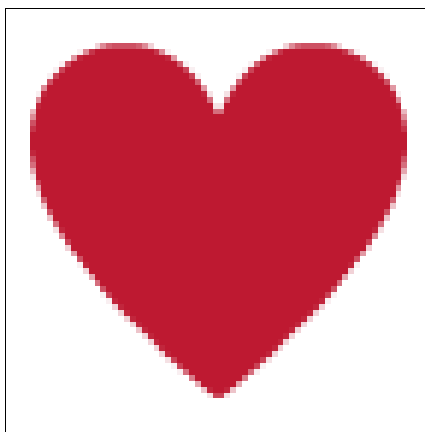
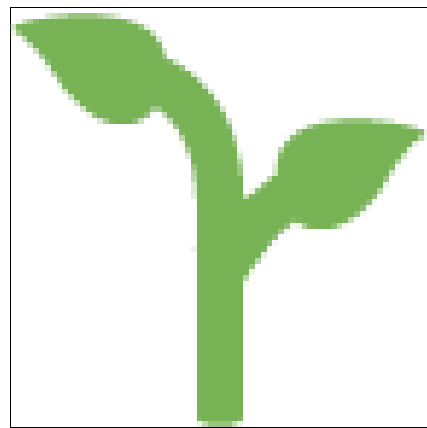


# Annual Report

## 2019



*Extending God's Welcome to Everyone!*

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# St John's, Brooklands

*We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.*

## Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

## Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

## Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

**Worship:** growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

**Evangelism:** making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

**Liturgical:** living lives shaped by God's story

**Community:** belonging to our church family

**Outward-looking:** going out beyond our four walls

**Missional:** serving God's purposes for the world

**Invitational:** inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

**Nurturing:** equipping everyone for ministry

**Generous:** excelling in the grace of giving

## Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve on a team

*Extending God's welcome to everyone* is our 'beyond the horizon' vision which sets the general direction of our parish and has been subdivided into four main priority areas to be worked on over the next three to five years:

- ❖ **Integrating newcomers:** This is all about welcoming new people into our church family and helping them to explore faith and grow in their relationship with God.
  
- ❖ **Identifying leaders:** This is about recruiting new church leaders and training existing ones to oversee the various aspects of our parish life. Some of our church leaders will be serving voluntarily and others will be part of a staff team, but both will be doing what God has called them to do.
  
- ❖ **Increasing worship opportunities:** This is about providing a variety of opportunities to gather together at various times throughout the week to worship God and to deepen our faith.
  
- ❖ **Investing in our facilities:** We have been blessed with a beautiful church building as well as a hall and hut. As we seek to resource our mission these will need to be maintained and developed appropriately.



# 2019 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2020

## VICAR'S REPORT

It was Stephen Covey who said, "The main thing is to keep the *main thing the main thing*." His point was about the ease by which people and organisations experience 'mission drift', the unconscious and unintentional drift away from what you're meant to be doing. Churches, just like any organisation, are particularly prone to this, and the default can easily become a focus on maintenance rather than mission.



Thankfully we do not need to look too hard to find out what the mission of the church is. At the end of Matthew's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples, 'go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you' (Matt. 28:18-20).

Our main thing is nothing less than these three short imperatives: to *make disciples*, to *baptise* them, and to *teach* them. In other words, we are to be a community of missionary disciples who are making disciples. This is why I've done quite a bit of work on our parish vision, during 2019, and I'm putting together a strategy the primary focus of which is on making disciples and a set of measures that tell us if we're doing it. What I have tried to do is to reflect this in our 2020 vision and our strategic priorities for next year. Our overarching strategy is rooted in the narrative flow of the Eucharist: we gather together and are **welcomed** into God's presence, we then **grow** deeper in our relationship with God as we hear his word read and preached and then we respond to God in confessing our faith in him and praying for God's world, then we **share** in our family meal at the Lord's Table, before being sent out into the world to love and **serve** our neighbours *and* one another. The shape of the liturgy is echoed in our parish strategy:

**welcome** to the family → **grow** in faith → **share** life together → **serve** on a team

In 2020 our focus shall be on '**welcome to grow**' and we're prioritising Alpha, Prayer Courses and creating a culture of invitation and hospitality as we build bridges to connect with our community. In 2021 our focus shall be on '**grow and share**' and we'll prioritise Alpha, Connect Groups, Prayer Courses, and Discipleship Groups. Then in 2022 our focus shall be on '**serve**' and we'll prioritise creating teams and connecting people with the best team that suits their SHAPE (spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences). To help keep our focus we're trying to keep things as simple as possible, creating a series of 'next steps' for everyone to take that help them along their spiritual journey.

Our *main thing* is that we want everyone in Brooklands to apprehend the love of God, to know the joy that comes from having a relationship with him, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives changing them to be more like Jesus, and to see our community transformed as God's kingdom grows and bears fruit that will last.

# Aligning our Strategy and Values

## Welcome to our family

### **Evangelism**

*Making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus*

### **Invitational**

*Inviting everyone to come and know Jesus for themselves*

## Grow in faith

### **Worship**

*Growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit*

### **Liturgical**

*Living lives shaped by God's story*

### **Generous**

*Excelling in the grace of giving*

## Share life together

### **Community**

*Belonging to our church family*

## Serve on a team

### **Outward-looking**

*Going out beyond our four walls*

### **Missional**

*Serving God's purposes for the world*

### **Nurturing**

*Equipping everyone for ministry*

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The eucharist begins as we gather and are **welcomed** into God's presence. This is why welcome is the value at the heart of our church family. Our God is a welcoming God and so we are his welcoming people!

In the same way that we have been welcomed into God's family so we seek to welcome others and in this way, we follow the example set by Jesus.

At the heart of God's welcome is an invitation to know him personally. The invitational nature of God is patterned in our own lives as we invite people we know to come along to invitational events that we run as a parish, as well inviting them to take the next step of their faith journey.

## GROW IN FAITH

Once we have been welcomed into God's presence the Eucharist invites us to **grow** in our relationship with God as we hear his word read and preached and respond to God in confessing our faith in him and praying for the world.

Growing in our faith is normal, though it doesn't just happen by default: it takes time and discipline. We have to be intentional about it. As disciples we should be expecting that we grow in our faith. Jesus calls his followers to be disciples and a disciple literally means "one who is learning". Learning and growing are both lifelong processes, but when we cease to learn and grow, we cease to be disciples and will experience stagnation in our spiritual lives. This is why we provide a variety of opportunities you church members to grow in their faith: Alpha, The Prayer Course, Connect Groups and Discipleship Groups are three examples of this.

Three other examples of our providing opportunities to grow in faith were: (1) welcoming children to the Lord's Table before confirmation at Easter; (2) running our second Autumn Preaching Series which was based on the Psalms. We explored different genres of psalms and thought about how they can help form our relationship with God. Finally, (3) we have also continued to highlight how our giving is an integral part of growing in faith. We held a Giving Sunday in July and published our five-year budget in November!

*Welcome one  
another...just as Christ  
has welcomed you, for the  
glory of God.*

*~ Romans 15:7 ~*

*I am the vine; you are  
the branches. Those  
who remain in me,  
and I in them, will  
produce much fruit.*

*~ Romans 12:13 ~*



## SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Having been welcomed into God's presence and grown in our faith through listening to God and responding to him, we **share** our family meal: the Eucharist. Here we express most visibly that we belong to each other as we share bread and wine together: "there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). This togetherness ripples out into our daily life as we share our life with each other. This could be as simple as inviting someone from church around for a cup of tea and a chat.

*You are members  
of God's family*

~ Ephesians 2:19 ~

The refreshments we serve after the service is part of our hospitality, and we have now changed the what we serve and the way in which it is served. We provide freshly brewed quality filter coffee, tea, fruit juice, and caffeine-free drinks, along with nice biscuits and fresh fruit. We have also been experimenting with open-plan seating and we seem to have found an arrangement that works for everyone.

Outside of Sundays, Connect Groups are at the heart of our vision for sharing life together. These are groups of around six to twelve people who meet regularly (usually once or twice a month) to build lasting friendships and grow in faith together; i.e. connecting with each other and connecting with God! The format is similar to Alpha with eating, discussing faith, and worshipping together!

## SERVE ON A TEAM

At the Eucharist concludes we are sent out into the world, commissioned by God to love and **serve**. Every member of our church family is a minister who has been called to serve God and my role as vicar is to equip all church members for the work of ministry so that we are all built up and encouraged to live for Christ in our daily lives.

I celebrate that there are so many expressions of service here at St John's. It really is wonderful to see you participate in the life of our church family.

Not only does God call us to serve our church family, he also calls us and equips us to serve our local community. I am hugely excited that, along with a number of local churches, we continue partnering with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to offer debt counselling to those in need. Over the next few years we'll be thinking prayerfully about the ways in which we can serve our local community.

*Now you are the  
body of Christ, and  
each of you is a  
part of it.*

~ 1 Corinthians 12:27 ~

## FUTURE PRIORITIES

### Prioritise evangelism

- Run Alpha in January and in the Autumn
- Launch monthly Messy Church
- Recruit a Children and Families Outreach Worker as part of being a multi-generational church family reaching the next generation

### Prioritise the Sunday experience

- Recruit a Director of Worship/Organist
- Implement a *First Serve* Strategy beginning with the Hospitality Team
- Hold a training day for liturgical teams in the Autumn
- Recruit a Children and Families Outreach Worker

### Prioritise prayer

- Run a Prayer Course
- Run a Youth Prayer Course
- Provide a variety of opportunities to pray together as a parish
- Focus on prayer during Lent
- Initiate a Prayer Ministry Team

### Prioritise community

- Communicate what it looks like to belong to our church family
- Form Connect Groups from Alpha alumni

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

#### ALPHA MINISTRY

This year we ran two Alpha courses. During Lent 2019 six adults have completed the first section of Alpha and then in the Autumn we ran our second Alpha with eight people coming along.

#### INVITATIONAL EVENTS

**Bumps and Babies** Our new baby group launched in September. It runs during term time in the Church Hall on Tuesday mornings between 9.30-11am. It is for expectant parents and babies under the age of 12 months, and we provide an opportunity to meet new people, catch up with friends, and find support from others in a similar life stage.

**Children's Parties** We have run a variety of parties this year – at our **Pancake Party** on Shrove Tuesday we raised funds for Christians Against Poverty with whom we've partnered to set up a debt counselling service in Sale; at our **Dinosaur Party** we had an afternoon of fun as we explored the fascinating world of the Dinosaur; and on Halloween we held our second **Pumpkin Party** which has quickly established itself as a family favourite!

**Good as New:** Originally Good as New (GAN) was set up in 1993 to raise funds for repairs to the organ, it was so successful it has continued to this day. Every Thursday, between 10-12pm, GAN provides a place of welcome where people, from both inside and outside of the parish, can meet for a friendly chat, listen to music and hopefully find a bargain or two. GAN is open for nearly 40 weeks in the year during, as far as possible, school term times. Needless to say, GAN requires an army of nearly 50 volunteers who set out the stalls and pack them away, manage the stalls, work in the kitchen, bake cakes and, play the piano.

**Crafty Chat:** Crafty Chat meets twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. We are a very friendly group where you can bring your own craft, join in with the latest project or simply watch and chat. The chat is as important as the craft and due to growing attendance, we have now moved back into the hall.

**Women's Fellowship:** We ladies of the Women's Fellowship have enjoyed a very varied programme and count ourselves fortunate to have enjoyed listening to several speakers on some extremely interesting subjects.

**Garden Party:** We had a lovely day for weather and the Parishioners came in their crowds. We had lots of entertainment with Sale Scout & Guiding Band playing a large selection of popular music at the front of the ground. We had a DJ playing music in between and giving out announcements. There were all the usual stalls which as ever are so popular. There was also the Pym's tent; a Beer Garden and the BBQ area were always full where family and friends could socialise. The hall had the usual Strawberries and cream teas which went

down exceeding well. There was plenty to keep the children busy too in the Children's Area with the toy stall, Lucky Dip, Hook-a-Duck, and face painting.

**Winter Fair:** This was another excellent fair! It was well attended by members of the Parish. The most moving thing was the fellowship and the amount of time, help and donations given by the stallholders to make this so successful.

## GROW IN FAITH

**Worship:** During this year we ran Café Church weekly from January on Sunday afternoons at 4.30pm. After our summer break we decided to rebrand it as Messy Church and hold it on the first Sunday of the month.

We conducted congregational surveys at Evensong and the Wednesday Communion service, both of which became monthly from September. The Wednesday Communion service will be discontinued from 2020 due to poor attendance. We also trialled moving our early morning Sunday service from 8.30am to 9am and this will become permanent from 2020.

We have explored ways to develop our worship and during Eastertide we trialled the use of incense within our 10.30 service. We then conducted a congregational survey to see what people thought. There was a wide variety of opinions and we now use incense for special services including Midnight Communion at Christmas.

**Evangelism & discipleship:** to help us grow as missionary disciples we had a special focus for Advent with our theme being pray, invite, and tell. We were encouraged to pray for five people asking God for opportunities to invite them to come to one of our invitational services over Christmas and the opportunity to tell them what being a Christian means to us. To help equip members of our church family to do this we held a few sessions to help.

**Discipleship Groups:** A Discipleship Group ('Reading Galatians Together') met in the vicarage on Fridays during Lent with the purpose of reading through Paul's letter to the Galatians. This group has continued to meet monthly thereafter and is currently reading through Paul's letter to the Romans.

**Little Fishes:** Little Fishes meets during the 10.30am Sunday Service and is for 0-5 year olds and usually between 3-8 under 5s attend each week. It provides a great opportunity to welcome baptism families to our church family. We worship God and learn about him through rhyme, prayer, song, repetition, craft, dancing, role play and using our voices! During these early years (0-5 years old) a child's sense of who they are and where they belong is shaped and during Little Fishes the children can worship God and explore the relevance of the Bible and God in their lives. We always start the sessions by singing our Welcome Song to each child because we want our babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to feel part of our church family at St John's (for they are very valued members!). We loosely follow the lectionary in our sessions, meaning we are connecting with the rest of the congregation, moving through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time together.

**Energize:** Sunday School has seen a few changes in 2018 when we launched 'Energise'. We welcome children from 5 years and older and the younger members of the choir also come and join us, so this has seen an increase in the number of children coming on a regular basis.

We follow a three-year teaching programme which is tailored to meet the needs of the ages of the children that day. It is very practical and helps the children to understand not just Old & New Testament stories, but how the theme can apply to their lives today.

**Messy Church** – On Good Friday we held our **Messy Easter** as we explored the Easter story. Each craft was related to Holy Week and we even built the walls of Jerusalem out of cardboard boxes! In October we gave thanks for the innumerable blessing we enjoy at our **Messy Harvest**, at which we collected food for our local Food Bank. In December held our **Messy Advent** as we looked forward to Christmas with hopeful expectation.

## SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

### Pastoral Care

Connect Groups are at the heart of our vision for sharing life together and form the primary context for delivering pastoral care within the parish. Alongside this system, which is in its infancy, we have appointed Isabel Bryce to act as a Pastoral Care Coordinator...

As Pastoral Care Coordinator, my role is to share responsibility with the vicar to ensure that every member of the church family has a place of belonging where they are known, cared for, and have the opportunity to grow in Christ.

This past year, our pastoral care team have reached out to others within our own church and the community, in many different ways:

- taking Communion to those who are unable to come to church
- visiting the sick at home, in hospital, nursing home and in the hospice
- offering support through prayer, and taking time to listen
- making contact through phone calls and cards
- visiting and keeping in touch with the recently bereaved.

Two of us have completed a Bereavement Care Awareness course, but we recognise that there is a need to develop bereavement ministry at St John's.

A few members of our church family provide lifts to and from church for those who need transport. This is greatly appreciated.

The Thursday Coffee Morning continues to provide an excellent opportunity for welcome and friendship. As well as enjoying coffee and cake, many visitors have been glad of the opportunity to spend quiet time in church or light a candle. It has been a privilege on occasions to sit and pray with someone who is sad, worried, or anxious about loved ones. Others come simply for company and we pray that they may leave feeling uplifted and encouraged that someone cares! The faithful helpers who set up and run the coffee

morning are to be commended for their efforts, but we must be ever mindful that they too need care.

The Crafty Chat group goes from strength to strength. Members continue to use their skills and creativity to support many charities, and play their part in our church events. Chris Padbury provides excellent leadership and sets a wonderful example of good pastoral care. Everyone is valued and encouraged, confidence grows and support is given in times of need. Newcomers are always welcomed.

We are extremely grateful for all who quietly and sensitively care for others, and who alert our attention to those in need.

In the coming months we look forward to exploring new ways to help us reach out in love to others. To that end, we pray that our team will continue to grow to enable us to provide prayer and support to everyone who needs pastoral care.



## **WITHINGTON DEANERY REPORT**

Withington Deanery Synod met on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at Emmanuel, Didsbury, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July at William Temple, Wythenshawe, the 6<sup>th</sup> November at St. Michael and All Angels, Lawton Moor. The Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> May was hosted by Christ Church, West Didsbury, and the preacher was the Airport Chaplain, George Lane. Much work has been done throughout the year on our Deanery Mission Action Plan. We continued to celebrate becoming the first Inclusive Deanery in the Church of England.

In August we said goodbye to Stephen Edwards as our Area Dean and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November we joined Bishop Mark at St. Nicholas as Rachel was licensed as our new Area Dean. It was a very smooth transition! Some of us went to Worcester to see Stephen in his new home.

At the March Meeting the main item of business was the MAP update, with the Diocese requiring the Deanery MAP to be submitted before Easter. We worked in groups to discuss the 'Deanery Vision for the future.' Amendments to the plan were made accordingly.

At the July Meeting the Deanery Plan was once again the main item on the agenda. Discussions took place and amendments to our MAP were made. Lisa Battye gave an update on the work of General Synod. We also approved the setting up of a discretionary fund of £1,000 for arranging training events to benefit the Deanery.

At the November Meeting we welcomed Helen Platts, Diocesan Secretary and The Ven. David Sharples, Archdeacon of Salford. There was a presentation on the future vision for the Diocese, as part of a consultation exercise. A time of questions followed, and individuals and parishes were encouraged to make their responses to the Diocese.

## OPERATIONS REPORTS

### ADMINISTRATION

A great deal goes on behind the scenes and Parish Administration is an important element of our parish operations as it enables a more efficient and effective administration practice, which supports the vision and mission of St John's.

Our Parish Administrator provides general administrative support which currently involves:

- Continue to provide general administrative support to the vicar.  
This involves assisting with the preparation and production of the weekly sheet and other essential service sheets for acts of worship, invitations to specific events and occasions in the life of the church prayer list and other tasks as required
- Produce monthly rota for Sunday worship: readers, lay assistants and intercessors and rota for Sanctuary Guild. These are distributed either by email or hard copy.
- Prepare monthly Parish Calendar for the magazine.
- Liaise with the photocopier engineer for ordering of ink cartridges, call outs and repairs
- Order/purchase supplies for church ministry including; office stationery, small items of office equipment, communion supplies, candles and other items as required. Orders are performed remotely; either online or by phone.
- Assist the treasurer with the copyright licence requirements.
- Manage the new online booking system for the hire of the hall/hut for both regular and 'one off' bookings. Liaise with the treasurer regarding payments for 'one off bookings'.

#### Photocopier

A new photocopier is required to produce the necessary paperwork.

In the interim it was agreed by the Operations Team to purchase an Epson Workforce WF 2630 printer. Printing is now performed off site.

Purchase of a new photocopier has been discussed at the Operations Team Meetings. Decision pending as to the best option:

- I. Purchase of a new photocopier
- II. Lease a photocopier
- III. Purchase/lease a re-conditioned photocopier

#### Looking to the future

An area for storage of office stationary still to be identified. However, a filing cabinet has been donated and is currently in the Vestry.

## BUILDINGS

The major item of expenditure this year has been the re-sealing and polishing of the hall floor, which had not been undertaken for many years. This was long overdue in view of the usage by Little Fishes and also in preparation for the new Bumps and Babies initiative which started in September 2019.

There has been minimal expense incurred inside the church building this year apart from the acquisition of two new vacuums, one heavy duty and one cordless, the latter generally for a quick spruce up between services.

Some £600 was spent on repairs to the church roof and gutters around the choir vestry due to water ingress following heavy rain. Repairs to the hall roof amounted to some £936, which is likely to be an ongoing cost drain until a full renewal is effected.

The trial bollard style lights at the steps did not emit sufficient illumination and hence the issue of external lighting is being rethought in conjunction with the architect.

A faculty has been obtained to repair the main church north door and work should be completed by the time this report is issued. New heaters have also been installed in the hut, as the old ones were continually tripping out due to the output load being requested of them.

New gate lights have also recently been installed as the old ones were not operating due to corrosion.

No major expenditure has been incurred on 39 Dalebrook Road this year, apart from some minor heating repairs.

A faculty has been obtained for the felling of the cypress trees in the grounds later this spring.

## FINANCE

Planned giving has held up reasonably well this year and there have been several new standing orders and increases to regular giving which should help to maintain our income going forward. Many thanks to everyone who supports us. The amount of Income tax recovered on regular giving is also similar to last year as the 2018 figure includes £2109 in respect of boiler donations received.

The Garden Party, Winter Fair and Good as New continue to provide us with a valuable source of funds as well as reaching out to the local community. We are very grateful to everyone who gives their time and support as this is vital to the success of these events

Fees for life events dropped slightly this year but magazine receipts improved. Hall and hut rents have been a steady source of income as has the rent from Dalebrook Road.

We were very grateful to receive two bequests this year: one from Rex Collins and one from Mrs E McCormick. These were transferred to the General Legacy Fund deposit account at the CBF. The purchase of the new tables for the hall was funded by a transfer of £2000 from this fund.

During the year, the PCC agreed to partner with other local churches to support Christians against Poverty with the setting up of a local operation. A donation of £1,500 was made in the year and donations at the Pancake Party also raised £91 for CAP. The Christingle service in 2018 and candle boxes during the Christmas period raised £281 for the Children's Society.

In common with other churches in the Diocese, a meeting was held between PCC and Diocesan representatives to discuss Parish Share levels for the three years commencing with 2019. A Parish Share payment of £43,000 was agreed for 2019 and this is the amount that will have been paid once the final payment (included in creditors) has been made.

Hospitality associated with church services (e.g. Sunday coffee) is now classified as Welcome Ministry and included in note 7. This would previously have been included in hospitality in note 14.

Church Fabric expenses include £600 in respect of roof repairs following two separate leaks. Leaks in the hall roof also required repair (costing £936) and this is included in maintenance and repair in note 11. A transfer of £1500 was made from the New Fabric Fund deposit account to cover this expenditure. The hall maintenance and repair figure in note 11 also includes £1476 which was spent resurfacing and polishing the hall floor. This had not been done for many years and it had become impossible to adequately clean the floor due to the poor condition of the surface. It is intended that this should be done every three years going forward and we have purchased a superior vacuum cleaner and a buffer which should help to maintain the surface in a reasonable condition in between. The cost of this equipment, together with the new tables purchased for the hall, is included in note 14.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### - Usual Weekly Attendance

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>8.30: Holy Communion</b>	-	-	-	-	13	12
<b>10.30 Morning Service</b>	-	-	-	-	89	83
<i>4.30 Café Church (Jan-Jul)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	6 (weekly)
<i>4.30 Messy Church (from Sept)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	34 (monthly)
<b>6.30: Choral Evensong</b>	-	-	-	-	10	8
<b>Total</b>	115	117	108	104	112	103

*Messy Church in 2020 ran monthly: January (11 people), February (22 people), and March (16 people).*

### - Special Events/Services

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Alpha</b>	-	-	-	4	14	15
<b>Youth Alpha</b>	-	-	-	5	-	-
<b>The Prayer Course</b>	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>Pumpkin Party</b>	-	-	-	50 (<16)	80 (<16)	-
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	37	26	31	27	17	14
<b>Sunrise Service/Easter Vigil</b>	15	26	-	8	40	-
<b>Easter Sunday (9.00+ 10.30)</b>	166	158	155	142	127	-
<b>Pentecost (9.00+10.30)</b>	-	85	83	93	140	-
<b>All Souls</b>	-	-	71	66	25	-
<b>Advent Carols/Evensong</b>	-	23	14	14	15	-
<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	-	159	159	149	207	-
<b>Crib Service</b>	547	596	518	331	331	-
<b>Midnight Communion</b>	162	164	146	129	124	-
<b>Christmas Day (9.00+10.30)</b>	86	90	73	65	58	-

### - Occasional Offices

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Thanksgivings</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Baptisms &lt;16</b>	38	32	37	30	24	12	1
<b>Baptisms &gt;16</b>	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
<b>Confirmations</b>	3	6	-	-	4	0	0
<b>Funerals</b>	22	20	20	14	14	-	-
<b>Weddings</b>	17	13	6	8	4	4	1
<b>Wedding Blessings</b>	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Renewal of Vows</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

### - Electoral Roll

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	196	215	211	207	199	208	120	130

## **PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2019**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

### **Aim and purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **Objectives and activities**

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday

worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith

- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

## **Membership 2019**

Vicar: Richard Sherratt  
Churchwarden: Phil Dykes (Vice Chair)  
Churchwarden: Caroline Windle  
Reader representative: David Newton  
Deanery Synod representative: Carys Pugh

### ***Elected members (until 2021):***

Isabel Bryce, Janet Hunter (Assistant Warden), Adele Lane (Treasurer), Mike Lawrence (Electoral Roll Officer), Anthony Marlow, Angela Mather (Assistant Warden), Rosalind Morris, Sue Withenshaw, and Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary).

### ***Elected members (until 2022):***

Philomena Harrison and Ofodile Obidike

### ***Co-opted members:***

Debbie Gilpin.



## **Main things PCC did in 2019**

There have been five full meetings of the PCC. Items on the agenda this year included:

- Approved various policies
- New rental schedule for hall and hut
- All Age Worship and Café Church
- Formation of a Parish Operations Committee
- Parish Share
- The Parish Budget for 2020-2024
- Vision and Mission Action Plan
- A schedule of maintenance work

## **Other PCC committees/groups**

In addition to the Operations Committee there are two other subgroups:

- (1) Children and Families Ministry Team
- (2) Parish Communications Team

The core responsibilities of the *Children and Families Ministry Team* are to: (1) pray for our children and families; (2) develop a strategic plan for children and families work that is consistent with our parish mission, vision, values, and strategy; (3) oversight of the Baptism Ministry Team; (4) plan the curriculum for Little Fishes and Energise; (5) plan the core pattern of events to engage with children and families; (6) look for new opportunities to reach out to children and families who do not currently come to church; (7) actively recruit and nurture/train volunteers; and, (8) Provide regular progress report to the PCC and APCM.

The core responsibilities of the *Parish Communications Team* are to (1) develop a strategic plan for parish communications that is consistent with our parish mission, vision, values, and strategy; (2) implement the parish communication plan; (3) review the parish communication plan on an annual basis; (4) improve the internal communications of the parish; (5) improve the external communications of the parish; and, (6) provide regular progress report to the PCC and APCM.

## **Administrative Information**

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Withington and the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is

The Vicarage,  
186 Brooklands Road,  
Sale,  
M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is [www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk)

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE  
DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

**(Registered charity number 1132141)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

E Armstrong FCCA

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 Restricted Funds £	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £	2018 TOTAL Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Planned Giving & Church Collections	1	365	54245	54610	72141
Special Events & Occasions	2	-	10497	10497	17403
General Income	3	-	28946	28946	27886
Other Income	4	561	16253	16814	4652
		926	109941	110867	122082
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Parish Share	5	-	43000	43000	46286
Clergy Expenses	6	-	3826	3826	3745
Worship	7	247	9076	9323	11208
Charitable and other donations	8	372	1500	1872	138
Special Events and Occasions	9	-	1373	1373	6527
Church Fabric	10	225	17325	17550	34163
Hall Fabric	11	-	6030	6030	3156
Hut Fabric	12	-	2710	2710	2331
Dalebrook Road Fabric	13	-	2447	2447	2343
Other Parochial Expenses	14	-	11838	11838	11931
		844	99125	99969	121828
<b>Net Income</b>					
<b>before Investment Gains or losses</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>10816</b>	<b>10898</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Gains/(Losses) on Investments</b>					
Flower Fund	15	-	305	305	(282)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>11121</b>	<b>11203</b>	<b>(28)</b>
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		10967	342721	353688	353716
<b>TOTALS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>11049</b>	<b>353842</b>	<b>364891</b>	<b>353688</b>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
<b>Property – Curate’s House</b>			
39 Dalebrook Road		200000	200000
<b>Investments</b>			
Flower Fund	15	2142	1837
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>202142</b>	<b>201837</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	16	4901	4068
Deposit Accounts at CBF	17	139718	127187
Deposit Accounts at Bank		518	518
Current Accounts at Bank		24331	40095
Cash in Hand		170	100
		169638	171968
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	18	6889	20117
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>162749</b>	<b>151851</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>364891</b>	<b>353688</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		353842	342721
Restricted	19	11049	10967
<b>BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019</b>		<b>364891</b>	<b>353688</b>



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparation**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

**Incoming Resources**

Planned Giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Garden Party, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

**Expenditure and Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

**Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts. The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value as at 1 January 2015.

No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**  
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Note	2019	2019	2019	2018
	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL Funds £	TOTAL Funds £
<b>1</b>				
<b><u>Church Collections etc.</u></b>				
Planned Giving	-	37802	37802	38255
Income Tax recovered-	-	10417	10417	12670
Collections at services-	-	5502	5502	5737
Donations to the boiler appeal-	-	-	-	13895
Other donations	365	524	889	584
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	365	54245	54610	72141
<b>2</b>				
<b><u>Special events and Occasions</u></b>				
Garden Party	-	2273	2273	2762
Winter Fair	-	3106	3106	3406
Sunday morning coffee	-	-	-	386
150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events etc	-	-	-	2548
Memorabilia	-	-	-	1872
Good as New	-	5118	5118	6429
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	-	10497	10497	17403
<b>3</b>				
<b><u>General Income</u></b>				
Life Events	-	3134	3134	3742
Parish Magazines	-	1290	1290	884
Rents for Hall	-	7894	7894	6381
Rents for Hut	-	5888	5888	6139
Rent for Dalebrook Road	-	10740	10740	10740
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	-	28946	28946	27886
<b>4</b>				
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
Bequests: Rex Collins	-	10000	10000	-
Mrs E McCormick	-	5000	5000	-
Enid Gregg	-	-	-	2000
Interest on Deposits	82	949	1031	627
Flower Fund dividend	107	-	107	102
Grant from All Churches Trust towards boiler replacement	-	-	-	1150
Charity Collections:				
Church Urban Fund	-	-	-	138
CAP (Pancake Party donations)	91	-	91	-
Children's Society (Christingle)	281	-	281	-
Other collections:				
Collection for caretaker	-	-	-	235
Sundry income	-	304	304	400
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	561	16253	16814	4652

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Note	2019 Restricted Funds £	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £	2018 TOTAL Funds £
<b>5</b> <b><u>Parish Share</u></b>				
Paid during the year-	38714	38714	30000	
Paid after the year end (included in creditors)-	4286	4286	16286	
	-	43000	43000	46286
Parish share requested for the year		<u>43000</u>	<u>68217</u>	
% paid			100.0%	67.9%
<b>6</b> <b><u>Clergy Expenses</u></b>				
Expenses of office-	302	302	527	
Council Tax, water charges etc.-	3524	3524	3218	
	-	3826	3826	3745
<b>7</b> <b><u>Worship</u></b>				
Altar and choir requisites etc.247	3165	3412	3030	
Staff (Organists, choir, verger)-	4084	4084	7595	
Welcome Ministry-	767	767	-	
Children's Ministry	-	1060	1060	583
	247	9076	9323	11208
<b>8</b> <b><u>Donations</u></b>				
Mission partners:				
Christians Against Poverty-	1500	1500	-	
Payment of amounts collected:				
Church Urban Fund	-	-	138	
CAP (Pancake Party)	91	-	91	-
Children's Society (Christingle)	281	-	281	-
	372	1500	1872	138
<b>9</b> <b><u>Special Events and Occasions</u></b>				
Garden Party	-	545	545	845
Winter Fair	-	142	142	151
Pumpkin Party	-	466	466	-
Other Community Engagement Events	-	220	220	340
150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events etc.	-	-	-	3693
Memorabilia	-	-	-	1498
	-	1373	1373	6527

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**  
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Note	2019	2019	2019	2018
	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL Funds £	TOTAL Funds £
<b>10</b>				
<b><u>Church Fabric</u></b>				
Gas and Electricity	-	5541	5541	4232
Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	6157	6157	5986
Maintenance and repair	-	910	910	1256
Boiler Replacement	-	-	-	18954
Organ maintenance and repairs	225	792	1017	885
Roof repairs	-	600	600	-
Maintenance of grounds	-	3325	3325	2850
	225	17325	17550	34163
<b>11</b>				
<b><u>Hall</u></b>				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	3522	3522	2853
Maintenance and repair	-	2508	2508	303
	-	6030	6030	3156
<b>12</b>				
<b><u>Hut</u></b>				
Electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	2676	2676	2276
Maintenance and repair	-	34	34	55
	-	2710	2710	2331
<b>13</b>				
<b><u>Dalebrook Road</u></b>				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	1158	1158	1054
Management commission and fees	-	1289	1289	1289
	-	2447	2447	2343
<b>14</b>				
<b><u>Other Parochial Expenses</u></b>				
Parish Magazine	-	1868	1868	2093
Stewardship expenses	-	205	205	363
Parish administration	-	3491	3491	3404
Parish communications	-	1941	1941	1686
Hospitality	-	310	310	1067
Children's outreach and equipment	-	235	235	1641
Evangelism	-	178	178	276
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	55	55	190
Presentation to caretaker	-	-	-	250
New tables, vacuum cleaner etc.	-	2952	2952	-
Sundry expenses	-	603	603	961
	-	11838	11838	11931

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<b>Note</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>15</b>		
<b><u>Flower Fund</u></b>		
M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities		129
Charifund Units		
Market value at 1 January 2019	1837	2119
Net gain/(loss) in value	305	(282)
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Market value at 31 December 2019	2142	1837
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The Flower Fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.		
<b>16</b>		
<b><u>Debtors</u></b>		
Tax recoverable	2782	2647
Hall & hut rents due	1673	1421
Accrued income	311	-
Prepaid expenses	135	-
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	4901	4068
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<b>17</b>		
<b><u>Deposit Accounts at CBF</u></b>		
Fabric Fund		
Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2019	106955	108219
Withdrawn re boiler	-	(1800)
Interest	805	536
<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2019</b>	<b><u>107760</u></b>	<b><u>106955</u></b>
Organ Fund		
Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2019	891	886
Interest	6	5
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<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2019</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>891</b>
New Roof Fund		
Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2019	10967	10913
Interest	82	54
<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2019</b>	<b><u>11049</u></b>	<b><u>10967</u></b>
New Fabric Fund		
Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2019	6373	6342
Withdrawn re roof repairs	(1500)	-
Interest	48	31
<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2019</b>	<b><u>4921</u></b>	<b><u>6373</u></b>
General Legacy Fund		
Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2019	2001	
- Legacies transferred	15000	2000
Withdrawn re new tables	(2000)	-
Interest	90	1
<b>Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2019</b>	<b><u>15091</u></b>	<b><u>2001</u></b>
<b>Total deposits at 31 December 2019</b>	<b><u>139718</u></b>	<b><u>127187</u></b>

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<b>Note</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>18</b> <b><u>Creditors</u></b>		
Parish share	4286	16286
Accruals for utilities and other costs	2068	2501
Income received in advance	535	1330
	<u>6889</u>	<u>20117</u>
<b>19</b> <b><u>Movement in Restricted Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>New Roof Fund</u></b>		
Balance at 1 January 2019	10967	10913
Incoming resources (Interest on deposits)	82	54
Balance at 31 December 2019	<u>11049</u>	<u>10967</u>

The Restricted Fund is invested in the New Roof Fund Deposit at CBF.

The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.

During the year there were certain other amounts received for specific purposes:

Collections for specific charities	372
Donations for organ maintenance from Life Events	225

These amounts were expended in the year.

In addition, the Flower Fund income of £107 and flower donations of £140, were used to purchase flowers for church.

**20**    **Designated Funds**

The PCC also has three Designated Funds which are intended to provide for particular purposes.

The Organ Fund is for the repair or maintenance of the organ.

The Fabric Fund and the New Fabric Fund are intended to be used to maintain the fabric of the church buildings.

**21**    **Staff salaries**

Staff salaries	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<u>£10339</u>	<u>£13720</u>

Mr Morris was paid £Nil (2018 - £2397) for duties as Verger, and Mrs Withenshaw was paid £2781 (2018 - £2781) for administrative duties. No other members of the PCC, or their spouses, received any payments in remuneration from PCC funds. The average weekly number of staff employed during the year was 3.