

# St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby



## MISSION AND ACTIVITIES IN 2019



### Members of the PCC 2019-2020

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2019, the Parochial Church Council comprised the Rector, the Licensed Readers, the Churchwardens and the elected representatives to the Deanery Synod, all as *ex-officio* members. Because of the fall in the number of people on the Electoral Roll, the number of elected members was reduced from 15 to twelve. They represent the congregations for three years and then retire, but are eligible for re-election. The names of members following the Annual Meeting in 2019 are shown below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Until</b>
Revd J Turner	Rector	Ex Officio	-
Mrs E Whitehead	Warden	Ex Officio (since Apr 2017)	
Vacancy	Warden		
Mr M Studholme	Deanery Synod	2017	2020
Mr C Smale	Deanery Synod	2017	2020
Mrs J Parmenter	Deanery Synod	2018	2020
Mr G Barley	Elected	2017	2020
Mrs J Trigg	Elected	2017	2020
Mrs J Deboorder	Elected	2017	2020
Mrs P Neil	Elected	2018	2020
Mr J Oliver	Elected	2018	2021
Mr C Williams	Elected	2018	2021
Mr R Jackson	Elected	2018	2021
Mr B R Dennison	Elected	2018	2021
Mrs J Hodgson	Elected	2019	2022
Mr A Harford	Elected	2019	2022

At the end of the year 2019-20, there were ten elected members and two vacancies. The names of sidespersons can be seen on the rotas for the two churches.

The Parish Accounts for the year are shown on pages 23 to 27.

## A Word from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Once again, we have had a busy year of celebrations and activities, some of which are pictured on the front cover: -

- We had eight baptisms - one of which was our Churchwarden's granddaughter.
- We had five weddings - two of which were for members of our church congregations. The picture of the organist was taken during an impromptu choir rehearsal for another wedding couple.
- Highlights of the year with our children and young people again included the Book-giving service with the presentation of the Seniors' Shield, and St Beartholomew's Day.
- The "Journey into Light" Exhibition was probably the most memorable thing that we did during the year. One of the comments from the visitors' book said "Truly amazing that someone unable to put all their pain, sadness and despair into words, can transform all this into amazing art work showing themselves and showing all innermost feeling. How great and lucky I was to have a very loving family. May you all move on to a better place and grow in strength and love."

In terms of growth and discipleship we once again had a varied programme throughout the year:-

- Jan/Feb/Mar - We used the Resource "Fruitfulness on the frontline" as a launch to our being a pilot parish for the Diocesan Initiative "Setting all God's People Free".
- May - we held a service for "Godparents' Sunday", which was gratefully received by those who attended.
- June/July/August - Following a group of us going to Liverpool in March for a Care for the Family Event with Rob Parsons, we studied "The Wisdom House".
- Sept - some of us pushed ourselves beyond our comfort zones and went to Foxhill for a short Retreat called "Living in the Spirit". See the box below for a summary of one person's experience.
- Sept/Oct/Nov - We studied "Notorious" by Jeff Lucas.

### Retreat Recipe

Take one tired person in need of rejuvenation, Transport to Foxhill (not far)

Add: -

- joyful, uplifting worship
- interesting thought-provoking teaching
- powerful prayer time
- very edible food ☺
- drinks (cold/hot) always available

Sprinkle in: -

- early morning scampering around the arboretum (smell the damp soil, climb up towards the sunlight stirring through the leaves, marvel at the view)
- peace and quiet or companionable chatting
- blessed SILENCE

*Adjust quantities to suit*

Result: -

Refreshment of body, mind and spirit. Thoroughly recommended.

I am truly grateful to all the people who give up their time to run and support our social activities. Many of these people have managed and co-ordinated the same events for many years and some of them during this year have expressed a desire to move into other areas of ministry within the parish, which is great and I fully support them in this, but it does leave a big hole. So I would encourage others to consider whether they are able to "step-up" and "have a go". The "Old-hands" would be more than willing to share their accumulated knowledge and wisdom, or to leave you to develop new things in new ways. The main events which we have run every year for many years are St Beartholomew's Day, Harvest Supper and Christmas Fair/Bazaar. In the past we have also had various one-off events such as BBQs in the Summer, Craft Fair, Workshop Days, Quiz Night, Barn Dance. Please don't feel that you have to wait to be asked – if you have a good idea for ways in which we could come together and have fun getting to know each other better that you would be willing to pressgang others into helping you put on, then come and have a chat with me. Anything from a one-off event, to a weekly/monthly coffee morning or craft afternoon would be welcome.

I am delighted that next year we are going to be part of the Diocesan pilot scheme called "Houses of Prayer" and very much look forward to discovering with you more ways in which we can learn to pray together and to facilitate people in our community re-discovering one of the original purposes of church buildings and wanting to join us in prayer.

Thank You to Liz our churchwarden, and the PCC, for your support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank You to every member of every congregation for your presence in worship - every person matters and every person brings something to our wider community - so thank you for being you.

**Revd Jane Turner**

# REPORT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE PCC AND OTHER CHURCH MATTERS



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body of the church. Its members are the clergy, churchwardens and the people elected at the Annual Church Meeting (the APCM) to represent all church members.

The Council is legally responsible for the financial affairs of the parish, for looking after the buildings and land and for all the goods and property in the churches. It also works with and supports the minister (the Rector) in the whole mission of the Church – caring for the people of the parish, teaching people about God through church services, the Junior Church and by example, supporting the Church School, growing and developing our community through enjoyable social activities and cooperating with other religious groups. Our “mission statement” is “Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby”.

The PCC often has to arrange for repairs and maintenance. Sometimes this is urgent – as when, during the year, a window and its frame fell into the main hall at St Chad’s. Apart from emergencies, the PCC also has long term goals and during 2019, two of those were tackling a looming financial crisis and looking for a way to provide toilet facilities at St Bartholomew’s, a problem that has frequently been discussed since at least the 1960s.

Each parish has to provide for all its expenditure entirely by itself. That includes paying our “Parish Share”, a significant monthly payment to Chester Diocese to cover the costs of the minister’s stipend (which is similar to a salary), housing costs and pension contributions, plus a small amount to pay for the staff who work for the diocese. We do not have to support the Cathedral. Costs usually increase every year but our income depends mainly on the collections during services in the churches, and the numbers attending services vary with the weather and school holidays. Finding in excess of £1,270 a week for Parish Share is not easy, and we actually pay about £760 a week (60%).

If Parish Share is not paid in full, the Diocese is likely to decide that our parish is not financially viable and amalgamate us with another parish. That would not happen until the time comes to appoint a new Rector, for instance if Reverend Jane retired, which we hope will not happen for many years.

The other long term goal referred to was the provision of toilet facilities at St Bartholomew’s. During 2019 the PCC has been looking at a possible solution to what previously seemed to be an intractable problem.

## **The main issues discussed during 2019**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met five times and the Standing Committee was consulted several times by email. All PCCs must have a Standing Committee, which can, if necessary, act on behalf of the full PCC between PCC meetings, although it cannot change a previous PCC decision. Its members are the Rector, Mrs Whitehead (churchwarden), Mrs Deboorder, Mrs Neil and Mr Barley.

### **1. St Bartholomew’s**

#### *Improvements*

In discussion about possible improvements, members agreed that the minimum requirements were disabled access and a toilet. Mr Harford outlined options for a modular building for the toilet, with an estimated cost that could be met from existing

funds. The Archdeacon had informed the Rector that if we excluded the meeting room and kitchen from the plans, the DAC would support a proposal for a modular building.

The proposal was discussed at length and received unanimous support. On behalf of the PCC, the Rector thanked the two members of the PCC who had spent a lot of time investigating and developing the proposal.

### *Open Door*

Open Door is the name of a fund to support improvements at St Bartholomew's. At first it was not called Open Door and was to provide for toilets, but over time other objectives were added. One, improved access for people with disabilities, led to the name "Open Door", and there were several others, all desirable but separate, not dependent on each other. Repairs to the roof, perhaps replacement, had always been considered separately because of the costs involved. Over time, people had started to refer to all the potential improvements as if they were one enormous project, but the only link between them was our hope that they could all be funded by the Open Door Fund. Following a discussion in June, members unanimously agreed that "Open Door" was a fund to support several projects, not a single project, and that referring to it incorrectly as the "Open Door Project" could create difficulties in the future.

## **2. St Chad's**

The floor of St Chad's was repaired where it had been damaged by water. Members noted that the ladies' toilets also required attention and the ceiling of the main hall had not been repainted for some time.

A fence panel alongside the extension had collapsed and investigation by a member of the congregation showed that it would require extensive repair work. The fence was to stop young children falling onto the path, which is at a lower level than the field. A PCC member obtained estimates for the work which was completed later in the year.

To promote community use of the hall, the PCC asked through the newsletter if anyone would be willing to be a member of an Advertising Committee. One person volunteered but unfortunately, before any meetings had taken place, she informed us that she was leaving the district.

Maintenance work to clear the gutters and to replace a damaged fence was completed. The leaking windows at St Chad's had been a concern for some time. ~~and members agreed to use part of the legacy from Mrs M Gardner to replace the leaking windows and the fire exit door in the kitchen.~~ The need to replace the windows suddenly became urgent when one fell into the hall. The window in the kitchen was also replaced and doors were replaced or repaired. Outstanding tasks include replacing some worn-out chairs, following checks on all the chairs by two members of the PCC, the purchase of some small tables and table trolleys and redecorating the ladies' toilets.

## **3. Safeguarding**

The PCC authorised the purchase of further safeguarding material and noted that the Safeguarding Officer was considering whether any further training was required by those with DBS (formerly CRB) certificates. It was agreed to adopt the *"Model Safeguarding Provision that can be attached to any Hire of Church Premises Agreement"*.

## **4. Churchwarden's Reports**

Mrs Whitehead, the Churchwarden, provided us with details of the inspections of the buildings carried out through the year and the improvement work being carried out in the churchyard. For more details, please see her account within this Annual Report.

## **5. Financial Matters**

The Treasurer's regular reports showed that church income was steadily falling. Because the number of people in the Planned Giving Scheme had fallen significantly and there were very few new members, the PCC decided on a Giving Campaign in the New Year. Full details of our financial position are in the Accounts and the Treasurer's report.

Our "Parish Share" was described earlier. We cannot at present afford to pay the full amount and in view of the fall in income, the PCC discussed whether we should reduce our payments even further, but decided to wait until we had the financial information for the full year. In comparing our parish with others in the diocese, it did seem that we should be able to pay the full amount, and all members hoped that the Giving Campaign would enable that to happen.

The Treasurer alerted us to a problem with our fuel supplier, which had significantly undercharged us, and the water supplier, which had increased charges considerably although our usage had not changed. The water supplier had agreed that they had probably not been reading our meter.

## **6. Legacies**

The PCC was very grateful for legacies from the estates of Mrs C Butler and Mrs M Gardner. Legacies are a very valuable source of church income which allow us to undertake larger projects than we would normally be able to consider, such as replacing the windows and doors as stated above.

## **7. Retirement Gift for Bishop Peter**

Members agreed to have collection baskets in the churches for a retirement gift for Bishop Peter and to purchase two retirement cards that members of the congregations could sign.

## **8. Church Architect**

Our Church Architect, Mr Mark Pearce, who was moving to a different architectural practice, had asked whether we wished him to continue as our Church Architect. In view of his familiarity with the church building and his membership of the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee), it was agreed unanimously to ask him to continue as the Church Architect.

## **9. Journey into Light**

In June the chaplain of Styal Prison preached at St Chad's and introduced the congregation to an exhibition of artwork, called Journey into Light, created by prisoners at Styal. Two PCC members did a great deal of work to set it up and it attracted a lot of interest for the week that it was on display. The Rector sent photographs of the exhibition and copies of the pages of comments to the chaplain, as no other feedback had been received by the prisoners. The chaplain informed us that our feedback had been a very positive boost for them.

## **10. Floral Decorations in the churches**

A Fire Prevention Officer visited St Bartholomew's with an assistant and drew attention to the potential dangers of candles placed near foliage.

**Graham Barley (Honorary Secretary)**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

We have had a fairly challenging year financially, in spite of two very generous legacies (£10,000 M Gardner & £1,000 C Butler), as our income has not been keeping up with our expenditure. We have an overall deficit of £27,000 but if we take into account the money spent on the boiler replacement at St Bartholomew's we, in reality, have a deficit of £8,000. There are several reasons for this which I will explain in more detail as I go through the report.

### PARISH SHARE

We have again only been able to pay 60% of our Parish share, which rose once more by 2.5%, due to the need to maintain our financial position and keep the three months' reserve that we prudently hold.

This again leaves us in the vulnerable position of possibly receiving only 60% of a replacement minister if the need arose.

### Analysis of Performance between 2019 and 2018

#### INCOME

##### PLANNED GIVING

Our main source of income was actually up by 2% on last year. However, we again saw a drop in numbers, with 16 leaving and only two new members. It represented 52% of our total income, up from 48%, not including the Gift Aid that is due. The difference in numbers could be in part due to a pruning by the Parish Giving Officers of those who haven't given within the last two years.

As attendance at church becomes more erratic due to whatever pressures families and members are experiencing, it becomes more important that more members are encouraged to join and current members set up standing orders to eradicate any gaps in their financial support of the church.

##### DONATIONS

The income from donations was up 32% this year, a much needed boost from last year.

We need to champion the newer ways of donating including Easy Fundraising and Amazon – these are modern ways of donating and can be done when purchasing goods and services on line with no cost to the purchaser. We will be examining ways of making donations via contactless technology over the course of the year.

Everyone should be encouraged to read our legacy policy and think about including the church in their will.

##### GIFT AID AND GASDS

This provides us with very valuable income and is vital to our accounts as it makes up nearly 12% of our total income. It is cost-free to the donor as long as they have paid enough tax throughout the year. With this in mind, could everyone who is eligible sign a Gift Aid declaration, and also can current members let the Planned Giving Officers know if you have moved, are no longer eligible or have changed your name?

At this juncture I must thank Chris Turnbull, Chris Smale and Roger Dennison for the amazing work they do on this area, which can be very time consuming and laborious.

### **FEES RECEIVED**

Unfortunately, fees received were down again this year by 18% and future bookings are at a similar level and are a concern for future income.

### **HALL HIRE**

Income was down by 7% this year, but it is still a very important area of income and with the improvements completed this year we would hope to see it climb back up to previous levels and beyond. I feel this is an area which could provide a much-needed increase in income and would ask anyone who has experience or the vigour to help the team to market the fine facilities we have to offer.

My thanks to Jean Heath, Chris Rostock and Kate Butler for their tireless work on bookings, invoices, debt collection and QuickBooks entry.

### **INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES**

In 2019, having sold some of the Tudor Trust (proceeds £6,805) the previous year, our income from investments was only down by 4%. The value of our investments rose by 16% which will hopefully lead to an increase in income over the coming years.

We have been able to maintain our reserves at a decent level by not paying the full parish share, but the nature of our situation means this needs to be maintained for the continued financial health of the PCC and to cover any unexpected expenditure which can occur at any time. This is becoming increasingly difficult and I have for the first time had to transfer a small amount from the reserves to meet our obligations.

In respect to the Open Door Fund, after getting advice from the Diocese and the Charity Commission, we were given permission to replace the boiler at St Bartholomew's as this would have been needed as part of the works involved in putting in toilet facilities. The total cost for this was £19,000, therefore after claiming the VAT back we are left with £41k to achieve the required objectives, which is an ongoing process.

## **EXPENDITURE**

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S OVERHEADS**

Maintenance and costs at St Bartholomew's rose by 13% this year due in part to the extra work in the graveyard carried over from last year. Many thanks to all who work so hard at keeping things in check.

### **ST CHAD'S**

Maintenance and costs at St Chad's rose by 4% which is high considering all the work that was done the previous year. This is mainly due to the error in our electricity account which amounted to over £2,000. Hopefully we will see a drop in the coming year. Again, many thanks to all who work so hard to keep things going.

### **ASSISTANT CLERGY**

Our expenditure on Assistant Clergy fees fell by 19% over the year. Our thanks continue to go to you all for your unwavering support and generosity.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The administration costs incurred in running the parish were up 12% on last year but in line with expectations.

### **SUMMARY**

We have been fortunate to have received very generous donations over the past couple of years which, together with the sale of part of the Tudor Fund, has helped

deliver much needed upgrades and refurbishment in both churches. As well as that we have been able to replace the boiler at St Bartholomew's, to provide better heating and in preparation for any future toilets, from the Open Door Fund. These things will hopefully mean a reduction in ongoing costs: however, issues still occur and we are now in a position that means we can ill afford many extra problems.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and in particular the other members of the finance team who have again been a great help.

The finance team comprises;

Accounts Partner	Chris Rostock
Parish Giving Officers	Chris Turnbull and Chris Smale
Banker	Roger Dennison
Parish Administrator	Kate Butler
Signatory and cashier	Roger Jackson
Hall Hire Officer	Jean Heath
Payroll Officer	Patsy Brady
Committee members	Chris Williams and Malcolm Studholme

**Kevin Marley (Honorary Treasurer)**



**SAFEGUARDING**

1. **Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**

The government is continuously reviewing legislation and guidance to ensure children, young people and adults at risk are kept safe as far as possible. It is our responsibility to ensure we do all we can to make the environments in which we work and worship, safer for vulnerable people.

**Our policy at St Chad's and St Bartholomew's is based on the policy and procedures as outlined in the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook 'Promoting a Safer Church' published by the House of Bishops.**

**This Safeguarding Policy and its procedures will be amended in line with any recommendations or good practice guidance from the House of Bishops and will be reviewed annually. These procedures may be adapted specifically to meet the needs and practices of St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby as required.**

Within the adopted procedures there are a number of forms for general use within the Parish covering:

Comments and Complaints	Approval of Activities and Events
Incident Reporting	Consent Forms in relation to the display of Photographs

Parental Consent for Activities / Events	Images Consent Forms for the use of photographs and videos
Risk Assessment Forms for Activities	Hire Arrangements for Church Premises
Volunteer Declaration in relation to their duties	Application Form for Volunteer Roles
Guidance Notes for the role of the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Recommended Good Practice Guidance for the Leaders of Children/Youth Groups

## **2. Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator**

The current Safeguarding Co-ordinator appointed is Mrs Kathryn Timmins. Kathryn has no pastoral responsibility for the children or adults at risk within the Parish. Kathryn is responsible for the administration of all DBS correspondence, references and online checks through CCPAS.

## **3. Children's Advocate**

Currently the Parish has decided not to appoint a separate person to act as 'vulnerable person's advocate' whom children or adults at risk could talk to about any safeguarding concerns they might have. Safeguarding concerns and referrals in relation to children will continue to be reported by the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Rector.

## **4. Safeguarding Co-ordinator Contact Details**

Details are currently displayed on Church notice boards along with contact details of local authority safeguarding boards.

## **5. Safer Recruitment and DBS (Disclosure & Barring) Vetting**

All volunteers currently working with children and adults at risk have registered for DBS checks. References from two referees are requested along with suitable identification checks prior to DBS certificates being issued. New volunteer applicants are asked to complete a pre-appointment questionnaire and declaration in relation to any previous offences.

New volunteer applicants are asked to sign a consent form in relation to the sharing of their personal information under the Data Protection Act 1998.

DBS checks are completed and retained by Thirtyoneeight. This is an on-line service which works well for these purposes and will request renewal of DBS certificates at regular intervals.

## **6. Appropriate Insurance Cover**

The Parish is responsible for ensuring adequate annual insurance cover for its Church activities.

People requesting hall hire are asked to ensure that they have also made appropriate insurance arrangements and advised that they need to ensure risk management strategies are in place for the activities they wish to engage in and that it is their responsibility to provide adequate supervision for children and young people taking part in these activities.

## **7. Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) and Joint Safeguarding Policy Arrangements**

St Bartholomew's Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby do not currently have any such joint partnership arrangements in place

## **8. Safeguarding Concerns**

In the event of a safeguarding concern or referral being made, under the current arrangements, any such referrals should be directed to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator Kathryn Timmins or Reverend Jane Turner who will liaise with the Diocese Safeguarding Officer and the relevant local safeguarding authority.

**Currently there have been no safeguarding referrals or concerns raised during 2019**

## **9. Safeguarding Training**

Safeguarding Training for volunteers is arranged by the Diocese. Dates of any new classroom based safeguarding training events will be circulated as they become available, however a more easily accessible online e-learning course is also freely available through the Church of England website.

All current volunteers have been asked to complete this Church of England online safeguarding training course.

All current volunteers have received a guidance document outlining the types of abuse which can lead to safeguarding referrals, this should enable them to identify any potential abuse situations.

## **10. Safe Working Practice**

Risk Assessments forms are in place and should be carried out and recorded for all new activities and should be assessed at least annually.

## **11. Agreements with Offenders**

Offenders who become known to the Church and who pose a risk to children or adults at risk and who wish to take part in activities or Church worship, should enter into an agreement which should be reviewed on a regular basis.

**The Safeguarding Officer has not been informed of any new or recent offenders who require such Agreements**

## **12. Confidentiality**

Safeguarding referrals and all relevant sensitive information should remain confidential and should only be shared with local authority safeguarding boards and the Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese.

All personal information in relation to volunteers and sensitive information in relation to safeguarding referrals must be stored and locked away in a safe place, inaccessible to anyone other than authorised personnel.

## **Current DBS Registrations**

10 people within the Parish currently have DBS certificates, three of these people will be required to renew their DBS certificates during 2020 to remain compliant and they are being contacted with re-registration instructions. Currently there is one new DBS applicant being processed.

The Rector or the Safeguarding Officer will provide details of DBS certificate holders on request.

The Parish commits itself to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust. The current policies and procedures have been adopted and are in place in order to ensure that the Parish is compliant and has robust safeguarding protocols in place.

I believe that provided the current policies and safeguarding procedures are followed and adhered to, the Parish will remain compliant.

**Kathryn Timmins (Safeguarding Co-ordinator)**  
**St Bartholomew's Thurstaston with St Chad's Irby**

**28 February 2020**

## **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

Two church services have taken place nearly every Sunday throughout the year at St. Bartholomew's while at St. Chad's services have taken place almost every Sunday and Wednesday. Once a term the Wednesday congregation has been joined by year 5 or 6 children from Dawpool and this has been a great blessing to old and young alike.

There have also been many special services and other church related or community activities. They included:

31 <sup>st</sup> January – 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Fruitfulness on the frontline
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer Service
7 <sup>th</sup> April	APCM
27 <sup>th</sup> April	St George's night hot pot supper
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Godparents' Sunday
5 <sup>th</sup> June – 7 <sup>th</sup> August	The Wisdom House
16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Journey Into Light Art Exhibition
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Rectory Open House
24 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Beartholomew's Day
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Supper
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
24 <sup>th</sup> October – 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Notorious
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bazaar
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nativity and Carol Service

At St. Bartholomew's, early in the year, a much needed new boiler and oil tank were installed. The old boiler had become extremely unreliable and it is now wonderful to attend services in a warm church.

The water heater in the vestry had also developed an intermittent fault and this was replaced by the end of the year.

The War Memorial was awarded grade 2 listed building status and a Commonwealth War Graves plaque has been fixed to the wall by the churchyard gate.

Work has continued on churchyard maintenance. The graves and paths have been tidied and made safer. The whole appearance is much improved.

Other repairs have been to various light fittings, vacuum cleaners and to the Paschal candle stand which had, in part, become heavily corroded.

At St. Chad's, the external woodwork has been repaired and repainted. The windows in the main hall and main kitchen door have been replaced.

Other repairs have been to the floor in the main hall, door locks, lawnmowers and strimmer.

Work on repainting the car park lines was started, but the job has not been completed. We aim to complete early in 2020 when the weather improves.

St. Chad's has been used regularly by the Evening Mother's Union, Irby Artists, Baby Sensory, Tots and Tinies, Bats and Balls, Weight Watchers, Diddi dance, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Several private functions have taken place throughout the year.

A Fire Risk Assessment for both churches was undertaken by a Wirral Fire Protection Officer from Merseyside Fire Service. Both buildings were found to be well provided for in terms of fire safety and fire detection.

The Rector and I met with the Archdeacon in October. We spoke about the building issues at St Bartholomew's, especially the long term need to repair the roof and the lack of toilet facilities. The Archdeacon was very satisfied that the Terrier and Inventory had been updated into a more user friendly form.

As the only churchwarden for both churches, it has continued to be a challenge throughout the year. My thanks again go to Mr Malcolm Studholme who has continued to assist in many aspects of the day to day running of both churches, to Mr Jon Oliver who has continued to maintain and repair many electrical items and to Mr Peter Whitehead who has been a continual support in numerous ways.

The activities in both churches, including services, have involved a large number of our parishioners, and I am very grateful for everyone's contributions, especially during the Rector's absence in the autumn due to the complicated repairs to the Rectory. Finally, but most importantly, we as a parish thank our Rector, Rev'd Jane Turner, for her hard work and devotion in supporting us in many different ways throughout the year.

Now we pray that our Lord gives us his blessing as we go forward into 2020.

**Liz Whitehead (Churchwarden)**

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

The Diocese of Chester is divided into a number of deaneries, each one containing several parishes, which meet on a regular basis to discuss national, regional and local matters relating to the Church of England. Our parish is one of fourteen which make up the Wirral North Deanery and four meetings of the Deanery Synod are held each year in different churches, to which all interested parishioners are invited, in addition to the three parish representatives.

As well as discussing various business items and having an opportunity to share news of developments and initiatives in the different parishes within the deanery, those who attend the meetings are able to listen to presentations on a range of topics, usually given by visiting speakers.

The first meeting in 2019 was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Heswall on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. The Chester Diocesan Church Buildings Development Officer, Emily Allen, spoke about our church buildings as evangelism in stone, brick and steel,

suggesting that the permanence of buildings embodies the eternal God and the longevity and commitment of the church in our communities. Pointing out the various purposes which churches serve within different parishes, she went on to say that, as we consider making changes to our church buildings, we need first to work out what is the vision of God for our locality and only then move to think about what we do with our sacred space(s). The best building projects start with deep prayer.

Having talked about projects undertaken in three parishes within the diocese, Emily spoke about the importance of church buildings for mission, the value of opening churches to provide a space for visitors to pray and engage in quiet reflection, and the role buildings can play in helping people come to faith.

Steve Burrows addressed the meeting in May, held at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake, on 'The Archbishop's Financial Inclusion Vision and Wirral Debt Advice (WDA)'. In his introduction, he stated that Archbishop Welby's vision is to "create a just, fair system open to all", and he went on to show a video produced by the Just Finance Foundation, of which the Archbishop is Patron, which gave an insight into how it is helping people with financial problems. Turning to the local situation, Steve described the way in which Wirral Debt Advice is a registered charity which operates on a 'drop-in' basis alongside the Foodbanks at Christ Church, Moreton and St Chad's, Leasowe. People are also referred from Citizens' Advice and Wirral Borough Council.

Afterwards he asked whether there might be parts of our parishes where WDA could help, adding that further WDA centres would be beneficial, with any volunteers receiving full training. He also invited parishes to form a partnership with WDA, to assist financially and with volunteers.

Linked to Steve's presentation was one giving information about the Community Help Section at St Chad's Church, Leasowe, which operates alongside the Foodbank and Wirral Debt Advice. It operates as a children's clothes swap shop and gives out clothes under the banner "Anything you need you can have".

The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Pensby hosted the September meeting, at which two members of the Bible Society, Howard Barker and Osoba Otaigbe, gave a presentation that included a short film about the first Bibles printed in the Kimyal language being delivered to those tribes who speak it in Papua New Guinea and another film, called 'Home 360', which will be available this year. It will show the Bible story in everyday life and is intended to build relationships with local communities. Amongst the information they presented was the fact that the Bible Society prints some four million Bibles a year in Chinese, many on presses that used to print the Little Red Book for Chairman Mao.

Their presentation was followed by a talk from Liz Barton, the manager of The Christian Bookshop in Birkenhead. She explained that the ethos of the shop is to support Christians on the Wirral and that it is much more than a bookshop, being a place people can come to just to chat or pray.

The final meeting of the year took place on November 25th at Christ Church, Higher Bebington. In the business part of the meeting parish representatives were informed that Parish Share would increase by 2.5% in 2020, but some other very helpful figures were also given. Of diocesan income, 84.5% comes from Parish Share, 6% from fees, 2% from investment income, 5.2% from other income and 2.3% from reserves. On the other side of the balance sheet, 61.8% is spent on parish clergy stipends, pensions and National Insurance, 9.5% on parsonages and housing, 9.1% on vocations and training (including

training of Readers and Pastoral Workers), 16.4% on diocesan committee work, and 3.2% on the national Church of England.

Unfortunately, the invited speaker did not arrive at the meeting, but the Revd Mike Loach offered some reflections on his informal chaplaincy with Claire House, which he has undertaken for the past seven years, following a request to take the funeral of a baby. He spoke about his experience of carrying out emergency baptisms of babies, as well as about the personal feelings of parents who lose a baby or young child. There is a 'Memory Day' service held each year for parents whose child has died during the course of the year. It was evident from his words that this ministry is extremely important both to the parents and to Mike himself.

The last part of the meeting consisted of an update on the process of appointing a new Bishop of Chester, to succeed Bishop Peter. It is hoped that the announcement will be made around Easter 2020. If the person is already a bishop, he or she could be in Chester in the summer, but if not then it will be later in the year. Everyone was urged to continue to pray for the appointment.

**Julie Davies, Chris Smale and Malcolm Studholme (Deanery Synod Representatives)**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

At the APCM in 2019, the roll contained 148 members from 102 households. One person was added following the first meeting of the PCC after the APCM.

During the past year 6 members have been deleted from the roll. During the recent revision I added 3 new members who applied to join. The Electoral Roll now has 146 members from 100 households.

**Helen Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)**

## **CHARITIES SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**



### **LEPROSY MISSION**

On behalf of the Leprosy Mission may I thank all the congregations for their continued support of the work done by the Mission. This year, through the Leprosy Boxes, and one-off donations, I was able to send a cheque for £191.43, which was gratefully received.

Please remember that people affected by leprosy face a triple blow of disease, disability, and discrimination. Without a helping hand, these people, so loved by God, can be reduced to begging in order to survive.

As said before, leprosy is a dreadful, but curable disease.

**Pat Hulme**



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**Jean Heath (648 6015)** and **Barbara Kozer (648 3512)** co-ordinate fund raising for the Society in the Parish.

Earlier in the year Elaine Kavanagh made the decision to retire from the Committee and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the support she has given to the Children's Society since 1997. During most of those years we did envelope collections around all the roads in the Parish in the Spring, counted the contents of Lent boxes and then the house boxes in the Autumn, along with a coffee morning, and Elaine was there to help with them all.

Times have changed and our major fundraising is now from the house boxes, although even here we hear that people do not use cash as much and therefore put less in the boxes. However, the total raised of £971.90 was actually £1.88 more than last year!

Some box holders now prefer to dispense with the box and give an annual donation instead, for which we can supply a receipt.

The annual 'Thank You' Coffee Morning was held in October at Jean's home. Bring and buy, and sales tables, beautifully decorated with craft items, gifts, baby items, shoes and accessories, enabled those attending to indulge in some pre-Christmas shopping and raised an amazing £670. Our thanks go to all the stallholders for their hard work and donations and a special thank you to Dilys Jeffrey for her generous contribution to the total. We are grateful to all who attended and helped to make the event so enjoyable and successful.

Due to a lack of support and attendance at the Christingle services over recent years, it was decided not to hold one last year.

The Children's Society runs projects across the country to support young people who have nowhere else to turn – including young runaways, children in care, neglected teenagers and young carers. Thank you for helping them to continue their work.

**Jean Heath (648 6015)**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church meets at St Chad's during the service at term time, excluding family service days. There are essentially two groups, the Seniors and everyone else. However, the Seniors' group is flexible and any child who does not want to be with the younger group can join the Seniors' group. The Seniors only meet once a month and start with toast and it's a movable date depending on what date they can all manage.

The leaders and helpers give an excellent service to our children; Quality not Quantity is the name of the game.

During the year the children and leaders create a display in the windows to follow the seasons changing; paper daffodils, tulips, sunflowers, butterflies, birds and caterpillars etc have appeared at the appropriate moment.

In March the children and young people enjoyed a pancake party with games, crafts and lots of pancakes.

In June the Seniors went on a Beach Tidy along Thurstaston Beach. It was windy but good fun and they all set a good example with their conduct and enthusiasm.

In July the children and Seniors presented the Book Giving Service entitled "Made in His Image". All the children and Seniors took part. One of our new team members, Julie Davies, put together a slide show and linked us up to a song video as well which was wonderful. We acted out creation with the children as animals and also placing birds on a tree, flowers around the tree and fish in the sea. The Seniors helped with props and wrote and said the prayers. The children and Seniors all received their books and the Seniors shield was awarded to Daniel Perry for his enthusiasm, openness and growth.

During the summer holidays, St Beartholomew's Day was another sunny day and a success for the brave bears and their owners. Although a word of warning: professionally made parachutes may carry your bear into nearby trees and can spell disaster! A dedicated team of people helped to set up/clear away and look after stalls and provide refreshments. The children's raffle and luck dip were enjoyed and sweets in a cup went down well. Delicious cakes were donated by church members. Revd Jane kept us all safe from floating/plunging teddies, Richard Turner judged the skill of our brave bears who were launched off the tower to parachute down towards a marker and John and Robert Oliver transported the bears up to the tower and expertly launched them. The three nearest to the marker received prizes. A great day was had by all.

The Christmas Nativity service, entitled "One Quiet Night", was created from a Nativity Poem I had found and adapted to become a play. The Seniors read the poem perfectly, the children dressed up and acted out the scenes beautifully and the leaders and helpers kept it all running smoothly. Seniors also wrote and said the prayers. Everyone did a fantastic job. It was a lovely service enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to the Junior Church leaders and helpers, Revd Jane and church members without whom nothing would get done and who have supported me and given their time so generously, particularly Dawn Rudd who faithfully provides such a wonderful service to our children in the midst of losing several of our team due to personal circumstances. We welcomed Elizabeth Barton and Julie Davies this year as helpers and, looking to the future, another leader should soon be joining us.

Please give it some thought if you think you could help or lead our children, as we need more people on our team to maintain Junior Church for the future.

God Bless,

**Julie De Boorder.**



## **BELLRINGERS' REPORT**

During 2019 we continued to ring regularly for Sunday morning Church services at Thurstaston.

We rang half muffled call changes on 18<sup>th</sup> April in solidarity with the people of Paris following the fire at Notre Dame. We also rang for five weddings during the year.

We had two groups of visiting ringers including the Guild of Medical Ringers on their Summer tour (our Tower Captain is their Ringing Master and had organised the visit).

Our annual 'Christmas meal' was held at The Manor on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. This was attended by 14 ringers and we enjoyed an excellent meal with good company. We currently have 16 ringers – however two of these are away from the area most of the year but wish to remain linked to our band. We would always welcome new people who wish to learn to ring.

We continue to have an enthusiastic group who practise and develop their ringing every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8pm and ring for Sunday service. A number meet socially after the ringing on the Sunday at Church Farm for coffee. We also have the opportunity to join other ringers, in Wirral and throughout the Diocese at ringing events, including meetings held at our home tower.

If you are interested in seeing what we do or want to learn more about ringing, then please come along on a Wednesday or talk to me in Church.

**Peter Robson**

## **CHURCH RELATED ORGANISATIONS**



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Our branch of EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets monthly during the school term at St Chad's, usually on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm. We would love to welcome new members. Please come along and give it a try. We have a varied programme to suit all tastes.

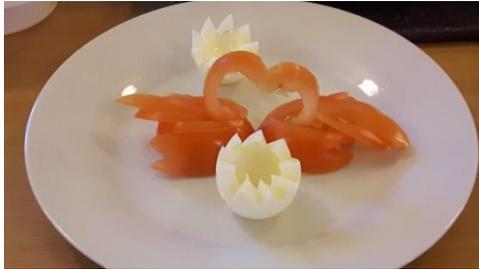
During 2019 we enjoyed lots of events, listed below:

31<sup>st</sup> January - New Year meal out at the Greave Dunning. Despite it being a snowy and icy evening, 15 people attended which I think is a record.

20<sup>th</sup> February – Revisit from George the Guide Dog with trainer Peter Fearnhead.

27<sup>th</sup> March – A talk / demo about hearing problems and their management, by Judith, one of our members and her friend Karen. A very interesting and informative evening.

17<sup>th</sup> April – New members, Julie Reilly and Pat Neill were enrolled by Revd Jane and Judith Hodgson was welcomed, having transferred from another branch, followed by tea, cake and chat.



22<sup>nd</sup> May - Sculpting fruit and vegetables by Jan DeBoorder (Julie's husband). Jan gave us plenty of ideas to impress our friends.

19<sup>th</sup> June - Sue Turnbull & Linda Barley gave a presentation of photographs of exotic creatures and birds taken on their recent trip to Costa Rica.

17<sup>th</sup> July – Summer meal at the Otto Lounge in Heswall. Lovely meal and nice company, enjoyed by all.

18<sup>th</sup> Sep – Pets' Therapy with Revd Jane and Lily. Lily performed beautifully and we were all given an insight as to how she helps schoolchildren. Three ladies from St Stephen's Prenton branch joined us.



16<sup>th</sup> Oct – To St Stephen's Prenton to see the prison Art exhibition 'Journey into Light'. (St Chad's held the exhibition in August). A short service introduced by the Vicar, Matt Graham, followed by a very moving presentation by Joan Colwell, the prison chaplain.

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas meal at The Graversberie, (which unfortunately I couldn't attend as had the dreaded 'lurgy' but I was assured everyone had a good time).

We continue to knit baptism teddies.

Revd Jane managed to secure an AFIA (Away From It All) holiday on behalf of Mothers' Union for a family in need in our parish.

Karen Robson, as Chair of Governor's for Dawpool School, coordinated with Joan Colwell from Action & Outreach to secure free sanitary items using the 'Pink Box Scheme'. (N.B. As reported by BBC News, this scheme will probably be now taken over by the government who are advising schools to apply for free products).

Please visit [www.mothersunion.org/](http://www.mothersunion.org/) or [www.mothersunionchester.org.uk](http://www.mothersunionchester.org.uk) to find out more about the work of Mothers' Union.

**Chris Rostock – Branch Secretary**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSTASTON GUIDES ANNUAL REPORT 2018

We have enjoyed another year as joint leaders of 1st Thurstaston Guides and have enjoyed many interesting and varied activities through the year.



- **Challenge Badges:** We've completed the 'No Place Like home' challenge badge which was all about raising awareness of homelessness and was in aid of Wirral Ark. This included a visit to Charles Thompson Mission and making 'eco' bricks with Emily from Waste Not Want Not.

We are currently in the process of completing the 'Leap Year' challenge badge which is based around trying something new that you haven't done before.

- **Special Interest Nights:** We have had some fun special interest nights over the last year including:
  - Tower Tour up the tower of the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool – the views were amazing!
  - Chippy coin walk
  - Litter picking on Thurstaston beach
  - Our annual trip to get cold, wet and very muddy at Manley Mere
  - An evening at the Apple Store in Liverpool learning how to use coding to get robots to move.
  - An 'escape room' inspired evening run by Codebusters. The guides had to solve clues and use the answers to unlock padlocks to access further clues until they reached a prize at the end.
  - We took part in Parliament week – a national programme aimed at youth groups (scouting and guiding etc) and the girls learnt about various aspects of parliament / democracy and how important it is that women are able to vote now.
  - Netball at Pensby Sports Complex
  - Meeting night at Hadlow Fields – amongst other things, learning how to make a campfire, pitch a tent, and then of course toasting marshmallows!
  - End of summer term BBQ for guides and their families at Thurstaston.
  - District Christmas Disco
- **Community Events and Fundraising:** We have had some fun organising and taking part in community and fund-raising events
  - Taken part in a District Thinking Day event
  - Claire House fundraising walk organised by two of our older guides (who have now sadly left us – but came back when we had a visit from Claire Bear to receive the cheque)
  - Helping out at St. Chad's Christmas fair
  - Taken part in a District trip to Gullivers World.
  - We had a talk from a volunteer at Wirral animal sanctuary about the hedgehogs that they rescue and release. Donations of pet food were very gratefully received!

As well as attending Church Parades during the year, including the Remembrance Day service at St Bartholomew's Church.

All in all, we have had another wonderful year and managed to involve the girls in a wide range of activities.

We had our oldest guides receiving their Baden Powell awards and these will be the last girls from our unit to be able to achieve this award as the guiding programme has now changed. We have embraced the new national programme and are well on the way to handing out some theme awards which will eventually lead to the new Gold award (that has replaced Baden Powell)

As always, we wish all the guides who have now left us all the best for the future.

**Ellie Randall and Gaynor Vaughan, supported by Lily Foster, Caitlyn Pridgeon, Erin Moxham and the Guides!**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> IRBY BROWNIES**

We have had another fantastic year at St Chad's.

The Brownies have been very busy this year completing several guiding interest and challenge badges. We are into the second year of the new Guiding programme and have loved trying some of the new activities, badges and challenges and look forward to completing more of the new programme next year.

We have had various overnight and day trips including a sleepover at Hadlow Fields, PGL at Winmarleigh Hall and evening at bowling and Hoylake Lifeboat station. The Brownies have also attended church parade at St Chad's and Remembrance Sunday at St Bartholomew's. After some amazing fundraising we have been able to afford to buy a brand-new flag and pole for these events.

We have also had three district events. These events are an opportunity for the Brownies to meet up with all other Brownies, Rainbows and Guides in Irby. We celebrated Thinking Day together at St Chad's, went to Gulliver's Theme Park in the summer and had a Christmas disco.

As always, we are looking for people who would be interested in offering regular help during our meetings which are held on a Monday evening between 6.45pm and 8pm. Also, anyone who has a particular interest or service which they think the Brownies would be interested to learn about, please feel free to get in touch as we are always looking for new ideas for our meetings.

**Gemma Willerton, Lynn McCoy, Mandi Fletcher & Kate Preston**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Irby Rainbows**

Our Rainbow Unit had lots of fun meetings during 2019.

We improved our tennis skills, taking part in the Judy Murray MissHits Programme.

Rainbows also earned Guiding interest badges including the Amey Engineering Challenge Badge and Clever Cloggs Badge.

In addition to our regular meetings at St Chad's, we met with other sections of Irby Guiding for our annual Thinking Day celebration at St Chad's in February.

We also as a District went to Gulliver's World in the summer of 2019.

Our Rainbows' attendance at Church Parade hasn't been great during 2019. However, we did have a better attendance at Remembrance Sunday. I am hoping for better attendance in 2020.

We have a long waiting list and our unit is a full unit of 20 girls. We are looking forward to a good 2020.

**Karen Fearn, Unit Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> Irby Rainbows.**

### **TOTS & TINIES**

Each Thursday morning during Term Time, Tots & Tinies meet at St Chad's Hall, Irby from 9.30am-11.30am. The playgroup welcomes parents and carers with babies and children up to school age. There is a charge of £1.50 per child and accompanying adult, with a supplement of 50p for each extra child.

Each week the children are provided with a snack of fresh fruit, toast and a drink. Adults are invited to help themselves to tea/coffee, biscuits and toast. This provision is funded from the cover charge.

Parents and carers are invited to supervise their own children in this friendly group environment. The children freely interact with one another whilst using a wide variety of activities. These include a reading corner, crafts, large/small play toys, jigsaws – all of which encourage fine and large motor skills and social skills.

The group is co-ordinated by Allison Youds, with help from a few mums who are regular attenders. Alan and Elaine Jones have been providing snacks. A sing song/music session follows snack time and a story finishes each session.

Parent volunteers help put equipment out and away and help with the dishes at the end of each session.

Tots & Tinies welcomes on average 35+ children plus their parents/carers each week. It should be noted the safety and supervision of each child is the sole responsibility of the child's attending parent/carer at all times.

Throughout the year there have been several events such as a Teddy Bear picnic, a Macmillan Coffee Morning (raising £100) and an Easter Egg hunt. Father Christmas visited and there was a Christmas party. Individual birthdays are celebrated each week.

Numbers continue to grow, and it has been lovely to welcome baby brothers and sisters. Please contact Rev Jane Turner if you are interested in any aspect of Tots & Tinies.

**Allison Youds**



## CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2019

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Thurstaston

Registered Charity Number 1132086

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2019	TOTAL 2018
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>				
Planned Giving St Bartholomew	20358		20358	19885
St Chad	18413		18413	17837
Other Collections St Bartholomew	1921		1921	2316
St Chad	1257		1257	1520
<b>Total</b>	<b>41949</b>		<b>41949</b>	<b>41558</b>
<i>Donations</i>				
Wallbox	17		17	7
Recurring Donations	30		30	120
Text Donations	0		0	0
Non recurring Donations (see note 1)	2709		2709	1964
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>2756</b>		<b>2756</b>	<b>2091</b>
	<b>44705</b>		<b>44705</b>	<b>43649</b>
<i>Grants</i>				
<i>Legacies</i>	11000		11000	10000
<i>Tax recovered</i>	9641		9641	11521
<b>Total</b>	<b>65346</b>		<b>65346</b>	<b>65170</b>
<i>Activities for Generating Funds (See note 2)</i>				
<i>Church Activities (See note 3)</i>	1377		1377	1875
<i>Church Activities (See note 3)</i>	14223		14223	15331
<i>Income from Investments (See note 4)</i>	78	5096	5174	12193
<i>Refunds Given</i>	0		0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81024</b>	<b>5096</b>	<b>86120</b>	<b>94569</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income (See note 5)</i>	636		636	413
<i>Mission Giving (See note 6)</i>	831		831	1307
<i>Church Activities (See note 7)</i>	83798		83798	80346
<i>Major Works</i>	27929		27929	1310
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113194</b>	<b>83376</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>-32170</b>	<b>5096</b>	<b>-27074</b>	<b>11193</b>

### Transfers between funds

Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 1 Jan	36105	186438	3380	225923
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts 31 Dec	41848	171451	4073	217372

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand and undeposited funds	15			15	7
<i>CAF Current Account</i>	9571			9571	21551
<i>CAF Gold Account</i>	28352			28352	20012
<b>Total</b>	<b>37938</b>			<b>37938</b>	<b>41570</b>
Investment Assets (See note 8)					
<i>Morrell Trust</i>		7206		7206	6277
<i>Ismay Charity</i>			4073	4073	3305
<i>Tudor Trust</i>		22465		22465	18636
<i>Eileen Shaw Trust</i>		102885		102885	89122
<i>Open Door</i>		38895		38895	60893
<i>Reserve Fund</i>	3910			3910	3881
<b>Total</b>	<b>41848</b>	<b>171451</b>	<b>4073</b>	<b>217372</b>	<b>223684</b>
Other Monetary Assets					
Gift aid claimable	9082			9082	8713
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>50930</b>	<b>171451</b>	<b>4073</b>	<b>226454</b>	<b>232397</b>
<b>Liabilities (See note 10)</b>				<b>162218</b>	<b>135787</b>
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>				<b>64236</b>	<b>96610</b>

Approved by the PCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 and signed on their behalf by Revd E Jane turner (PCC Chairperson) and Mr Kevin Marley (Treasurer)

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Non recurring donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
<i>Gift Aided Donations</i>	1493			1493	921
<i>Non-Gift Aided Donations</i>	1216			1216	1043
<b>Total</b>	<b>2709</b>			<b>2709</b>	<b>1964</b>

### 2. Generating Funds

<i>Harvest Supper</i>	0			0	177
<i>Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby</i>	1258			1258	1222
<i>Other fund raising events</i>	119			119	476
<b>Total</b>	<b>1377</b>			<b>1377</b>	<b>1875</b>

### 3. Main Church Activities

#### St Bartholomew's Church

<i>Fees Received</i>	2865			2865	3492
<i>Contribution to heating</i>	336			336	392
<i>Hall Hire</i>	8983			8983	9679
<i>Tots and Tinies</i>	1363			1363	1154
<i>Magazine subscriptions</i>	346			346	374
<i>Magazine income</i>	330			330	240
<i>Other income</i>	0			0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14223</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14223</b>	<b>15331</b>

### 4. Income from Investments

<i>Bank Interest</i>	78	302		380	334
<i>Morrell Trust</i>		251		251	251
<i>Ismay Charity</i>			130	130	130
<i>Tudor Trust</i>		751		751	1028
<i>Shaw Trust</i>		3662		3662	3645
<i>Sale of units in Tudor trust</i>		0		0	6805
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4966</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>5174</b>	<b>12193</b>

### 5. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

<i>Planned Giving Envelope Systems</i>	238			238	288
<i>Harvest Supper</i>	0			0	0
<i>Christmas Fair/Santa in Irby</i>	398			398	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>			<b>636</b>	<b>413</b>

### 6. Mission Giving

<i>Diocesan Family of Schools</i>	300			300	750
<i>Friends of Chester Cathedral</i>	25			25	25
<i>Ismay Charity donation</i>	0			0	300
<i>Art exhibition and flood relief</i>	206			206	0
<i>Gifts</i>	300			300	232
<b>Total</b>	<b>831</b>			<b>831</b>	<b>1307</b>

<b>7. Church Activities</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
Parish Share	39585			39585	38620
Salaries					
<i>Caretaker</i>	362			362	394
<i>Cleaners</i>	2388			2388	2474
<i>Parish Clerk</i>	3405			3405	3315
Pastoral Expenses					
<i>Rector's Expenses</i>	1581			1581	1726
<i>Rector's Office Expenses</i>	879			879	547
<i>Rectory Expenses</i>	2737			2737	2651
Mission Costs					
<i>Assisting Clergy Fees &amp; Expenses</i>	890			890	1094
<i>Organist's Fees</i>	1720			1720	1830
<i>Service Costs (worship materials)</i>	1105			1105	925
<i>Website</i>	230			230	266
<i>Youth</i>	56			56	63
<i>Tots &amp; Tinies</i>	747			747	760
St Bartholomew Overheads					
<i>Church Insurance</i>	4302			4302	4201
<i>C26: Church Licences</i>	78			78	76
<i>C23: Church Building Maintenance</i>	1053			1053	4053
<i>C19: Churchyard Upkeep</i>	5847			5847	1794
<i>C24: Church Organ Expenses</i>	230			230	110
<i>C21: Church Electricity</i>	432			432	228
<i>C22: Church Heating Oil</i>	1415			1415	1335
St Chad's Overheads					
<i>Hall Insurance</i>	1617			1617	1566
<i>Hall Licences</i>	268			268	266
<i>Hall Building Maintenance</i>	1758			1758	4619
<i>Hall Grounds Maintenance</i>	1195			1195	277
<i>Hall Electricity</i>	2849			2849	469
<i>Hall Gas</i>	1289			1289	921
<i>Hall Water</i>	399			399	773
<i>St Chads Building Maintenance</i>	642			642	692
<i>Magazine Costs</i>	134			134	187
<i>Other trading expenses</i>	0			0	0
Admin Expenses					
<i>Office equipment</i>	1444			1444	1456
<i>Office Postage</i>	151			151	168
<i>Office Software</i>	627			627	360
<i>Office Stationery</i>	1901			1901	1665
<i>Office Phone &amp; Internet</i>	422			422	405
<i>Bank Charges</i>	60			60	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>83798</b>			<b>83798</b>	<b>80346</b>

## 8. Investments

The investments relate to five funds:

(i) The Morrell Trust is invested with the CBF Church of England Investments, split between the Fixed Interest Securities Fund and the Global Equity Income Fund.

(ii) The Ismay Charity is invested with the CBF Church of England Global Equity Income Fund with the balance held in the bank account for distribution at the discretion of the incumbent, or for eventual reinvestment.

(iii) The Tudor Trust. This is invested with CBF Church of England income investments, the Property Fund, the UK Equity Fund and the Global Equity Income Fund.

(iv) The Eileen Shaw Trust is a restricted fund producing income for general church use and is invested in C of E Global Equity, Property, UK Equity, Investment and Fixed income Funds.

The fund is held by Chester DBF as Diocesan Authority on behalf of the PCC. This trust is now shown in the PCC's statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(v) The Reserve fund is a small general reserve held for emergency work at St Chad's.

## 9. St Chad's Building

St Chad's building is 50 years old and was built using donations. The first extension was built using funds from the sale of land on which Village Court was built. The new extension was built over 10 years ago. Its insurance value is £903,556.

## 10. Liabilities

	2019		2018
<i>Retained wedding and funeral fees</i>	1143		966
<i>Hall Hire paid in advance</i>	0		40
<i>PAYE</i>	25		17
<i>Sundry creditors</i>	0		0
<i>Outside Collections</i>	0		0
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2011)</i>	10422		10422
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2013)</i>	12600		12600
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2014)</i>	15000		15000
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2015)</i>	20666		20666
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2016)</i>	24506		24506
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2017)</i>	25118		25118
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2018)</i>	25746	134058	25746
<i>Unpaid Parish Share (2019)</i>	26390	160448	
<i>Organist's Fees Outstanding</i>	496		600
<i>Accounts Payable</i>	106		106
<b>Total</b>	<b>162218</b>		<b>135787</b>

## 11. PCC member payments

PCC member Jon Oliver was paid £420 because of his employment as Verger.

## 12. Accounts

This financial statement has been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

The Gift Aid refers to money received in 2019 for the 2018 financial and tax year. Also no reference is made to stock held or debtors.

## 13. Reserves Policy

We have no Quinquennial provision and we aim to carry a minimum of three months turnover i.e approximately £30,000.

## 14. Legacies

We received two legacies this year £10,000 from the estate of Mrs Mabel Gardner and £1,000 from the estate of Mrs C Butler. Both have been spent on the requirements at St Chad's.