	-£ 1,514	£ 6,625	£ 3,448	£ 8,559
Church expenses				
Mission and evangelism costs (22)				
Website	£ 373		£ 193	£ 566
Childrens work		£ 1,976		£ 1,976
Church running expenses (including governance) (23)			£ -	£ -
Altar expenses	£ 103	£ 42	£ -	£ 145
Audit fees	£ 360			£ 360
Caretaking supplies	£ 705			£ 705
Choir		£ 107		£ 107
Choral		£ 200		£ 200
Church insurance	£ 6,679	£ 7,707	£ 2,412	£ 16,798
Church maintenance and repairs	£ 956	£ 918	£ 564	£ 2,438
Church phone	£ 1,234	£ 271	£ 152	£ 1,657
Flowers		£ 113		£ 113
Organ maintenance		£ 663		£ 663
Parking	£ 99			£ 99
Presentation		£ 42		£ 42
Printing, stationery, postage, licences	£ 1,336	£ 163	£ 105	£ 1,604
Shared expenditure	£ 92		£ 119	£ 211
Sundries	£ 11	£ 34		£ 45
Church utility bills (24)	£ 7,821	£ 6,247	£ 4,160	£ 18,229
Costs of trading (25)				£ -
Nave Café Costs	£ 3,349			£ 3,349
St Andrew costs	£ 7,027			£ 7,027
Richardson St		£ 1,647		£ 1,647
Total Church expenses	£ 30,146	£ 20,129	£ 7,704	£ 57,980
Major capital expenditure				
Major repairs to the church building (27)		£ 259	£ -	£ 259
Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration (28)				£ -
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property. (29)			£ 1,113	£ 1,113
Total Major capital expenditure	£ -	£ 259	£ 1,113	£ 1,372
Other expenditure				
Other payments not already listed				-
				-
Total other payments				-
Totals				-
PAYMENTS	£ 28,707	£ 27,014	£ 12,265	67,986
Change to Unrestricted funds at 31/12/2020	£ 40,246	£ 16,503	£ 15,342	72,091

PCC Stockport and Brinnington statement of financial activity
for year ended 31st December 2020 (Excludes St Mary Restricted funds)
Fund transfers - detail

Fund transfers	St Mary	St Thomas	St Luke	Combined
Closure of St Mary School fund	£ 3,140			£ 3,140
Transfer from Harold Beard	£ 390			£ 390
Transfer to interior	-£ 2,850			-£ 2,850
Transfer to St Luke	-£ 180			-£ 180
Transfer from St Luke to St Thomas		£ 1,881		£ 1,881
Transfer from Organ Fund		£ 268		£ 268
Transfer to community fund		-£ 1,094		-£ 1,094
Closure of St Luke Vicarage fund			£ 767	£ 767
Closure of St Luke mission community fund			£ 190	£ 190
Closure of St Luke mission fund			£ 318	£ 318
Transfer to St Luke building fund			-£ 12,732	-£ 12,732
Transfer to St Thomas			-£ 1,881	-£ 1,881
Total transfers	£ 500	£ 1,055	-£ 13,338	-£ 11,783
Unrestricted Balance at 31/12/2019	£ 12,345	£ 20,992	£ 11,618	£ 44,955
Unrestricted Balance at 31/12/2020	£ 53,091	£ 38,550	£ 13,622	£ 105,263

Funds breakdown and other restricted funds - detail

	St Mary	St Thomas	St Luke	Combined	
Unrestricted Balance at 31/12/2020	£ 53,091	£ 38,550	£ 13,622	£ 105,263	
St Luke building fund	£ -	£ -	£ 13,270		
Community fund		£ 1,094			
Total funds	£ 53,091	£ 39,644	£ 26,892	£ 119,627	
CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES	St Mary	St Thomas	St Luke	Combined	
Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/20				£ -	
St Mary current account (Includes grant of £30,060)	£ 48,858			£ 48,858	
St Thomas + PCC Stockport and Brinnington (see below)		£ 29,450	£ -	£ 29,450	
St Luke Current and CCLA account			£ 26,610	£ 26,610	
Outstanding Debtors	£ 7,263	£ 10,194	£ 2,163	£ 19,621	
Outstanding Liabilities	£ 3,030	£ -	£ 1,881	£ 4,911	
			£ -	£ -	
				£ -	
Total Cash Value 31/12/2020	£ 53,091	£ 39,644	£ 26,892	£ 119,627	
St Thomas + PCC Stockport and Brinnington - Breakdown of funds	Value				
St Thomas Current account	£ 20,202				
St Thomas Deposit account	£ 8,344				
PCC Stockport and Brinnington	£ 901				
Cash in hand	£ 2				
Total available funds	£ 29,450				
	31/12/2019	Receipts / Transfer in	Interest	Payments / Transfer out	31/12/2020
St Mary restricted funds other accounts					
St Mary Appeal fund (Nat West)	£ 31,643			£ 780	£ 30,863
Interior account (Natwest)	£ 4,812	£ 2,850		£ 2,176	£ 5,486
Harold Beard - Current account (NatWest)	£ 666				£ 666
Harold Beard - Business reserve (NatWest)	£ 20,920	£ 2,397	£ 19	£ 390	£ 22,945
Business Reserve (Nat West)	£ 126				£ 126
Stockport St Mary PCC (CCLA)	£ 681		£ 3		£ 684
Hallworth (CCLA)	£ 1,761		£ 7		£ 1,768
Stipend Account (CCLA)	£ 2,700				£ 2,700
Curacy A/c (CCLA)	£ 4,761				£ 4,761
Stockport School (Nat West) - Closure of account	£ 3,140			£ 3,140	£ -
Total restricted funds					£ 69,999

Report to follow

St Thomas' Appeal Fund December 2020

2019. Reserve Acc. 3-77
 Current Acc 14724-77
 Cash in hand 35-52

2020 Receipts.
 B/forward. 35-52
 Lucky Numbers 440-00
 Marmalade/Coffee 40-00
515-52

Reserve Acc. 3-77
 Current Acc 14724-77
 515-52
 Cash in hand 48
15244-54

2020 Reserve Acc. 3-77
 Current Acc 15064-77

Payments.

Lucky Numbers 156-00
 Marmalade/Coffee 20-00

Reserve Acc. 3-77
 Current Acc. 15064-77
 Lucky Numbers 156-00
 Marmalade/Coffee. 20-00
15244-54

I certify these figures to be true and correct

J Derbyshire 31/4/21

PARISH of STOCKPORT and BRINNINGTON

St Mary St Thomas St Luke

STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH

Annual Meeting 18th October 2020 (via Zoom)

Meeting of Parishioners

- Election of Churchwardens: St Mary (2): St Thomas (2): St Luke (2)

Jayne Brindley (St Thomas)

Proposer: Jane Scott Seconder: Sarah Mason

Susan Heap (St Mary's)

Proposer: Carol Taylor Seconder: Barbara Ashton

Paul Heard (St Luke)

Proposer: Beatrice Kitchen Seconder: Linda Mather

Anne Jepson (St Thomas)

Proposer: Kevin Morgan Seconder: Jane Scott

James Kitchen (St Luke)

Proposer: Rosalind McKell Seconder: Harry McKell

Adam Pinder (St Mary's)

Proposer: David Birch Seconder: Isobel Clarkson

Agreed: Proposed: Peter Nelson / Seconded: Mark Clough

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- *Welcome & Introduction from the Rector of Stockport & Brinnington*

Meeting open with prayers and a short verbal report from Lynne including encouraging comments received from the Archdeacon of Macclesfield – Ian Bishop.

Express thanks given to Sue Heap , Kevin Morgan, Linda Mather (including Graham) and a special tribute to Richard Scott – a powerhouse at St Thomas' leaving behind a wonderful choral legacy.

- *Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners held in April 2019 (as approved by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield)*

Accepted: Proposed: David Birth / Seconded: Eddie Lockett

- *Presentation of Electoral Roll*

Received: with special thanks to Eric Tomlinson (Electoral Roll Officer) for completion of the revised Electoral Roll for this coming year.

- *Election of Deanery Synod Membership (3) (3 years)*

Linda Mather:	Nominated: Brenda Baxendale	Seconded:	Paul Heard
Kevin Morgan:	Nominated	Seconded	
Adam Pinder:	Nominated: Catriona Smith	Seconded:	David Birch

Agreed: Proposed Jayne Brindley / Seconded Jane Scott

- *Election of Members to the Parochial Church Council (4)(3 years)*

<i>John Brearley</i>	<i>Nominated: Sarah Mason</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Kevin Morgan</i>
<i>Tony Marsh</i>	<i>Nominated: Sue Heap</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Isobel Clarkson</i>
<i>Kevin Morgan</i>	<i>Nominated: Jennifer Wallace</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Pat Lockett</i>
<i>Jane Scott</i>	<i>Nominated: Jennifer Wallace</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Sarah Mason</i>

Agreed: Proposed: Peter Nelson / Seconded: Pat Hamilton

- *Presentation of Annual Report & Financial Statements*

INCLUDING SUPPORTING REPORTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES 2020

Overview given to (a) contents of the report generally and (b) the financial reports/statements - any queries/questions answered.

Financial statement overview given by Kevin Morgan and Adam Pinder.

Thanks expressed by the Treasurer to all those who had assisted with the preparation of these accounts – Sue – Adam – Gillian – Jayne.

Agreed: Proposed: John Brearley / Seconded: Peter Nelson

Thanks to those involved in the preparation of the Fabric Reports – churchwardens - with a particular thanks to Eddie Lockett for completing the report for St Luke's. No further comment made on these at this time.

Annual Report formally accepted and agreed:

Proposed: Jane Scott / Seconded: Catriona Smith [previously agreed by the PCC – draft of 1st October]

Final version with minor amendments and copy of the Examiners Report to be issued by the end of October (receipt of report pending from Accountants)

NB: *To be confirmed at the first meeting of the PCC - appointment of Brenda Baxendale as Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the parish. Thanks to Brenda for offering to take over this presently vacant role. All PCC appointments to be made/confirmed at that meeting: Treasurer/Secretary/Electoral Roll Officer/Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Sides-persons.*

➤ *Appointment of External Examiner/Auditor*

Haskell Woolfe Accountants

Agreed: Proposed: Adam Pinder / Seconded: Brenda Baxendale

Appearing on screen:

<i>Jane Allnutt</i>	<i>Sheila Andrews</i>	<i>Brenda Baxendale</i>	<i>David Birch</i>
<i>John Brearley</i>	<i>Jayne Brindley</i>	<i>Gillian/Mark Clough</i>	<i>Lynne Cullens</i>
<i>Marie Flint</i>	<i>Jennie Goulden</i>	<i>Pat Hamilton</i>	<i>Sue Heap</i>
<i>Paul Heard</i>	<i>Anne Jepson</i>	<i>Jim Kitchen</i>	<i>Eddie/Pat Lockett</i>
<i>Sarah Mason</i>	<i>Linda Mather</i>	<i>Kevin Morgan</i>	<i>Peter Nelson</i>
<i>Adam Pinder</i>	<i>Jess Piper</i>	<i>Jane Scott</i>	<i>Catriona Smith</i>
<i>Ann Stewardson</i>	<i>Eric Tomlinson</i>		

Via Telephone link: Heather Chant Margaret Forster

Apologies: Marilyn Donohoe Tony Marsh SMH.18 /10/2020