

St. George's Church New Mills
Meeting to Appoint Churchwardens
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11th October 2020
Agendas

MEETING TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS – 11 00am

1. To approve the minutes of the last Meeting to Elect Churchwardens on 7th April 2019
 2. To elect 2 Churchwardens
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING -11 05am

1. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7th April 2019
2. Matters arising from those minutes
3. Annual reports
 - a) To receive the Chairman's review.
 - b) To Receive the Parochial Church Council's review
 - c) To consider and approve the examined accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019
 - d) To consider the Revised Electoral Roll.
 - d) To receive the Churchwarden's report including a report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church.
 - e) To receive a report on the proceedings of the Peak Deanery Synod.
4. Elections.
 - a) To elect 3 parishioners to the Peak Deanery Synod
 - b) To elect 7 parishioners to the Parochial Church Council
 - c) To appoint an Electoral Roll Officer
- 6 To appoint an Independent Examiner
- 7 AOB
8. Chairman's closing remarks

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS IN THE PARISH HALL
SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019 11.45am

In the chair:- Martyn Long

There were also 40 parishioners present.

Apologies were received from :- Adele and Stephen Gould, Linda and Phillip Kendall, Mike Pool, Shirley Shaw, Jean Wellens, Cara, Ed , Ethan and Tegan Williams.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual meeting of Parishioners held on 7th April 2018 were circulated prior to meeting.

Proposed by Peter Harrison, seconded by Paul Holt that they be approved and signed.

Approved by 43 parishioners with none against.

Election of Churchwardens

Martyn thanked both Jan and Richard for their hard work and commitment over the past year. He made specific reference to the fact that the vacancy had now been on-going for over twelve months which had considerably increased the workload of our two churchwardens. The meeting also wished it to be placed on record that it was very grateful to the support given to the churchwardens by Mike and Hazel.

There were two nominations for the position of Churchwarden for the coming year, Jan Pool and Richard Hole. No further nominations were received from the floor.

Jan Pool and Richard Hole were duly appointed as Churchwardens for the coming year. Martyn said that he looked forward to working with them during the coming year, and hoped that their burdens would be lightened in the Autumn when hopefully we would have a new vicar.

The meeting closed at 11.50am

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Minutes

The minutes of Annual Parochial Church meeting held on 7th April 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting

Proposed Tim Banham, seconded by Gill Crosland that they be approved and signed.

Approved by 37 parishioners with none against.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Annual Reports

- **Chairman's report** –
- Martyn reported that much of what was usually contained in the Annual Report was included in the Parish Profile which had been prepared as part of the process for appointing a new vicar. As Martyn had previously announced in Church, the Profile had been available on line for 2/3 weeks and was therefore available for those parishioners who had internet access. For those who did not, hard copies had been available at the back of Church.
- Martyn also referred to the to the supplementary Annual report information which had also been circulated prior to the meeting. He was grateful to those members of the congregation who had contributed sections to both the Parish Profile and the Supplementary information which highlighted the work which was being undertaken by parishioners both in the church and in the wider community.

Martyn thanked everyone for their hard work and devotion in whatever sphere over the past year.

- **Examined accounts** – Megan gave the report on the church finances for 2018, which are included within the Annual Report. Megan confirmed that the accounts had been examined by our Independent Examiner, Mr Glenn Leathley of Chronicle Accountants, Whaley Bridge.
- Megan reported that the general fund showed a deficit in 2018 of £1088, which meant that there was now a negative position of £1717 on this fund.
- Whilst the deficit in 2018 was smaller than those in 2016 and 2017, there had been a tax refund under the Gift Aid scheme which included tax recovered on one-off donations which would not be repeated in 2019 . The problem with the General Fund continued to be the level of congregational giving, which although amounting to £41500 was not keeping pace with rising costs.
- Parish Hall income has increased, following the completion of the refurbishment. There was a surplus on the Parish Hall of £1440 despite spending £900 on two new fire doors.
- Designated Funds were healthy, in aggregate amounting to £108000.

Megan made specific reference to the Church Development Fund which for the second year had received a donation of £12500, This money is primarily to fund a toilet and galley kitchen at the west end of the church together with an access ramp. This project needs input from the architect, since we will require a faculty and in all probability we will need to raise additional funds, either by donations or grants. Preliminary work by the Architect will start towards the end of April but it will be some time before the project comes to fruition.

In response to a question from the floor it was confirmed that the parish had met its Common Fund contribution to the Diocese of £42420 despite not having a vicar for all but six weeks of the year.

It was proposed by Frank Crosland, seconded by Muriel Robinson that the accounts should be approved.

Approved by 37 parishioners with none against

Electoral roll – Barbara Matthews announced that the completely new revised roll stood at 100, which was 32 lower than last year of the old roll. 71 parishioners lived in the parish and 29 outside it.

Wardens report – The wardens reported that the high level inspection of the roofs had been carried out but that the written report had not yet been received although it was due in the next two weeks.

Work has now restarted on the final phase of the clock repairs.

The Archdeacon is going to visit each church to carry out a full review of the terriers and other paperwork.

Peak Deanery report – David Wellens reported that the Deanery Synod had met three times over the year when the major items discussed and reviewed were the Deanery Mission Plan, Youth and Children's work within churches, Focal Ministry, Safeguarding and the Diocesan Common Fund

Elections

Parochial Church Council

General Membership

There were now four elected member vacancies on the PCC. Only one nomination had been received, that of Paul Holt. There were no further nominations from the floor and Paul was therefore appointed to the PCC for a further period of three years.

Sides-persons

All sides-persons were re-appointed to the post.

Electoral Roll Officer

Barbara Matthews having indicated her willingness to stand again, was re-appointed to the post. Barbara indicated that she would not be seeking re-appointment next year.

Independent Examiner

Mr Glenn Leathley of Chronicle Accountants, Whaley Bridge was appointed Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Peter Harrison and seconded by Helen Taylor.

Approved by 37 parishioners with none against

AOB

From 14th April, only small tables would be put out for Sunday Coffee. This would ease the setting up and clearing of the Hall.

Concern was expressed about the state of the decorating in the Parish Hall. This would be brought forward at the next PCC Meeting

Chairman's closing remarks

Martyn re-iterated his closing comments of last year where he said that within the parish there was a wealth of talent and a strong will for active participation by everyone using their very diverse talents.

The meeting closed at 12 50pm with the Grace

Chairman's Report

26th April 2020 (Postponed until 11th October 2020)

This report covers the period between my induction on the evening of the sixth of February and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting arranged for the twenty sixth of April, which was postponed due to the Covid-19 Lockdown.

There is a real danger when a new priest arrives in a parish, to go in with both gun's blazing and begin making radical changes. This, I believe, should be avoided at all costs. As we know, change is inevitable, indicating life and new growth. However, change for changes sake can be damaging and it fails to respect the traditions, preferences and hard work of the parishioners prior to the new priest's arrival. Since joining you, I have focused on immersing myself in the whole life of the parish and on building relationships, so that I can better understand your needs and priorities, and the focus of your ministry in order to serve you and work alongside you.

Following a hectic first month, I had planned to invite parishioners to join me at the Vicarage for 'getting to know you' coffee mornings, and to get out and about to establish links and relationships within the wider community. I began to have conversations with a few people about how we could use key points in the year ahead, such as Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday, to reach out and repair relationships with those members who we sadly lost during the interregnum, reassuring them that they still have a spiritual home at Saint George's. Several other seeds have begun to grow in my mind during the first weeks here, as a begin to understand your aspirations for Saint George's.

These first two months have not been without challenge. Several funerals to date, the weathervane issues, and the coronavirus have necessarily taken priority. For our safety, it was decided that we should worship in the hall until the weather vane was made safe. Having just returned to church with the weather vane removed, Covid-19 began to impact upon us, leading us to make adaptations to our worship, such as no physical sharing of the peace and no sharing of the chalice. As the seriousness of the situation became clearer, church was opened daily for periods of private prayer, which a good number of people shared in. By Mothering Sunday, the restrictions escalated, but we were able to record a service which was posted on Facebook. The following Sunday found us in complete lockdown, and our church closed. With thanks to Claire and Leon, we have been able to offer a daily Mass and zoomed Parish Eucharists from the Vicarage. The biggest difficulty in responding pastorally to the early stages of lockdown has been the shortage of contact details I had been able to gather in such a short time. I have been in touch with those whose details I had to offer help and support, or to signpost help and support from other sources. At this time, it is unclear how long the lockdown will last, or how it will impact upon our common life, but please do be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you.

I have maintained your established pattern of worship, except for making the 8 a.m. Sunday Eucharist weekly rather than fortnightly. It would be good, at some future time, to review worship times before we update noticeboards and publicity material. Do the times work for the majority? Some have already told me that they feel 6.30 for Evening Prayer is too late, and that 9.15 for the Midweek Mass is an odd time. During Lent, until we entered lockdown, Stations of the Cross was held on Friday evenings and many of us met at the Vicarage on a Tuesday morning to spend time reflection on the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. Our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter this year, celebrated via zoom, truly reflected these seasons, the desolation of Good Friday mingled with the resurrection joy of Easter day, was expressed by many who were able to join us for the Triduum over the internet. The season has felt almost surreal, as we journeyed through these challenging times whilst looking forward to the joy of normality, whatever that looks like, returning. Our planned celebrations for our Patronal Festival were unable to go ahead, but again, we marked this with a zoom Patronal Mass for Saint George. Thanks to Leon's hard work and creativity, prayer posters were displayed around the churchyard so those taking their daily exercise could stop and pray, and there was a positive response to the invitation to put pictures of Saint George in our windows at home, some of which were shared via Facebook.

The PCC has met once since my arrival; our second meeting being postponed due to lockdown. We have identified growth, financial, communication and young families & children as areas from your SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) analysis in the Parish Profile as our priorities for the coming year. We shall pick up this work post-lockdown. As well as the liturgical, pastoral and practical responses to Covid-19, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Jan Pool, and I have done a review of our safeguarding structures and have updated the information on our noticeboards whilst preparing returns for the Past Cases Review, part 2. The PCC is taking the opportunity during lockdown to review our policies and ensure that our governance structures are as stringent as they can be. This work will be picked up when the PCC is able to meet once again.

Pastoral Ministry – Ten funerals & one baptism.

The decision to give up what is safe, comfortable and familiar and move to a new post, in a new place, among new people was not an easy one. But so many people have helped to confirm in my mind that God has indeed called me here to minister among you and that I have made the right decision. I would like to thank Richard and Jan, Tim Hawkins and Leon, David and Megan for all of their help and support, wisdom and guidance, encouragement and positivity as we begin to work closely together. I would also like to thank our Reader, Tom, for his continued ministry, particularly in sharing some of the Evening Prayer Services, and Tim Banham for playing the organ at the Evening Services. And I thank you all for working so hard during the interregnum to maintain the worship, work and witness of Saint Georges. Finally, I would like to say, once again, a very big thank you for the loving, warm welcome extended to Claire and I as we moved into New Mills, and for the wonderful celebrations marking the beginning of my ministry here at Saint George's. My induction was a truly special occasion, one which I will treasure in my heart for the rest of my life.

February and March have been difficult, but your warmth, positivity and joy have encouraged me greatly. We do not know what the future holds in these difficult circumstances, but what I do know for certain is that God will bring us through this, and we will emerge stronger, and with increased faith, hope and love. Pray God, at our annual meeting in 2021, we will have much to celebrate and give thanks for as we look back on these challenging times, and notice God's work in and through us.

May God bless each one of you, may He protect you and all whom you love as the world navigates this pandemic, and may we soon gather once again to give glory and thanks to God and enjoy fellowship with each other.

With my thanks, prayers and with every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Owain', written in a cursive style.

Fr. Owain

P.C.C. Report

P.C.C. Responsibilities

The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, social and ecumenical.

Whilst this report is primarily in respect of the year ended 31st December, 2019, the most important features to impact on St. George's Church occurred in the early months of 2020.

Fr. Owain Mitchell

As will have been gathered from Fr. Owain's report, in Autumn 2019, following an interregnum that commenced in February 2018, it was announced by the Bishop of Derby that Fr. Owain had been appointed our new vicar and that he would take up his appointment in early Spring 2020. Fr. Owain's institution and induction took place on 6th February, 2020. Fr. Owain had not got his feet under the table when we were faced with Covid 19.

Covid 19

Following Government and Diocesan guidelines, services ceased on 15th March 2020 and did not restart until 12th July 2020. In the intervening period Fr. Owain conducted a number of eucharist services from his study, which were posted on to the church web site and You tube and these were very much appreciated by those who tuned in.

The pattern of services from July 2020 was in a very different from the norm. Everyone wore face masks, we were all signed into church and we all sat separately from each other. Whilst we enjoyed Tim playing the organ there was no other music.

Membership

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected by the Church members at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular members of the congregation are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll..

Since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the following have served as members of the P.C.C.

Priest:- Rev. Owain Mitchell (from 6th February 2020) (Chairman)

Churchwardens:- Mr. Richard Hole
Mrs. Jan Pool (resigned 30th June 2020)

Deanery Synod Members:- Mrs. Gill Crosland
Mrs. Megan Davies (Treasurer)
Mrs. Gen Tarr
Mr. David Wellens (Secretary)
Mrs. Carol Wright

Elected Members:- Mrs. Maureen Austin
Mrs. Cheryl Hanson
Mrs. Katrina Hayward
Mr. Paul Holt
Mr. Tony Lawton
Mrs. Barbara Lord
Mr. John Lord

Mr. Michael Pool (resigned 7th July 2020)
Mr. Leon Shufflebotham

Readers

Mr. Martyn Long (resigned 4th October 2019)
Mrs Thyra Long (resigned 4th October 2019)
Mr Tom Spires (permission to officiate)

P.C.C. Structure and Meetings

Since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting the full council has met on 10 occasions, the average attendance being 14. Up to 4th October 2019 the council consisted of 19 members, from 4th October 6th February 2020 there were 17 members, from 6th February 2020 to 30th June there were 18 members and from 30th June to the present time there are 16 members. Because of the Covid 19 lockdown the Council did not meet following the meeting on 10th February 2020 until 9th September 2020.

The only sub-committee which the P.C.C. is required to have by law is the Standing Committee. This committee met on 2 occasions since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting to deal with matters relating to the interregnum.

To deal with matters needing urgent attention, the Standing committee communicated by telephone or email and on a number of occasions where a full PCC decision had to be made, PCC members were also consulted by email or telephone.

A Fabric sub-committee has been established to prioritise repair work on the Church and Parish Hall. This sub-committee has met once.

St. George's Church

Expenditure on the Church has been of a routine nature, coupled with a start on remedial work following the receipt of the Quinquennial Inspection report in 2017.. Some work has been carried out on the clock, but the completion of the work has been frustrated by the bureaucracy involved in obtaining the faculty. Work is still required on the organ but this work will only be undertaken when funds are available to complete the work.

In early February 2020, the weather vane was damaged by very strong winds and had to be taken down using a specialist crane. Steeple jacks and our architect have been involved in assessing what work is required to make the steeple once again water tight.

During the year a further donation of £12500 was received. These funds are designated by the donor to contribute towards the installation of the indoor toilet and accessible ramp into Church. The Standing Committee has had a preliminary meeting with the architect to discuss the possibility of undertaking this work.

Parish Hall

We are now seeing the hall used much more frequently and it is now an asset that is used by the wider community.

Focus of the PCC.

Whilst there continues to be a need to generate finance to maintain and improve the buildings in our care, the emphasis of the PCC has principally been concerned with interregnum issues the direction we see the church moving in the future.. The PCC has also continued to give serious consideration to the Safeguarding of everyone involved with the parish.

Finance

There was a surplus of £5187 on the General Account. This was the first time for many years that the General Account had shown a surplus. The main reason for this was the receipt of a number of legacies amounting to £9000. In addition there had been a significant number of funerals in 2019.

Whilst General Fund expenditure was much in line with 2018, there had been spending on the Church Development Fund in respect of work on the roof and tower and the first payment to the architect for the initial concept drawings for the Disabled Access, Toilet and Kitchen Project. There had also been spending on the clock.

The General Fund now had a balance of £5699 and the Church Development Fund had a balance of £85234. The clock fund was closed with the balance of £3233 transferred to the Church Development Fund, whilst the Organ Fund had a balance of £5285.

Outreach and Social Activities

During the year the Lunch Club continued to meet on Fridays providing a welcome communion service and lunch to members of the congregation who are less mobile.

On Christmas Day St. George's hosted a Christmas Lunch, again providing the opportunity for members of the town to share Christmas Day with others.

Several members of the congregation take part in Open the Book Activities. This is a joint enterprise by the churches in New Mills where local schools are visited and a bible story is acted out dramatically.

We held a number of social and fundraising events in 2019 which raised some £3300, a welcome addition to the Church's funds. Details of the events are shown in the Financial Statements.

We also distributed some £3100 to a number of missionary societies and charities during 2019. Again details can be found in the Financial Statements.

27th February 2020

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Dear PCC,

First of all, we want to thank you for providing very detailed and accurate records and also for compiling the accounts of the church in the correct format for the year ended 31st December 2019.

We want to say on record that it is obvious that no small amount of work has gone into preparing the accounts from the books and records and there has been very little for us to be concerned about, while we have conducted our independent examination.

We want to thank you and the PCC for all the effort put in during the year and we look forward to reviewing the accounts next year.

Yours sincerely,



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| Financial Statement for 12 months to End December 2019 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Receipts | | | | | | | | | | |
| | General | Lunch | Choir | Organ | Clock | P/Hall | Church | Sequest. | Total | Total |
| | | Club | Fund | Fund | Fund | Dev.Fund | Dev.Fund | Fund | 2019 | 2018 |
| Congregational Giving | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collections | 4649 | | | | | | | | 4649 | 4891 |
| Bankers Orders | 3857 | | | | | | | | 3857 | 3621 |
| CMF Envelopes | 19865 | | | | | | | | 19865 | 19928 |
| Other Donations | | | | | | | | | | |
| Altar | 145 | | | | | | | | 145 | 228 |
| Votive and Candles | 97 | | | | | | | | 97 | 263 |
| Other Donations | 9817 | | | | | | | | 9817 | 5530 |
| Other Income | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gift Aid Tax Refund | 7121 | | | | | | | | 7121 | 13041 |
| Funeral /Wedding fees | 10545 | | | | | | | | 10545 | 6613 |
| Parish Hall Income | 12852 | | | | | | | | 12852 | 13481 |
| Fund Raising | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Raising | 3334 | | | | | | | | 3334 | 2345 |
| Misc. Receipts | 1383 | | | | | | | | 1383 | 2031 |
| Mission/Charity Donations | 2881 | | | | | | | | 2881 | 2507 |
| Investments | | | | | | | | | | |
| CBF Investment Income | 767 | | | | | | | | 767 | 750 |
| Mackie Trust Donation | 3075 | | | | | | | | 3075 | 2999 |
| Bank Interest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposit Account | 72 | | | | | | | | 72 | 26 |
| CCLA Account | 69 | | | | | | | | 69 | 45 |
| Funds | | | | | | | | | | |
| Luncheon Club Fund | | 250 | | | | | | | 250 | 0 |
| Choir Fund | | | 672 | | | | | | 672 | 0 |
| Organ Fund | | | | 310 | | | | | 310 | 50 |
| Church Development Fund | | | | | | | | | | 17500 |
| Parish Hall Fund | | | | | | 1040 | | | 1040 | 100 |
| Sequestration | | | | | | | | | 0 | 157 |
| Total Receipts | 80529 | 250 | 672 | 310 | | 1040 | | | 82801 | 96106 |

| St.George's Parish Church Council | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Financial Statement for Year End 31st December 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | General | Lunch | Choir | Organ | Clock | Parish Hall | Defib | Church Dev. | Seg | Total | Total | |
| | Fund | Club | Fund | Fund | Fund | Development | Fund | Fund | Fund | 2019 | 2018 | |
| Payments & Receipts | -58687 | 190 | 466 | 5285 | -3233 | 1985 | 1245 | 81347 | -1874 | 26724 | 43437 | |
| Transfer of Funds | 1874 | | | | 3233 | | | -3233 | 1874 | 0 | | |
| Bank | -60561 | 190 | 466 | 5285 | 0 | 1985 | 1245 | 78114 | 0 | 26724 | 43437 | |
| Capital Reserve | 37731 | | | | | | | | | 37731 | 32660 | |
| CCLA | 2174 | | | | | | | 7120 | | 9294 | 9225 | |
| | -20656 | 190 | 466 | 5285 | 0 | 1985 | 1245 | 85234 | 0 | 73749 | 87322 | |
| Investments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CBF Fund Income & Shares | 26355 | | | | | | | | | 26355 | 22253 | |
| 1378 @ (MMV) 1913 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nett Worth | 5699 | 190 | 466 | 5282 | 0 | 1985 | 1245 | 85234 | 0 | 100104 | 109575 | |
| Movement in Net Worth | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserves Brought Forward | -1717 | 235 | 609 | 4975 | 3438 | 945 | 1245 | 99845 | | 109575 | 96736 | |
| Excess of Recpts over Paym | 5187 | -45 | -143 | 310 | -6671 | 1040 | | -11378 | -1874 | -13574 | 13177 | |
| Decrease in Value of Shares | 4103 | | | | | | | | | 4103 | -338 | |
| Transfer of Funds | -1874 | | | | 3233 | | | -3233 | 1874 | 0 | | |
| | 5699 | 190 | 466 | 5285 | 0 | 1985 | 1245 | 85234 | 0 | 100104 | 109575 | |

| Financial Statement for Year End 31st December 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Notes on Receipts | | | | | | |
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| Congregational Giving | 2019 | 2018 | | Donations to Funds | 2019 | 2018 |
| Collections | 4649 | 4891 | | Church Dev. Fund/Loan | | 12500 |
| Bankers Orders | 3857 | 3621 | | Church Dev. Fund | | 5000 |
| CMF | 19865 | 19928 | | Choir Fund | 672 | |
| Altar | 145 | 228 | | | | |
| Votive | 97 | 87 | | P/Hall Dev. Fund | 1040 | 100 |
| Candles | 0 | 176 | | Lunch Club | 250 | |
| Other Donations | 9817 | 5530 | | Organ Fund | 310 | 50 |
| | 38430 | 34461 | | | 2272 | 17650 |
| Other Receipts | 2019 | 2018 | | Fund Raising | 2019 | 2018 |
| Fees Funerals/Weddings | 10545 | 6613 | | Quiz Night | 122 | |
| Parish Hall Income | 12852 | 13481 | | 100 Club | | 60 |
| | | | | Tea Party | 627 | |
| CBF | 767 | 750 | | Garden Parties | 136 | |
| | | | | Fashion Show | 505 | |
| Interest | 141 | 71 | | Rail Exh. | 44 | |
| Mackie Donation | 3075 | 2999 | | Film Show | | 65 |
| Sequestration | 0 | 157 | | Band Concert | 231 | |
| | 27380 | 24071 | | Burbage Brass Band | 357 | |
| | | | | Christmas Fair | 972 | 1224 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Refund | 7121 | 13041 | | Tree Festival | 333 | 634 |
| | | | | Diaries | 7 | 29 |
| | | | | Jazz Night | | 333 |
| Missions Receipts | 2019 | 2018 | | | 3334 | 2345 |
| High Peak Art | 32 | Guide Dogs | 36 | | | |
| Rainbow Haven | 36 | Leproymission | 150 | | | |
| Leprosymission | 240 | Christies | 85 | | | |
| Air Ambulance | 114 | MercyShips | | | | |
| Smile Train | 206 | Bluebell Houe | 63 | | | |
| Open Book | 63 | Air Ambulance | 119 | | | |
| Christie | 100 | Childrens Soc. | 40 | | | |
| Fountain of Peace | 51 | Christian Aid | 220 | | | |
| Camphill | 50 | Camphill | 90 | | | |
| Wellspring | 193 | B'hem Orphans | 250 | | | |
| Kinder Rescue | 98 | Water Aid | 80 | | | |
| Salvation Army | 50 | Sal. Army | 95 | | | |
| Water Aid | 89 | Open the Book | 34 | | | |
| Papyrus | 80 | Blythe House | 370 | | | |
| Huntingtons | 165 | Br. Legion | 79 | | | |
| Blythe House | 390 | Foody Friends | 66 | | | |
| Save The Children | 88 | E.Cheshire Hosp. | 429 | | | |
| Mothers Union | 101 | Papyrus | 68 | | | |
| Breakfast Club | 117 | Smile Train | 90 | | | |
| WWDP | 29 | School Sponsor | 63 | | | |
| British Legion | 161 | One World Fest | 33 | | | |
| Help For Heroes | 161 | Anon | 47 | | | |
| B'hem Orphans | 267 | | | | | |
| | 2881 | | 2507 | | | |

Churchwarden's report

To say we have had a hectic eighteen months would, I think, be a bit of an understatement. I won't even try to go into details as I think everybody is aware of the trials and tribulations we have had to overcome.

To start with, my thanks go to everyone too numerous to mention for all the hard work you have put in to help Jan and I through the interregnum and then the early part of Fr Owain's ministry. Top of the list I must thank are those clergy we were able to call upon to carry us through our Sunday services and most importantly through the Christmas period. Without their help we would have had to cancel some services. Here I must make special mention of Jan Pool who took on the job of seeking out clergy who were willing and able to help us out and then fitting them into a rota.

Early on at the beginning of the year storms and gale force winds played havoc with the weather vane on the spire so much so that the golden cockerel looked as though it had overdosed on communion wine. The church yard had to be closed for a few days whilst remedial work was carried out and the weather vane taken down. Work to put things back together again has been delayed by the pandemic, we expect repairs to restart fairly soon.

At long last DCC have started work on the churchyard walls, thankfully the repairs are nearly complete.

February 6th saw the infiltration and licencing from the other side of the hill of Fr Owain Mitchell, you could have heard Jan and I breathing sighs of relief from one end of the diocese to the other. Unfortunately, the start of Fr Owain's ministry was marred by the beginning of the pandemic and lockdown. Not to be deterred, he and Claire with no more to do organised and successfully I might add, on line Sunday services via Zoom on the internet and the rest as they say is history.

The church linen, silverware and altar frontals are all in good order. Unfortunately our newly refurbished clock stopped working in the early spring, this may be due to the squadron of local crows building nests on the clock faces, we don't yet know. Again due to the situation we are unable to get the clock manufacturers to come and sort things out. Hopefully they will be able to visit site when the weather vane is replaced and share access equipment with the builders.

One sad point in our year has been the departure of Jan and Mike, they have upped sticks and moved to the deep south to be near family. Thank you both for all your hard work and may you enjoy your retirement, I for one am missing you both already. (Southern Softies!!)

Thank you everybody for your continued support through these difficult times, the church is only a building where we meet and worship, it is you who turn up each week who are the real church!

Richard.

Churchwarden

Report on Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met on three occasions in 2019, in April, June and September.

A recurring item on the agenda was safeguarding. There were ongoing updates on the subject and many attendees were of the view that the constant changes to procedures were discouraging congregation members from participating in activities or even taking on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.

At the April meeting Common Fund (Parish Share) was the main item on the agenda.

The total Common Fund budget for the Diocese in 2018 was £5.07m. The total collected was £4.62m, 91.2% of the budget, overall there was a shortfall. The Peak Deanery collected £801k 95.9% of their budget of £835k and the Area Dean was thankful to all for this achievement.

However, the 2019 Budget had increased by £894k. To February 2019, the Diocese was £303k behind the planned budget that has a target of £5.39m. We are in the final year of the new formula three year transition. The phased withdrawal of Church Commissioners funding continues to impact diocesan budget. The Church Commissioners are re-investing in growth & mission opportunities.

There were numerous points raised from the floor but there was concern that Diocesan Office costs seemed to increase whilst there was little urgency in appointing clergy where there was a vacancy

June and September Meetings

The main topic at both meetings was :- Lay Ministry Development - 'Setting Gods people Free' - parish strategies on filling the void created by fewer clergy-.introduced by Tony Kaunhoven, Vicar of Bakewell.

There is a rich resource of existing Lay Ministry and new developments in the Peak Deanery and it would be good to share our parish/benefice experience and initiatives, including the discerning, training and permission giving pathways in order to resource each other, learn from one another and encourage each other.

There is an important question about developing a Diocesan vision and strategy for lay ministry, which the Deanery can develop. But Setting God's People free is not about filling the gaps in times of vacancy or concerning questions of deployment and finance. This National Church initiative is about changing culture, to help us all to see that we are ambassadors for, and servants of Christ in our witness, in our places of work, leisure, contact and interaction with people. How does our Sunday experience of encountering God within church worship inform, resource, and equip us to go out and share our faith Monday to Saturday? How do we join up our experience of Monday to Saturday to Sunday, where this is reflected in the worship and fellowship?

Again there was consideration of the subject by attendees in groups but the time devoted was very limited and as is the case when working in this way, many ideas and thoughts were thrown into the mix but there was really very little clarity.

Another topic at the September meeting was given a free hand and resources were not a factor where in the Diocese would you plant a church.

The discussion suggested there are models for a particular context – in a rural setting it is a different situation from an urban setting. As a church, where is an area that we are not reaching into, and what resources would we need?

Rural Deanery – no more churches needed, need people to grow the small groups.

Less rural context – where there is a tight community do they relate to the building in the same way? Not just where we plant, but a different congregation in our current buildings. How do we engage with the people – new groups of people?

We need the wherewithal and the people to do it. Like a partnership with other groups so there is a variety of worship and grow together. Planting together with other congregations

Normalising our faith and as rural churches we are inclined to look inwards maybe we need to turn this on its head and outwardly give support to people who may wish to access church for baptisms, wedding, deaths. Skill ourselves to reach out.

Whether anything will come out of these discussions remains to be seen.