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The Parish of

St Mary in the Baum Rochdale

Annual Report
of the Parochial Church Council 2017

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary in the Baum, Rochdale

For the year ended 31st December 2017

An Anglican Church in the Diocese of Manchester and the Province of York

Administrative Information

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The following people served as PCC members and trustees of the Charity (unless indicated otherwise):

Incumbent: Revd. Mark Coleman
Assistant Clergy: Revd Sue Morgan (resigned May 2017)
Licensed Lay Minister: Wendy Ann Cocks, Jane Hyde (licensed June 2017)
Ordinand: Amy Sheridan on placement (from September 2017)
Churchwardens: Jane Hyde (resigned May 2017)
Deputy Churchwardens: None
Sidespeople: Wendy Cullen, Jack Coulson, Margaret Wilson, Margaret Simmonds, Kate Siddle.
Deanery Synod Representatives: Jane Hyde, Peggy Harrison (to May 2017)

Elected Members: Andrea Pollock; Margaret Simmonds; Ann Sutcliffe (from April 2017, co-opted previously) Peggy Harrison; Valerie Leach and Wendy Cullen (Treasurer)

The Electoral Roll Officer was Kate Siddle. The Safeguarding Officer was Andrea Pollock.

Bankers: HSBC
Independent Examiner: Martin Butterworth
Legal Advisors: The Registry of the Diocese of Manchester.
Architect: Bill Glaister, Overton Architects, IDC Valley Drive, Ilkley, LS29 8AL.

Day to day management control of the Church was exercised by the Standing Committee. This has comprised the Incumbent, the Vice Chair of the PCC, the Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the PCC Treasurer. The Standing Committee is contactable via the Vicar on 01706 632809

Staff

Verger: Vacant
Organist: Andrew Preston
Deputy Organist: Mrs K Derham

Volunteer Staff

Sexton: Vacant
Sacristan: Vacant

Structure, Management and Governance

The Parish of St Mary in the Baum, Rochdale PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The Parochial Church Council is not registered with the Charity Commission.

The PCC was formed on the 22nd August 2014 when the previous Parish of St Chad, St Mary and St Edmund Rochdale was dissolved under a scheme made by the Church Commissioners under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. A new Parish of St Chad, Rochdale was also created under this measure within the new united benefice of St Chad, St Mary in the Baum and St Edmund Rochdale.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operated one subcommittee: The Standing Committee. Membership comprised in 2017: Incumbent, Treasurer, Margaret Simmonds, Ann Sutcliffe and Val Leach, .

PCC members normally receive induction training including trustee responsibilities, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, and child protection procedures.

Related trusts:

St John's Mission Room Trust. The PCC has received grants in previous years from the Trust which is managed by Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

Risk Assessments:

To identify their major risks, the PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments. Procedures were then put in place to manage those risks and minimize their impact on the life of the church.

Financial Risk

An annual budget is usually prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to the PCC quarterly. The investments held by the PCC are reviewed by the PCC. Investments are only made if they are of low risk and approved for charity use. All assets are insured.

Reserve levels are reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC has approved internal controls for annual accounts; cash and cheque handling implemented with Diocesan assistance and intends to implement more internal controls within the parish over the next twelve months.

Health and Safety

The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being complied with. Specific procedures for recording accidents are in place. These procedures are reviewed on an annual basis and formally reported to the PCC. All formal risk assessments are listed within the PCCs Risk Register and are reviewed annually.

All Wardens and Sidespeople are aware of Fire Safety procedures.

Plans have been agreed with the parish church of St Chad, Rochdale for services to be held there in event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period.

Children and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC adopted the revised Diocesan policies (2017) for the protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. It is the policy of the PCC that all those who work with or alongside children or vulnerable adults in designated roles make a volunteer application and declaration, and obtain 2 references and be in possession of DBS clearance if required.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC's aims to consult with the Vicar on matters of general concern to the parish and promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical. The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Achievements and performance

The following sections highlights the areas of activity and performance in the last year.

Vicar's Report

I am grateful to the PCC for their support for the ministry of God in the parish. A Parish church such as St Mary's has an important role to play in a community with great social and economic needs and a diversity of faiths and cultures. It has been a pleasure to work with other Christian denominations through the fraternal of town centre clergy and with local mosques and other people of goodwill in advancing the common good.

This year saw St Mary's working with the Red Cross, we were proud to host this important work.

We have been involved in work supporting refugees across the town, many of whom worship at St Mary's in the Baum. A number of successful appeals have been supported against the Home Office.

It was a pleasure to work with the PCC and congregation members on developing a Mission Action Plan. Many interesting discussions and interactive exercises were held in the autumn of 2017; these were brought together in a plan through the hard work of the Steering Group with representatives of St Chad's and St Mary's Church. We recognise that we need to focus on a smaller number of areas for mission and ministry, and do them well. We continue to explore which pattern of services will best serve our needs and help growth.

I am grateful to our excellent musicians Andrew Preston and Kathryn Derham for the part they play in worship.

The Toad Lane concerts continue to bringing in around 30-50 people for an excellent concert and lunch. The social value of these events is enormous, countering loneliness and isolation, as well as providing a platform for talent.

It is a concern that the number attending for worship on a Sunday is low. This has seen further decline in the year. The mid-week Wednesday congregation has been steady, buoyed by our most welcome new Christians from Iran and Afghanistan.

My thanks to my colleagues who have worked with me in ministry in the benefice. Reverend Sue Morgan left in the middle of the year for Langley. Sue made a very positive and encouraging contribution to the life of St Mary's. We were delighted that Jane Hyde was licensed Reader in 2017 and is now continuing towards ordination in 2018. Wendy Cocks juggles her ministry as Reader at the churches with her day job and duties as councillor, and I am grateful for all that she does in pastoral support and leading worship. We were delighted that in the autumn of 2017 Amy Sheridan joined us on a three-year placement from the St Mellitus College.

Early in the year we welcomed Bishop David to a symposium with the Rochdale Council. This was a very encouraging event which led to discussions with the Church Army and the church commissioners about possible projects to establish new congregations or projects in the town.

My thanks to our neighbouring churches, particularly St Chad's with whom we share a benefice but also Christ Church Healey, All Saints Hamer and St Anne's Belfield. We are working with them, and St Chad's towards a team ministry.

Revd Mark Coleman

Warden's report on the Fabric and Furnishings

The Church has no Wardens and no report is available.

PCC Secretary's Report

The Church has no PCC Secretary and no report is available.

Summary of Deanery Synod meetings 2017-2018

This report has been provided by the Secretary to the Deanery Synod and is offered here in lieu of a report.

2017

- 18th Jan. Deanery Synod at St Mary in the Baum
- The speakers were Mike Todd and Joanne Nicholson from the Children's Society.
 - Pastoral re-organisation at Belfield, Hamer and Healey is now urgent.
 - Parish MAP's should now be complete, the Deanery MAP is in progress.
- 16th Mar DMPC at St. James', Calderbrook
- Speaker – Jean Briggs from Street Pastors
 - A working group had now met three times to discuss the possible Mission Partnership(s) between Hamer, Healey, Belfield, Kirkholt, St Chad's, St Mary's in the Baum.
- 23rd May Deanery Synod at St. Michael's, Bamford
- The speaker from Christian Aid cancelled because of the Manchester Bomb attack.
 - Officers were newly elected for a 3-year period.
 - Discussion on the document 'Setting God's People Free'
- 21st June DMPC at All Saints, Hamer
- Further discussion on the possible Mission Partnership(s), and Church Army project.
 - Cherry introduced 'Fit for Mission' which had three strands – mission units with a least 2 stipendiary posts, re-imagining ministry, and realistic use of buildings.
- 18th July Deanery Synod at St. James', Ashworth
- Main Discussion - Baptisms Revisited
 - Report from DMPC (progress on Deanery Mission Plan)
 - Report from Diocesan Synod (Fit for Mission, and Setting God's People Free)
- 27th Sept. DMPC at St Barnabas, Shore
- The meeting voted for 5 parishes, Belfield, Hamer, Healey, St Chad's and St. Mary in the Baum to become a team, overseen by 2 clergy, Mark Coleman and a new appointment.
 - It was hoped that Kirkholt would become part of the Church Army initiative.
 - The bid for the Church Commissioners was being prepared.
- 5th Oct. Deanery Synod at St. George's, Oakenrod
- Main Discussion – Deanery Mission Action Plan
 - Report from DMPC

Karen Smeeton was licensed as new Area Dean on Sunday 8th October (taking over from Mark Coleman)

2018

- 25th Jan. DMPC at St Mary in the Baum
- Long term clergy allocation, as this had to be reduced to 6.9 by 2025.
 - Impending vacancy at Milnrow/Newhey and the implications for the remaining single parishes in the Deanery (Kirkholt and Balderstone).
 - The Church Commissioners bid had 2 strands, a project on Kirkholt led by the Church Army, and a church plant in St Mary in the Baum.
- 13th March Deanery Synod to be confirmed
- Main Discussion – Parish responses to the Deanery Mission Action Plan

Safeguarding Report

Regular reports were provided to the Church Council during the year on safeguarding. The PCC adopted the Diocesan revised policy. St Mary's Church currently has no regulated activities with vulnerable adults or children."

Andrea Pollock
Safeguarding Officer

Mothers Union

St Mary's has an active branch of the Mothers' Union.

Toad Lane Concerts

St Mary's is pleased to host the TOLPAC Toad Lane concerts. These have continued to bring many people into the Church, to enjoy excellent music and a tasty lunch. The concerts provide valuable income for the Church.

Governance

The PCC has a number of members with skills in financial and business management but poor representation in terms of gender.

St Mary's values working with the neighbouring Anglican Churches in the Deanery, especially St Chad's, Rochdale Parish Church. The United Benefice of St. Chad, St Mary in the Baum and St Edmund facilitates mission and collaboration.

The council meetings were generally well attended and produced some stimulating discussions. Thanks are due to all who gave their time to assist in the running of the church.

Reserves policy

There is no reserves policy currently in operation.

Plans for the future

In 2017 the PCC intends to continue to worship God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and serve our neighbour in parish ministry. We aim to continue to provide regular public worship, space for personal prayer and develop mission plans in consultation with the Diocese of Manchester. Above all, we shall support the mission of God in the parish.

This report and financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13 March 2017

Reverend Mark Coleman

Wendy Cullen

Chair and Vicar



Treasurer



Date

13 March 2017

FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

ST. MARY IN THE BAUM

The financial statements have been prepared using Receipts & Payments basis.

Not a good year as far as finance goes! It is the first time the Parish Share (£10,928 for 2017) has not been met in full – the shortfall being £1,102.25 - approximately 10%. We have now met with the Diocese & the 2018 Share has been set at £8,500.

Our congregation remains approximately the same but now consists of 5/6 refugees who do not have any income therefore the giving and gift aid has reduced and may well reduce further if we have to forgo our Sunday service. We did issue a letter to all the congregation regarding review of giving and received 5 replies willing to increase theirs.

We continue to receive 'donations for use' from the British Redcross and TOLPAC.

The repairs and maintenance costs have increased due to a leak found under the pulpit (not covered by insurance) and maintenance needing updating.

Payments have exceeded receipts by almost £3000.

We are not in a healthy position but as usual my sincere thanks go to all who support, help and contribute in any way possible to St. Mary's.

Wendy D Cullen

Church Treasurer

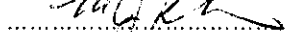
ST MARY's in the BAUM, ROCHDALE
Annual Accounts @ 31.12.2017

	GENERAL FUND	Restricted Fund NEAR N/BOURS	2017 TOTAL	2016 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned Giving - tax efficient	7691		7691	8534
Planned Giving - other	503		503	572
Cash Collections	1204		1204	1279
Gift Day	799		799	
Legacies (0)			0	15095
Donations	577		577	607
Charities	93		93	210
Income tax recovered	2612		2612	3162
Fundraising	1262		1262	1781
Fees (net)	417		417	414
Donations for church use	7010		7010	4487
Cards/Crux	36		36	105
Insurance claims				0
Grants	409		409	4160
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22613		22613	40406
PAYMENTS				
Fundraising costs	756		756	800
Charities	143		143	185
Parish Share	9826		9826	10525
Support costs	375		375	8580
Clergy & Vicarage expenses	2903		2903	2245
Insurance	4242		4242	4242
Repairs & Maintenance	5192		5192	3774
Utilities	4669		4669	3758
Audit fee			0	50
Loan Repayment			0	2000
			0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	28106	0	28106	36159
Surplus/Deficit	-5493	0	-5493	4247
Add				
Bank opening balance	10556	0	10556	6309
Bank closing balance	5063	0	5063	10556

PCC Treasurer

 W. Cullen

Independent Examiner

 M J Butterworth

06/03/2018

Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary in the Baum, Rochdale.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on the attached page.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The PCC 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 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 and no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

Signed: 

Name: MARTIN BUTTERWORTH

6 March 2018