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Annual Report on 2021

Annual Parochial Church Meeting April 2022





PCC Report on 2021

Background

St. Anne's PCC has the responsibility with the Incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibilities for the church hall, St Anne's CoE (Aided) School and the buildings and land at St Francis.

Membership Members of the PCC are ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Rev Canon Alison Cox (Vicar)

Rev David Murray (Curate)

Rev Olwyn Marlow (PTO = Permission to Officiate)

Readers: Alan Ward, Paul Edwards

Church Wardens: Pauline Stacey, Andrew Egarr

Treasurer: Tim Marlow

Elected Members of the PCC: Hakim Senane, Michael Beaven, Matthew Smith, Ann Hunt, Lynda Bywater, Helen Thorley, Hilary Lawlor, Rachel Boyle, Susan Heath, Jenny Egarr, Kerrie Hickman.

Deanery Synod: Hilary Lawlor

Standing Committee

This is the only Committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Other Committees: Finance; Future Foundations; Overseas.

These meet regularly and report each year to the PCC.

Review of the Year

The full PCC has met in 8 ordinary sessions between January and December with one emergency PCC meeting, making a total of 9 meetings. One meeting was attended by the Archdeacon.

The following proposals were discussed and agreed as follows:

The PCC **AGREED** to have all services live streamed.

The PCC **AGREED** to accept the Annual Accounts.

The PCC **AGREED** to co-opt Julia Greene as PCC Secretary.

The PCC **AGREED** to appoint Mark Pearce as QI architect.

PCC **AGREED** that hall kitchens could be used, provided that hall users were following government guidelines (post 19th July and easing of Covid restrictions).

The PCC **AGREED** to offer the St Francis site back to Trafford Council as per the covenant.

The PCC **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** in favour of the proposal to sell the whole of the St Francis site in order to use the funds to support the Future Foundations project.

PCC **AGREED** to appoint a land agent to sell the site on its behalf.

PCC **AGREED** to ask the Land Agent for up-to-date valuation of St Francis site.

PCC **AGREED** to two different roles – Organist and Choir leader.

PCC **AGREED** to a new 4-year lease for photocopier (sourced through Parish Buying)

PCC **AGREED** to the appointment of Elizabeth Mills as Safeguarding Officer.

PCC **AGREED** to continue with Church opening times on Sundays and Wednesdays

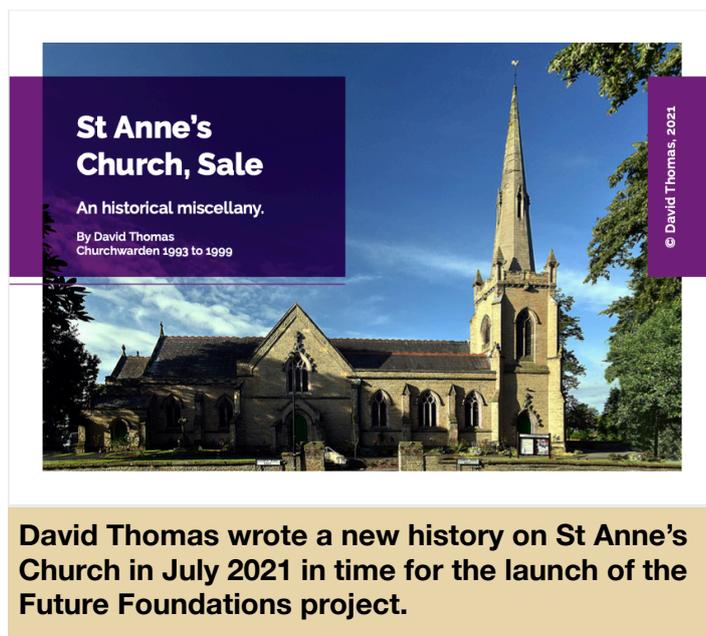
The PCC **VOTED** to accept and move forward on the architect's scheme for St Anne's church; development at the West End of the church to include the re-installation of a gallery to provide new facilities – a foyer space, meeting rooms, kitchen and additional toilets – as well as improving the existing interior (heating, lighting, levelling the floor and providing new seating and re-decoration).

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Further details of the Parish Year including Church Life, St Anne's School, Financial details and Building works can be found in this Annual Report.

Julia Greene

PCC Secretary



Vicar's Report on 2021

The whole of 2021 was affected by **Coronavirus**, the vaccination programme and lockdowns. We had to wear face coverings; use hand sanitiser; wipe the pews with disinfection wipes; not share the peace; not sing for the first six months of the year; not share the wine at the communion and for most of the year, not gather for refreshments after worship. Funerals in church were reinstated by the government but Christenings were not; numbers were heavily restricted for those allowed to attend church weddings when they were allowed. When we met at zoom gatherings after Sunday worship, the conversation focussed on what date people had for their first vaccination! At the beginning of the year, numbers attending worship in the building were low - about 22 people. By the end of the year, numbers attending Sunday worship were about 60 people. In common with all churches across the country, not everybody returned to worship in-person. Some have stopped worshipping with us altogether and some now join us via live streaming; this is also a pattern replicated across UK churches.



Winter 2020/ 2021 (January and February)

The **live streaming** was now fully working meaning that people can watch and join in our worship even if they are unable to attend worship in the building. We continued to hold our PCC



meetings via zoom and school governor meetings also continued to be held over zoom for the whole of 2021.

A **Families Service** at 11.30 am was launched in January to connect with children. We were losing in-person engagement with children and Coronavirus guidelines banned us from mixing households so re-instating a regular Sunday School was impossible. Numbers were low - about seven children and 10 adults but built up during the year and we enjoyed the worship and craft and being together in the church even though we kept our distance from one another.



Giving in cash is a thing of the past. We bought two card readers in 2021 to enable people to make donations to church or purchase tickets and other items (such as David Thomas' History of St Anne's). People can also give online via the website.

Spring 2021 (March, April & May)

We gave every child from our church school a **Fairtrade Easter Egg** when they came into church for their Easter service. Because of the generosity of the congregation, this was carried out with no cost to the parish.

- Three choir members started **singing at our Sunday services** in March. The congregation was still not allowed to sing.
- We also re-started **8 am BCP Holy Communion**. This is now conducted on the first Sunday of the month.
- We delivered **Easter cards** to everybody in our church contact list (and Christmas cards) this year to keep that link and also invite them to our services in these important seasons.

In April, we held **our annual meeting** (APCM) and thanked **Kerrie Hickman** who stood down after serving as church warden for six and a half years. We are very grateful for her years of dedication to St Anne's. Andrew Egarr was duly elected as our new church warden to serve alongside Pauline Stacey. Sadly, we also said goodbye to our **organist Max Puller** who was moving to Edinburgh for work and therefore could no longer be our organist and choir leader. And Chris Davey stood down as PCC secretary but her grandson Joe kindly continues to serve as our funeral verger. We also recruited a new safeguarding officer, Elizabeth Mills.

By May, government guidelines had **relaxed our social interaction** with one another and numbers attending church in-person were picking up. We were still not having refreshments after Sunday worship.

Summer 2021 (June, July and August)

In July, we were **allowed to sing in church!** People still wore face coverings (as per the government guidelines) but everybody in church was now allowed to sing the hymns. We use the services of two freelance organists now - both called David! David Rickett and David Bradford have sustained our worship faithfully and joyfully and we are very grateful for their skill and service to St Anne's.

David Murray, our curate was ordained priest at Chester Cathedral at a socially distanced service. Olwyn and I were pleased to be able to support him at the cathedral but of course, we could not invite the parish along as we normally would due to Covid restrictions.

We all got the chance to meet the new **Bishop of Chester** when the Rt Revd Mark Tanner came to St Anne's to officially launch **our Future Foundations Project**. We commissioned a video and produced a glossy brochure to promote the Project to the wider community telling everybody about our plans, not just the church congregation. Full details of the project are on our church website. In order to fund the re-ordering of both Victorian buildings (church and hall), we need to raise a minimum of £1.5 million. Following consultation, the PCC voted to sell the entire site at St Francis to secure the future of both church and hall. All funds from the sale of St Francis will be re-invested into our ministry and mission at St Anne's.

Autumn 2021 (September, October and November)

We re-launched the **Parent & Toddler Group** held in our hall on Friday mornings. After much planning, we agreed to include a brief bible story and song into the morning programme; and have invited a rota of women from our church, and some from our Mothers' Union branch, to look after the refreshments and get to know the parents.

Unfortunately, we were less successful in recruiting a part-time **Families & Children's Worker** in the autumn. No applicants applied for the role which we advertised on the Diocesan website and our own church website.

We held a **Harvest Service with lunch** in the hall! At last, we were able to sit down with one another in a social setting and eat together. Refreshments after Sunday worship in the hall was also re-instated.

Prayers for Healing on the first Sunday of the month was re-introduced; thanks to those who continue this important ministry. And the school now held its act of Collective Worship each week in church with the aid of the screen, laptop and projector.

We hosted an **iSingPOP concert** in church in November for the school (part-funded by the church) which was postponed from pre-Covid days. It was extremely moving to witness 200 children singing these upbeat songs with such enthusiasm and joy. The parents loved it almost as much as the children did! It helped boost numbers attending our Families Service which on average attracts 40



Every child in our church school was given a Fairtrade Easter Egg last Easter thanks to the generosity of the church congregation.

The Bishop of Chester, right, launched our Future Foundations Project in July 2021; that autumn, it was announced that the Revd Sam Corley would be the new Bishop of Stockport, lower right.



children and adults each week.

Choir practice resumed after we recruited a **new choir leader**, the highly talented Matthew Roughley. Matthew runs his own choir who also practice in St Anne's Church.

Winter 2021 (December)

We held a **Christmas lunch in the hall** following worship which was very well attended (my thanks to Olwyn and helpers who put this together). The usual Christmas acts of worship were able to take place this year - the Carol Service, the nativity play and, of course, our popular Christingle services (although we had sustained this even during Covid). My thanks to Carol, Jackie and the team for ensuring that nothing stops the Christingle services from happening!

Deaths this year

Sadly, in 2021 we said goodbye to the following people who died this year:
Ann Quinn; Katie Okonkwo and Enid Cowsill.

Thank you's

I am indebted to many people for their unstinting support during 2021; running a church is a team effort and I am very grateful to have a committed team of people here at St Anne's. Thank you to:

- our church wardens, Andrew Egarr and Pauline Stacey, for always being available and giving so generously of your time and energy;
- to my colleagues Olwyn and David for your commitment and kindness - thank you for always listening and giving of your best to further God's kingdom here at St Anne's;
- for Tim, Hakim and Jackie looking after our church finances - thank you;
- for Lynda Ronan and Vicky Gilbert who together look after our halls - thank you for shouldering this responsibility with me during extraordinary times; it has not been easy adapting guidelines through the pandemic. I am very grateful that I have been able to rely on your support through out this year.
- For those assisting in using the laptop and live streaming camera that enables many housebound members of our church to still follow and join in our worship on Sundays and Wednesdays. It is very much appreciated by many people - thank you.



- Nicola Harrison who became our Project Manager for the Future Foundations Project; I'm very grateful for her skill, time and energy that she brings to this task.
- For those who have picked up roles again that support our worship - Sue Heath (sacristan), Pauline Sellars (church flowers); Sidespeople and assistant wardens.
- Kerrie Hickman who faithfully delivers our weekly notice sheet every Saturday to those unable to attend church; thank you for carrying out this ministry to older, housebound members of our community.

Blessings,

The Revd Canon Alison Cox
Vicar of St Anne's, Sale

Annual Wardens' Report

This report contains the information from reports provided to the PCC during the year of 2021.

March 2021 (Kerrie Hickman Warden for much of the work carried out in March Report)

We have live streamed the Wednesday and Children's Services.

Several lights at St. Anne's Church have been replaced or repaired and accessed by scaffolding
 St. Anne's Church has been cleaned twice a week

Newsletters delivered weekly to those without the Internet

Brass plaque fitted on the door behind the organ to direct people to the main entrance

Several leaks in the Church Hall were repaired.

Arranged for gardener to clean the paths at St. Anne's Church

Delivered Easter Cards to parishioners

Liaised with Foodbank about alternative storage

Contacted Sidespersons and Deputy Wardens re continuing their duties

Two new downspouts fitted at St Francis due to blocked downspouts with broken seal and consequently water damage to wall.

New banners and posters organised to advertise service times and live streaming at St Anne's and St Francis. One is on crypt railings and the other on display at the front entrance. Thank you to Graham Whittingham for building banner display outside front of church.

Fire Extinguishers checked by qualified person at all three sites and those extinguishers needing replacement have been replaced.

May 2021 All buildings:

- Posters/ banners altered to new 11.30am children's service time.
- First Aid Kits replaced.

St Anne's Church:

- Posters from printers organised for church board re: private prayer times.
- Cleaning of church gutters has been arranged.
- Wardens undertook annual tower check.
- Organ tuned and some repair work completed by organ tuner.
- Photocopier contract runs out in November 2020. A new quote has been obtained from current suppliers. Second quote to be obtained from Parish Buying.
- Boiler serviced.
- Terrier and Logbook updated and put out on display for service on day of APCM.
- Handrail ordered for steps behind organ exit.
- Paving stones outside of church to be cleaned every 3 months by church ground maintenance company.
- Electrical survey of church organised and has taken place. This is necessary every 5 years. Report awaited from electrical company.



We have left the simple wooden cross outside the church door for two years now and it has helped us to connect with many local people.

Church Hall:

- Cleaners organised for week beginning 12th April 2020 when groups started back in hall.
- New banner purchased re: social distancing for outside church hall.
- Brick BBQ became unsafe and was dismantled. Broken bricks were taken to the dump and complete bricks are to be stored in the church hall cellar.



A socially distanced ordination service in Chester Cathedral, June 2021.

- New gas contract organised through parish buying to begin June 2021. Current contract terminated.

St Francis:

- St Francis used as Polling station on 6th May. Cleaners arranged for day before and day after polling day in line with requirements. Cost of this has been reclaimed.
- Cleaning company organised to start back weekly from week beginning 1st June 2021.

Additional Information:

Gifts purchased for presentation at service on day of APGM.

Undertook live streaming at some services.

Newsletter, Spire and APCM documents delivered to members of congregation without internet.

Old photographs searched for Olwyn and Tim regarding "old times" that may be of use during display.

Support with problem with vicarage alarm.

Met surveyor and architect at church hall for photographs and costings to be done.

June 21

St Anne's Hall:

- The bins have been moved round the back of the hall
- 2 Planters with flowers have been placed in front of the hall.
- Picnic tables organised transport and delivery
- New contract for church hall gas through Parish Buying

St Anne's Church:

- The gutters have been cleaned.
- The steps to church opposite the Vicarage have been repaired thanks to Tony Saint.
- Electrical Survey report has been received
- Bibles for year 6 Leavers
- Organ door repaired and stopper replaced, organ serviced
- Photocopier new contract quotes sought
- Painted internal noticeboard
- Getting costing for church laptop.
- Replaced the batteries in the Roof Alarms.

David Murray gets ordained priest by The Rt Revd Mark Tanner at Chester Cathedral in June 2021; pictured with Sally Murray, David's wife.



St Francis:

- Replaced a lock.
- Looked at the planning application for 5G mast of 18 metres next to the park behind St Francis
- Fixed issue with fire Alarm.

July 2021

The wardens have been busy with the Future Foundations Launch as well as regular tasks. Tasks undertaken are listed below:

St Francis

- Sorted blocked gents' toilet
- Cleaned the kitchen for reopening
- Organised removal of fly tipping behind St Francis
- Reorganisation of weekly cleaning to fit in with hall users

Church Hall

- Moved the recycling bins to the rear of the building
- Met with Lynda Ronan re: church hall noticeboards
- Lock organised for church hall field double gates
- Quote for fencing around church hall bins but too expensive to consider

St Anne's Church

- Organised and took part in church cleaning day
- Quotes for new photocopier contract discussed
- Posters organised for outside for FF Launch

General

- Supported in organisation of card readers
- Supported with various aspects of the FF Launch



Church of England marriage registers ceased to be legal in May 2021. Clergy have a new form to complete and couples now get their marriage certificate from their local Registry Office.

Sept 2021

The wardens have been busy in the following ways:

St Francis

- Twice weekly visits

Church Hall

- Regular visits to sports group on church hall field during school holidays
- Checking of all windows for opening for ventilation and putting notices on those that will open for hall users St Anne's Church
- Organising and overseeing of clearing of blocked downspouts
- General tidying up of church
- Setting up of refreshment area for use after Wednesday Communion Service and potentially at other times
- Sorting out issues with the roof alarm and renewing the contract.
- Organisation of two new electrical sockets for use by tea urn.
- Organisation of banner for outside

Former Scout Hut

- Emptying of full outdoor black bin into grey bin at St Francis for collection
- Some general tidying up of downstairs rooms
- Liaison with Ecclesiastical Insurance regarding building insurance



Jean Roberts, Joan Hammett and Lynda Ronan, top, Kim Williams, Sarah McLoughlin, Margaret Ward and Louise Pickford, middle.

People look at the heritage displays in church in July 2021, below.



- New lock organised
- Organising of cutting of grass

General

- Care of vicarage when vicar on holiday
- Overseeing new utility energy contracts as needed
- Support with other church mission activities e.g., mums and tots, school assembly in church
- Making sure the buildings have necessary supplies e.g., toilet rolls, hand wash etc
- Welcome banners put up and taken down at start of term

November 21

It has been pleasing to see members of the congregation continue to return to church. Sides-people have returned to their role, although now there are no hymn books and notice sheets to give out and collect in, they are able to have a Welcome role at the main door. Many of them were pleased to be relieved of the burden of books and new sheets and pleased to concentrate on welcoming folk which they are finding enjoyable. It has been very pleasing indeed to have our youngest ever sides-person join the team in the form of Nancy Peacock who is in Year 6 at St Anne's School. She was very keen to accept the role so we hope PCC members will offer their words of support to Nancy as they enter church when she is on duty. Alex and William Culvert have taken up opportunities to oversee the live streaming camera during the Children's Services. It is good to see these young people taking on volunteer roles in the church.

The wardens offered training for sides-people involved in "welcome," using the laptop or using the live streaming camera one Saturday morning in October. We were pleased to welcome those who came to the training and to be able to offer them a hot drink and biscuit from the brew up area now established in church. This area has been highly successful when meetings are held in the church and as a social area after Wednesday communion when folk can gather around to share news, discuss ideas, and enjoy a cuppa together. We do miss a sink though, particularly when washing up.

Whilst numbers are returning to church, we have found that numbers returning to volunteer roles in some aspects of church life are not what they were pre-Covid. We understand that the break from church gave people the chance to think about their lives and commitments and have decided that they do not wish to return to the active volunteer life they had before. This is understandable; however, the church does need volunteers to function and without committed volunteers who wish to help, the burden of keeping the cogs turning does fall upon a smaller number of people. We are grateful to the volunteers who have come forward to help with the Mums and Tots on a Friday morning particularly helping with refreshments. We still need more to help but those who are helping are much appreciated. It is an exciting area of growth in the church, and we look forward to seeing it developing and flourishing. We would also welcome those who wish to help with cleaning of the church.

At a recent Archdeacon deanery meeting for churchwardens held at All Saints in Hale Barnes, all the church wardens reported a loss of volunteers from various aspects of church life so what St Anne's is experiencing is no different from other churches in our area and nationwide. We do

however need to encourage people to come back and help their local church in ways they feel able. It was good to hear about the work of other churches from churchwardens in the area at the meeting and to build up networking links. Local churchwardens can always help each other out with information sharing and support. The Archdeacon shared ideas and information, particularly that the Archdeacon visits to parishes in this deanery were up and running again so we are expecting to see him in the early part of 2022.

Whilst the wardens have been busy at their weekly meetings with Alison, and meeting with Tim once a month to discuss finance they have had a presence at all services either singularly or as a pair except for funerals and most weddings. A warden also had the immense pleasure of attending the iSingPop concerts in church and can vouch for the tremendous success of these events.

The wardens continue their regular visits to all church buildings. The work in these buildings is below:

St Anne's Church

Piano tune booked

Organ tuned

Electrical survey, remedial problems quote organised

Private Prayer Board poster updated to state closing time of 4pm.

Heating switched on and monitored.

"Smartwater" signs displayed in six windows.

Arrangement for collection of old photocopier.



Carol Thomas, Debra Cowsill and Jackie Sheldon raise a glass; above. Jenny and Alistair Egarr, below and Sue Heath, Paul Edwards and Kathleen Holmes and others examine the heritage displays.



Support with new photocopier installation.

Outside light timer adjusted to suit longer, darker nights.

Provisions for the tea area bought including weekly milk. Washing of cups and replacing.

Gutter clearance organised

Christmas Tree purchase and delivery organised

Support at weekly school assembly held in church

Some rubbish taken to the tip

Church Hall

Dismantling of bookshelves

Sorting out of waste bins, placing bin out for collection, and replacing

Gutter clearance organised

Enid's piano transferred to church hall

Arrangement for removal of old piano

Liaison with cleaning company as needed

Organisation of tree assessment and dead tree removal

St Francis

Organisation of gutter clearance

Sorted out Fire Alarm issue

Former Scout Hut

Twice weekly visits

Throughout the year on regular basis:

- Attendance at all services except funerals/weddings
- Meter readings, submission to energy companies and monitoring of bills
- Weekly visits to all buildings by each warden independently
- Liaison with Vicky Gilbert, Lynda Ronan, and Tony Sant
- Bins put out weekly for collection and then put back



For the whole of 2021, worshippers were socially distanced, wore face coverings and only received the bread at Holy Communion.



- Church cleaned weekly
- Toilet rolls replaced in all buildings on visits
- Ticket sale support on IKNOW
- Rotas for camera, laptop, Welcome Team, and Duty Wardens
- Rota for Mums and Tots Refreshments

The wardens are continually grateful for the on-going support of Lynda Ronan, Tony Sant and Henry Blowey, Vicky Gilbert, and her husband John. Between them they do valuable work regarding bookings and ironing out issues whether that be after parties, repairs or letting us know when there are problems. Thank you very much. We appreciate your help. We would also like to thank Jackie Sheldon for her recent monthly support by vacuuming the church. The wardens are very grateful for this support.

Last but by no means least, the wardens would like to thank Alison for her help and support throughout the year. We meet with Alison once a week to discuss building care, church services, and other issues within the parish. This weekly communication is invaluable and enables the wardens to work as a team with the vicar. This time is much appreciated.

Please note that Kerrie Hickman was a churchwarden from the beginning to the year until the April AGPM. Her hard work is recognised in the earlier part of this annual report. Thank you, Kerrie, for this. Kerrie also helped ensure a smooth handover to Andrew for which he is very grateful.

Pauline Stacey and Andrew Egarr

Church Wardens

Electoral Roll Report April 2021 to April 2022

Since the revision of the electoral roll during April 2021 and the closure of the revision of the roll on the 9th of April 2022 two names have been added to the roll and two have been removed. The current total of the roll for St Annes with St Francis is 186.

Lynda Ronan

Electoral Roll Officer.



Margaret Parnacott celebrated her 90th birthday in June 2021 and hosted a party in the hall with her daughter Sarah.

Giving at St Anne's

The following charities are supported directly by St Anne's PCC:

- Trafford South Food bank
- Bible Society
- Trafford Youth for Christ
- USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel)
- Sale Christians against Poverty (CAP)

The following charities are indirectly supported by St Anne's through fund raising events held at our church:

- Christian Aid
- The Children's Society

We also support the work of the Mothers' Union and through them, our members assist Literacy in Africa and holidays in the UK for those who would otherwise not be able to afford a break.

We support our church school in many ways (Foundation governors, worship, prayer and sharing resources) but we also give financial support through the annual purchase of bibles for Yr 6 children, funding half the fee for the iSingPOP project, and Easter Eggs for every child in 2021.

Future Foundations Project

We have agreed as a church that both Victorian buildings - St Anne's church and the church hall - need work on them to improve heating, lighting, accessibility and sustainability. This project is called The Future Foundations Project.

Nicola Harrison is now the Project Manager and she regularly reports back to the congregation about the Project's progress.



In November 2021, the whole school came into church for the iSingPOP concert of lively action songs with a Christian message. It was a terrific event (this project was jointly funded by school and church).

In 2021, the team met regularly to progress this project. We held a consultation session with the architect and the congregation; invited the Diocesan Advisory Committee to make an informal visit and advice on the project; launched the Project formally with the Bishop of Chester in July; held fund raising projects such as buying a wooden acorn; commissioned a video about the Project and produced a brochure to be circulated in the church community, the school community and our neighbours.

We are very grateful for the ways people are supporting the project with ideas and funds.

The estimated costs for the project will come to **a minimum of £1.5 million**. It is obvious that this kind of sum cannot be raised solely by normal church fund raising events such as coffee mornings. However, these events are very important to encourage and inspire our community to get behind the work to save these community buildings for future generations. We welcome fund raising events and thank those who give regularly to the Future Foundations Project.

Following consultation, in July 2021 the PCC voted unanimously to sell the whole site at St Francis to re-invest these funds in the Future Foundations Project. This will go a long way to funding the project and makes it realistic and viable. We sadly recognise that we cannot afford to operate three community buildings so by sacrificing one, we can save the other two. St Francis was never consecrated as a church; regular worship in the building stopped ten years ago and it has since been used as a community hall. Before the Covid pandemic, we noticed that £10,000 worth of work was needed on the roof. Since the pandemic, numbers using the hall has dramatically fallen so that we lost £12,000 in rental income in 2021 at St Francis alone. This has not been the case with St Anne's hall which has sustained numbers hiring out these facilities.

The Revd Canon Alison Cox

TREASUER'S REPORT

In 2021 the pandemic was very much part of everyday life and the first few months saw various lockdowns. This inevitably took its toll on parish finances across the country.

Back in 2020, in preparing the budget for the year ahead, much effort was put into ensuring that we didn't have a deficit budget, so it was very disappointing to realise at the end of the year that we had indeed got a deficit to the order of around £6,000. When this was examined it was noted that our expenditure had in fact come in at under the budget – something to be celebrated – but it was the income that fell short. Considering all that had happened this was not really a surprise:

- (i) The hall was closed so revenue was lost through lack of rental income from the likes of parties.
- (ii) Income from Spire sales and advertising has fallen but should be offset by lack of printing costs.
- (iii) There has also been no bookstall.
- (iv) Plate money and Votive Candle money was also virtually non-existent because of the restrictions imposed on numbers attending occasional offices such as funerals.

Indeed on these points it might be interesting to note that in the “old days” pre-pandemic we had separate sections for Votive Candle money, Spire sales and Bookstall on our ‘weekly cash’ sheet – redundant for the past twelve months and possibly won't be re-instated when the record sheet is revised.

In turn this brings me to the banking of cash which, pre-pandemic, was a weekly event with offertory envelopes to open and count in plenty and cheques from hall and St Francis users as well as the emptying of the Votive Candle donations. The pandemic saw all this change. In 2020 when the church was closed completely, many people decided to open standing orders for their regular giving - a trend which continued into 2021. With things gradually returning to normal, the amount of actual cash that is collected on a weekly basis is still way below pre-pandemic levels and banking is now done on a monthly basis with amounts equivalent to what was once collected in one week! Having said that, personal donations have not fallen as much as might have been assumed. A few have stopped because of personal reasons others because people have died. So few people use offertory envelopes now that it is no longer viable to order annual pre-printed sets as the minimum requirement per order was twenty sets – fewer than half were required in 2021 with the remainder lying unclaimed at the back of church!

We had one big Fund-Raising event in 2021 – the heritage weekend and launch of the Future Foundations Campaign in July. This event raised a total of £3,215 through sales of David Thomas's book and the acorns as well as pens, bags and Tim's cards. Excellent though this event was, the money raised was specifically for Future Foundations and not regular parish running expenses and thus has to remain separate. A deficit was also noted here which initially caused concern until it was realised that as the Future Foundations project progresses large bills and expenses are going to increase. There is not an equivalent income so expenditure is always going to outweigh the income. One person has set up a regular standing order for this campaign on top of their regular parish giving and we are very grateful for their generosity. There has also been a legacy of £5,000 in 2021. This had to be split 50:50 between Future Foundations and the Parish account.

Tim Marlow April 2022



Socially distanced singing by choir members was allowed for the first half of 2021. In the summer, the congregation were allowed to sing again.

Safeguarding Report (for the Year ending 2021)

Since taking over the role in July 2021 from Paul Edwards documents have been updated where necessary. An audit of people who hold either format of DBS is required and will be undertaken after the Parish AGM.

Lynda Ronan has followed up the people /organisations who hire the hall to ensure they have got Safeguarding systems in place.

As a Parish, we have carried out two EDBS's since July 2021- The organiser of the Mums and Tots and the leader of the choir workshops- The system was easy to follow and gave results immediately and we are safe in the knowledge that those who interact with the children who attend our activities have no issues.

It is also good to note that no safeguarding issues have been brought to the attention of the team. A reminder that contact details for help are posted at various points in the Church and Church Hall. Do not be afraid- Help is out there. Thank you.

Elizabeth Mills
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator
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Overseas Group Report for 2021

Our aim is to assist St Anne's to make links between our parish and the worldwide Church. Essentially we do this by engaging with three mission agencies: Trafford Youth for Christ, USPAG and Bible Society. We support them financially, prayerfully and practically.

TYFC (Trafford Youth for Christ)

Having attended the TYFC virtual AGM in November we were excited to have Joanne McVicker, the Schools Worker join us at a 10am service in January 2022. Joanne started this role at the same time as the Covid

pandemic and shared with us the challenges of establishing working relationships with schools during this difficult time. We were pleased to hear about the future plans with local schools and how we as a church might be able to support them.

USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel)

We have been well resourced by USPG again this year. They have put on webinars which gave an insight into live issues and the work of the Church around the world. For example, we heard from the Philippine Church's Abundant Life Programme with indigenous people and the challenges faced by them.

Education for Change through USPG is our link Mission Partner.

It had been some time since the launch of the link with Education for Change in the Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka. And so in September we presented an up-date to the congregation. We also recommitted ourselves as a church to the programme and each person was given a prayer card and tea bag as a symbol and reminder to pray for the schools work and families on the tea plantations of Sri Lanka. Feedback was positive, a timely reminder, as some remembered the launch but not the detail. We will continue to provide up-dates in the Spire and annual presentations.

Bible Society (BS)

We have not had much contact or engagement with BS this year except to distribute their quarterly newsletters and use their resources on Bible Sunday in October. We look forward to meeting and hearing from the Church Engagement Manager (North), Rev Osoba Otaigbe in July 2022.

Lent Activities

There were no Lent lunches again this year so instead we took to the 'outside' with a Lockdown Challenge: to make a chain around the church from recycled materials. It was a creative reminder to care for God's creation. This fitted in well with the theme of climate justice in the USPG Lent study, 'For such a time as this', which a number of us undertook.

Boaz Trust

Refugees in Boaz accommodation appreciated the colourful blankets knitted by Pauline Weeks for winter. And also the specific harvest goods collected by the congregation. Boaz were deeply concerned by the implications of the New Immigration Bill, as it would not allow asylum to people who came to the UK via 'unauthorised' routes. We encouraged church members to write to our MP.

We were pleased to learn that the PCC budgeted to give away £7,000 from planned giving this year divided between the three link mission agencies.

Janice Mason

For and behalf of the Overseas Group.



Mother Union Report 2021

Another strange year has passed when we didn't meet up as a Group until July. We did keep in touch with all our Members through our monthly Spire Articles and Carol's monthly wittering's. There was always a discussion at the end of each month to see to see whose turn it was to write the Spire article as we could never remember. I lost out in December and had to write something that covered two months. Carol and I met up for walks and coffee/tea on occasions and discussed what we were going to do and these meetings seemed to last long enough for two cups of tea or coffee.

In July we had our first meeting and it was a Buffet in the Church Hall. We were planning on holding it outside but due to our unpredictable English weather we had to have it in the Hall. We did make sure we were well spread out as at that time everyone was still being really careful. It was really enjoyable to get back together and have a chat with people we hadn't seen properly for a long time. In September we held our Annual Eucharist and in October we had a fun evening when I produced a Quiz and Julie Summerfield won the prize. In November we were introduced to a dog who worked for Pets for Therapy. The evening was really interesting and we found how much animals can help people with Illnesses and Depression. In December we held our usual Symposium evening and Elizabeth organised the programme. Over the past two years Elizabeth has done an awful lot of work for us and we really appreciate her endeavours. She was presented with a gift as a way of us showing her our thanks.

Hopefully the next twelve months will see us get back to some sort of normality and we can welcome back those members, who for one reason or another have had to be extra careful. We also say farewell, not goodbye to Mavis as she is no longer travelling from Irlam to St. Anne's but she is remaining a member of the Mother's Union. We shall miss her but hopefully see her from time to time. Carol and I have already been to see her and Jim and I must say that their bungalow is lovely. The garage is enormous and if my family owned the bungalow I think I would make them convert it into a granny flat as it is big enough.

We have a full programmed planned for 2022 which hopefully will be fully carried out and we hope that you all enjoy each month.

**Jackie Sheldon
and Carol
Thomas**



Sale Debt Advice Centre and Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

St Anne's is one of eight churches in a partnership running this local debt advice scheme in conjunction with CAP. Kingsway Church is the lead body.

Since the opening three years ago, 47 clients have been helped by Debbie Walters, the Debt Advice Manager, and three have become debt free! This year has been one of 'networking' with other organisations by Debbie, to reach people who may need support. Debbie visited all 8 churches last autumn to meet up with people again after Covid restrictions had eased. We were pleased to hear an update from her at a 10am service in November.

In addition to debt advice, an online CAP Money course was run in conjunction with Altrincham CAP and there are plans to offer more courses; online, face to face and group sessions during 2022.

A number of events were held when it became safe to do so, for example, a thank you lunch for individual donors, a Christmas dinner event for clients from across Trafford, participation in a Sale West Fun Day and a celebration event for the first three years is planned for 2022.

Christmas hampers were given to clients and emergency help throughout the year.

A new exciting development has been the appointment of an eight hours a week Job Club Manager post. More of this in 2022.

Now that restrictions have eased and we can see clients in their homes and at the Life Centre office, the main need is for volunteer Befrienders to accompany Debbie. A very rewarding role. Please contact Debbie (07895 612711) if you would like to know more or indeed if you or people you know need debt advice and support.

Thank you St Anne's for your financial, prayerful and practical support. We hope that the scheme will continue to serve people in Sale for another three years.

Janice Mason. St Anne's representative on the Partnership Steering Group.

Traidcraft Report of Activities during 2021

This second year of the Covid 19 pandemic saw gradual reopening of church, hall and church activities. We still had no stall in church and no visits from Sale Grammar School but we did set up stall in the hall on the first and third Sundays of the month once this was allowed. We maintained levels of sales by ordering for our regulars and distributing catalogues from which people could order through us. We're grateful to those who ordered for Christmas and to our all year round regulars.

Sales were up a little on 2020 almost to the level of 2019. We made a 'profit' of £212.80. We did not make a donation to Traidcraft Exchange this year as we brought forward the donation we expected to be able to make in 2021 to December 2020 because of an offer of match funding for the 'Hidden Entrepreneur' programme.

Our first activity in February 2021 was the Traidcraft PLC workshop, 'Living Fair for Lent' with Matt Oliver. Matt set himself a challenge to do 40 presentations during Lent containing 40 ideas, facts and producer stories. Matt raced through his presentation in 40 minutes! By the end of Lent, Matt reported that he had presented at 45 events, spoke to 848 people and had a blast! 30 people attended the virtual workshop held by St Anne's and feedback was positive, so too was the number of orders received.

We had a special Fairtrade stall during Fairtrade Fortnight and also on St Anne's Heritage Day in July. Once again, thank you for your support and commitment to ending trade injustice and tackling poverty across the world.

Janice Mason on behalf of the team, Lynda Ronan, Howard Mason, Pauline Weeks.



SACRISTANS REPORT

I can't believe it has two years since my last report. So much has happened since then.

We, the serving team, have now returned to our duties. Things have changed quite a lot over the past two years, but it was wonderful to be able to serve over Christmas, and we are looking forward very much to serving during Holy and Week and Easter. There have been quite a lot of changes. There are only 6 of us on the team at the moment, and we could do with a few more people to join us, so if you or anyone you know, is interested, then please do speak to Daniel or myself - we would love to hear from you, and you would be made very welcome. We were very sorry to lose Chris Davey from the serving team. As most of you know, she had to resign owing to ill health, and we wish her well.

Can I thank Daniel for his continuing help and support and these difficult times – he is greatly appreciated by us all. We couldn't manage without him.

Finally, very many thanks to Alison, Olwyn, David, Pauline and Andrew for all their love and support, during these difficult times, it is greatly appreciated.

Sue Heath
Sacristan/Head Server

The Spire magazine

We have continued to produce a monthly magazine that is, primarily, on-line only, the eSpire, available through the website but a few copies are printed from this for those who cannot access the internet. We see no prospect of a return to a commercially printed magazine; this now looks an unwieldy and expensive approach and we can create a more attractive product much more cheaply on-line. As editors we appreciate the extra flexibility this gives and the unlimited use of colour.

It has got progressively harder to source material for the magazine. We are really grateful to Bridget Beggs, Carol Thomas and Jackie Sheldon for their regular contributions but we do need more, regular or one-off, from others of you within our fellowship. We hope we get the balance right with the material we gather from elsewhere, it would be so easy for it to become merely a reflection of our own pet topics. We do appreciate feedback – the little we get is very positive – and of course if you aren't impressed by the content the solution lies with you, you are very welcome to write about the things you think are missing.

During the period of Covid lockdowns and restrictions we have continued to carry the adverts for our paying advertisers without further charge but we need to consider now how we should charge in future. Clearly we should charge, but production costs are no longer an issue and we cannot point to a level of readership that we could previously infer from the number of printed copies circulated.

We think the magazine still has a place and we are happy to continue to compile it but we are open to challenge and a change of direction if the parish thinks that would be desirable.

Howard & Janice Mason - March 2022



Website report

As other personnel moved on, I drifted into taking responsibility for the parish website. It's up and running. The home page is far from elegant but it's up to date and all the links work (unless, of course, you know otherwise). The static pages need review, particularly because Covid has had such a huge effect on what we do, and we do need all parish organisations to keep an eye on how we cover them so that we can keep it up to date and relevant. The Harrisons now look after the Future Foundations page while Alison, Dave Murray, Andrew Egarr and Rachel Boyle also have access to make changes. Maintaining the site involves frequent small-scale amendment and only occasionally requires something more technically challenging.

The website appears differently if viewed on a mobile phone and I'm finding formatting the site for a mobile phone challenging; there are also one or two features that simply do not work on a phone, but it's better than it was.

We receive some analysis of usage: it's not huge but numbers of people find us on-line and the site generates a number of queries about hall bookings as well as questions for the clergy. It has also been useful for booking for events and for making donations for particular purposes like the Easter eggs for the school in 2021.

Feedback on accuracy, ease of use, appearance, content, malfunctions, is always welcome. Thanks to those who have spotted things and let me know; most things are easily changed.

Howard Mason - March 2022

Annual report from the Deanery Synod meetings May 2021-April 2022

This report outlines key issues arising at meetings held during 2021/22. If anyone would like copies of minutes of the meetings please ask Hilary Lawlor.

Key issues

May 2021 meeting via Zoom

The Revd Peter Mackrell Head of Diocesan Counselling Service outlined his perspective on the impact the pandemic has had on people's mental health. Revd Peter leads a team of volunteer councillors who offer counselling to clergy, lay members and parishioners across the diocese. The pandemic has seen an increase in demand for this service and Revd Peter would be interested in hearing from anyone who is suitably qualified and would be willing to join the counselling team. If you are interested in supporting the counselling service please ask Hilary or Julia for more details.

October 2021 meeting held at St Albans Timperley

The national initiative Living in Love and Faith a book (an important national report from the Church of England) and online course is now available. The course comes with video sessions and additional materials. It gives parishes the opportunity to reflect on marriage, relationships, diversity and sexuality to increase the understanding from a Christian perspective. Revd Nikki Eastwood has been appointed by Bishop Mark as an advocate to help the diocese roll out the course. Information and resources are available through the following link <http://www.Church of England.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>.

January 2022 Meeting held at St Anne's with St Francis

This meeting was attended by Bishop Mark whose inspirational address provided an insight into his vision for the Diocese. Bishop Mark encouraged parishes to recognise the importance of reaching out to their communities and the responsibilities we all have as Christians to be effective everyday disciples in an era where church attendance has declined and Christianity appears to have lost its relevance to many. He stressed the need to consider how churches can adapt and find new ways of spreading the gospel. Bishop Mark's address can be viewed on St Anne's you tube account it is well worth watching.

Julie Withers lay Chair reminded both clergy and lay persons the importance of undertaking safeguarding Training details of which can be found on the Diocesan website. Support is also available from the Stephen Ellis Diocesan Safeguarding Training and Policy Officer.

St Anne's still has vacancies for reps on the Deanery synod if you are interested in becoming a rep please speak to Alison.

Hilary Lawlor April 2022



Headteacher's Report for the PCC



School Update

Our School Vision

Last year, I shared information about our parables project and work on our school vision statement. This project allowed school leaders to shape the school vision statement; ensuring that it was explicitly linked to scripture and to the Church of England's Vision for Education – 'for life in all its fullness'. John 10:10.

Pupils, staff and parents unanimously voted for the bible quote below.

“Let your light shine”

Matthew 5

Believing that it reflected our school community.

At St. Anne's we love, learn and grow together as part of God's family. We foster a growth mindset so our pupils have bold aspirations to live life in all its fullness. We let our light shine brightly – continually asking God to show us how best to shine so we can be beacons of His life.

During the Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus addresses a crowd and reveals eight blessings. He then goes on to explain:

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

As a Christian school family, we take great encouragement from the words "you are the light of the world"; this reveals to us that Jesus, who himself tells us "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), is within all of us. We are all God's children and are called to "give glory" to our Father in heaven through our "good works". This reminds us of the importance of our actions. Our actions allow us to let our light shine. Our actions allow us to share the light of Jesus with those around us, transforming society and enacting positive change.

We want our school and church to be beacons that shine far and wide, transforming our community with the light of Jesus.

During the summer term, 2021 and whilst completing our visions work we asked the school community these questions -

What is St. Anne's School all about, what makes us unique? Some examples of the responses include:

- The passion the staff have at St Anne's is out of this world and shines through all aspects of school life and it's curriculum.
- School family that nurtures faith, trust and kindness. A loving community that works together.
- The school is unique through being small and family oriented.
- St Anne's School provides a truly caring, inclusive, encouraging, supportive environment in which children feel safe, looked after; and are inspired and challenged to learn to the best of their abilities.
- It's a kind and caring school.
- St Annes school is like a big family they care and inspire others to care for one another. We all have a close relationship and everyone is so friendly and helpful.
- It is church focused and child centred which is unique in today's society
- I think its small size and caring approach helps make St Anne's a very nurturing school.
- St Anne's cares about its pupils, teachers and parents.
- St Anne's challenges its children to achieve their potential
- St Anne's inspired us all to strive for more- pupils, parents and governors.
- The care each individual child receives is exceptional and the whole family is included in their school experience.
- Fosa are always doing lovely things. The parent network is like a family and Mrs G is very supportive
- The mission of the school is to cultivate the correct values and good students.
- I like that St Anne's is a smaller school and our children are known to all the teachers. The religious teachings of the school set great values as they grow.
- It's a such a family school, everyone knows everyone and everyone cares for everyone!
- Staff can't do enough for you and want to help on any which way they can.
- It's so nurturing and caring, children feel valued and can succeed in all areas of the curriculum thanks to their inspiring teachers
- St Anne's is a special school, one of a kind! Children are well cared for and are inspired by the fantastic curriculum on offer.
- St Anne's is unique because every child is respected for their individual needs and nurtured by every member of the teaching staff.
- Staff care for our school, the children and one another, always - you're never alone if you're part of the St Anne's family!
- My school is special because my teacher helps me with everything. I have lots of friends who I love spending time with, there's lots of fun things to do at break times. The school is full of lovely people

What do you consider are the greatest needs of our school and the wider community?

- It would be great to see more forest school type projects happening across the school and for all classes enjoying the field too
- Would be nice to have more extra-curricular activities at lunch time and after school including well-being and physical fitness
- The school would benefit from technology for all, a bigger kitchen, and a wider range of after school activities.
- The school has to link in with the community activities and supports them to meet the needs of the community food banks etc.
- there needs to be consistency across the year groups with standards and expectations.
- One of our greatest needs is to secure the church field for the future of our children.
- Greatest needs more opportunity for the children to widen their skills
- I think resources are always in demand and links to the local community in the form of trips out and visits/talks by people from the local community are always helpful in the children's learning.
- The church needs to be more involved or more vocal about how it's involved in school life
- Greatest need is to continue to teach children the importance of God in their daily lives

Events with Chester Diocese and the Church

- **Easter 2021** - Thank you to the congregation of St. Anne's for the Easter eggs and Easter Story booklets. What a wonderful treat after a very difficult year. The children were really appreciative of your generosity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhVp5hr05Y8>
- **Global Images of Christ** – our pupils created their own images which were sent to Chester Cathedrals exhibition displaying images of Christ from artists around the world. During Black History Month our pupils' images were part of the exhibition and were displayed on an interactive display in the Cathedral.
- **Young Leaders Award Presentations** – last year's Year 4 were presented with their certificates and badges for successfully completing the Young Leaders Award. Reverend Alison and Bev Hobson kindly presented the children with their awards.
- **Harvest** - Congratulations to our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils who led our Harvest Celebrations in September. The danced, sang and giggled their way through the performance! It was also fantastic to see so many pupils attend the Harvest service in church and sing some of their favourite songs from their assembly.
- **Weekly Church Service** – our collective worship, on Tuesdays, now takes places in church. This change has been a huge success. The children love their time in church – singing and have time to connect with God. Reverend Alison and Father David have led these services. Our Nursery class have also been attending church every Tuesday to share a bible story and to pray.
- **iSing Pop Project** – St. Anne's Church was buzzing with excitement on Wednesday 10th November and the performance is still being talked about in school. Our children performed the iSing Pop songs with such determination, passion and joy. Many parents, grandparents, pupils and staff reached out to say how moved they were by the performance. I think we all have had the songs running through our head ever since! It was a truly spiritual experience where God's presence was felt by all. Thank you to all our families for supporting this project and special thanks to our church, St. Anne's, for helping to fund and for hosting our concert. I know Reverend Alison has incorporated these songs into family worship and numbers in church have increased since this project. Mr Peacock kindly recorded our evening performance and the children's performance can be watched by following the link <https://youtu.be/AXI5BdwPZml>

Church School Partnership

Reverend Alison, Bev Hobson, Pauline Stacey and myself have established a new 'Working in Partnership: Working in Faith' action plan. This comes from our commitment to enhance and strengthen the St. Anne's community with church and school working closely together to support our community and to develop faith. We are constantly reflecting on what works well and how we can strengthen this bond.

Our targets have been:

- To reflect on what we want the partnership between church and school to look and feel like
- To increase opportunities for pupils, parents and staff to be involved in church worship
- Church to pursue opportunities for evangelical work with the pupils and school community
- Clear understanding of land and building use
- School to support the Future Foundations Project
- School and Church to collaborate on common projects
- Church support school with Admissions
- Governance and PCC

As a partnership we welcome your thoughts and ideas too. I will be sending out a short questionnaire for parishioners and parents to answer.

- What are the strengths of the partnership between church and school?
- Do you have any ideas of how church can further make a difference in school life?
- Do you have any ideas of how school can make a difference to church life?

Mrs. Polly Goodson
Headteacher

MINUTES OF APCM MEETINGS IN 2021

St. Anne's, Sale with St. Francis, Sale Moor Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25th April 2021 at 10:00am service and at 12:30pm to be held via Zoom video link.

10:00am, APCM in the church service

Present: Alison Cox, Kerrie Hickman, Pauline Stacey, the Secretary (virtually), current PCC members and the congregation.

1. Head Teacher Report - Polly Goodson, will speaking about how the school has coped with lockdowns in 2020

The highs and lows of the Corona-coaster. Key to remember everything has been achieved with the staff and their hard work. Vulnerable and keyworker children shift from 8% to 40% across the lockdowns. Small family school, lots of projects to keep the feeling of community. Google Classroom and zoom became new and major part of learning. Timetables helped focus learning and help parents juggle home learning and work. Church community and local families and businesses have supported the school with laptops. School meal eligibility increased, and staff sourced vouchers, so our families had the help they needed. COVID life at school is different, there are changes but the children have been resilient and coped well. This way of life has encouraged outdoor learning. Recovery curriculum to help those who have struggled.

Church have been a constant support. The summer chocolate bundle, the banners and the fantastic Easter eggs. Not all church schools have had the chance to go to church or even see the vicar, but we have been lucky to still hold Christmas, Easter and the Leaver services. More details in the report.

Alison added the community is a big one, 240 pupils and all the staff. Future help can always be asked of us here at church as we support each other ongoing as we recover from the pandemic.

How would losing the church facilities impact school?

If the school lost the church hall resources, would have a big impact. The school uses the field as a green space which is great for learning and enrichment purposes. Outdoor learning is key, sports days, parents use the field for meeting after school. The hall is also used for clubs when needed. It adds a reason to sell the school as other schools have bigger facilities than St Anne's and this creates a better environment for our school.

2. Church warden - candidate Andrew Egarr introduced himself:

What does St Annes mean to you?

Coming since he was 3 yrs. old. Always come to St Anne's, despite where he has lived. Came to St Anne's school. A part of the serving team and frequent audio/visual technician.

What does it mean to know God?

I've always had God there. It's hard to understand why as he's always there. He's just tried to listen to God and follow the right path as part of this church community.

How do you feel about Standing?

Excited and looking forward to it. Some jobs he is apprehensive about but happy to take on those challenges.

Thanks to Andrew for standing and good luck for his first year. We elect every year for a church warden, which he can stand again for each year for up to 6 years.

3. Thanks given - to Kerrie Hickman for her years of faithful service as warden and we will sadly say farewell to organist Max Puller

Sorry to have to accept Chris resignation as secretary. Thanks to her from the PCC and wish her every strength on the road to recovery and look forward to seeing her back at church.

Thanks to Tim and team for all their help with the finances.

Thanks to the church wardens and their help keeping the church going which has been key part of our church life. Sadly we say goodbye to Kerrie who has helped the church through a sabbatical, a vacancy and a pandemic. She works so hard and has a vast knowledge that she will share with Andrew as she hands over the role this month. She will gladly be standing for PCC and the Future Foundations committee which is great news. She received an amazing handmade quilt from Alison.

Alison received flowers from the wardens as thanks for her hard work, especially this year.

Thanks to Max. His career is taking him to Edinburgh, so sad to have him go so quickly. Max is so relaxed and a great organist to work with. Wish him all the best with his next adventures.

12:30pm, Annual Vestry Meeting on zoom

Present: Alison Cox, Kerrie Hickman, Pauline Stacey, Andrew Egarr, the Secretary, current PCC members Olwyn Marlow, Tim Marlow, Hakim Senane, Rachel Boyle, Lynda Bywater, Ann Hunt, Paul Edwards, Hilary Lawlor, Jennet Egarr, Mike Bevan, Matthew Smith, Graham Whittingham and the members of the congregation, Sally Peacock, Carol Thomas, David Thomas, Beena Thomas, Gill Crossley, Jackie Sheldon, Phil Egarr, Daniel Bainton, Margaret Blowey, Anne Broadbent and Bridget Beggs. *(apologies for anyone I missed on the zoom)*

1. Apologies: Stephen Thomas, Gladwin Thomas,

2. Prayers The prayers were led by Alison

3. Minutes of previous meeting

4. Appointment of two Church Wardens.

Delighted to welcome Andrew Egarr.

PROPOSED by Mike Bevan and seconded Carol Thomas. All agreed.

Pauline to stand again.

PROPOSED by Sue Heath and seconded by Jackie Sheldon. All agreed.

12:32pm, Annual Parochial Church Meeting on zoom

Present: Alison Cox, Kerrie Hickman, Pauline Stacey, Andrew Egarr, the Secretary, current PCC members Olwyn Marlow, Tim Marlow, Hakim Senane, Rachel Boyle, Lynda Bywater, Ann Hunt, Paul Edwards, Hilary Lawlor, Jennet Egarr, Mike Bevan, Matthew Smith, Graham Whittingham and the members of the congregation, Sally Peacock, Carol Thomas, David Thomas, Beena Thomas, Gill Crossley, Jackie Sheldon, Phil Egarr, Daniel Bainton, Margaret Blowey, Anne Broadbent and Bridget Beggs. *(apologies for anyone I missed on the zoom)*

1. **Apologies:** Stephen Thomas, Gladwin Thomas
2. Minutes of the APCM 2020 (see Annual Report on website)
- PROPOSED as a true record, by Paul Edwards and seconded by Bridget Beggs. All agreed.**
3. Matters Arising
None.
4. Accounts (see Financial Report on website)
See below summary from Tim on the account.
5. Treasurer's report (see Financial Report on website)

Tim highlighted the following from the report:

The accounts haven't dwindled as expected due the pandemic, but rentals have fallen. Generous donations have made up some of this shortfall. Giving has continued and more Standing Orders have been set up. Banking sessions are no longer needed weekly. These payments now appear according to when it is deposited into the account. Fundraising also made large amounts and as ever gift aid helps boost accounts. £3000 more in gift aid from end of 2020 donations, some of this from the auction and fundraising.

Previous five years figures for income and expenditure, this shows a huge over-spending. However, in 2020, we pruned the budget and managed to significantly reduce this to a more acceptable amount. Also shows a drop in income due to the pandemic and lack of rental to blame we think. Tim Marlow would like to thank the support team he, so thanks to Hakim and Megumi and Chris.

Questions/comments:

Phil Egar – check figure in the overspend for 2020, should read 685 but still remains the lowest overspend.

PROPOSED as a true record, pending above changes are made, by Paul Edwards and Hilary Lawlor. All agreed.

Note from Jackie Sheldon to say that we thank Tim Marlow for his work.

Comment from Hakim - Thank you Tim.

Tim looking forward to next year's work along side the new projects we hope to get going.

6. Reports (see Annual Report on website)

i) Electoral Roll –

PROPOSED as a true record, by Kerrie Hickman and seconded Jackie Sheldon. All agreed.

ii) PCC Activity

Thanks to Jenny Egarr for looking after the Future Foundations Monies and being Treasurer.

Questions/comments:

Hakim – All monies spent on the figures in the report? Yes, they are spent monies.

Reports briefly shown and thanks for everyone's contributions both with the reports and the running the groups through the pandemic.

Noted that the Tradecraft catalogue is on the website and Janice Mason can deliver hard copies if people get in touch with her.

Comment from Margaret Blowey, Guides report is included but to note Brownies have also been meeting over zoom throughout the year.

Comment from David Thomas – The choir could not meet at all this year but they look forward to be able to again soon.

iii) Church Wardens' Report

Wardens thanks each other and everything has carried on and cleaning and church visits been daily. Harder this year due to if we get it wrong it could costs a lot more than normal, lives even. The job has weighed heavier this year for both the wardens and the Vicar. Thanks from us all, everyone acknowledges this hard work. Proud that we have been able to open with the wardens support and much this has meant to people.

Comment from Hakim - It is sad that Kerrie will not be our Warden anymore: You did a wonderful work Kerrie, thank you very much. At the same time, we are very glad to have now Andrew onboard who is a strong effort contributor to our church. Thank you Pauline, for ongoing work.

7. Elections

- i) Deanery Synod
People interested to do this. Hilary Lawlor has put herself up for election.
Proposed by Gill Crossley and seconded Tim Marlow. All agreed.
- ii) PCC
12 places available on the PCC and 11 people standing again.
Mike Beavan, Lynda Bywater, Rachel Boyle, Jenny Egarr, Sue Heath, Kerrie Hickman, Ann Hunt, Hilary Lawlor, Tim Marlow, Hakim Senane, Matthew Smith.
PROPOSED by Olwyn Marlow and seconded David Thomas. All agreed

8. Appointments

- i) Appointment of independent Examiner
Chris Jones has done a great job and a reported to PCC which was signed off. From Hakim - Most comprehensive Auditor report we had. Thanks Chris.
Chris is happy to stand again.
PROPOSED by Carol Thomas and seconded Jackie Sheldon. All agreed.

9. Safeguarding

Paul wanted to note his resignation, but he is happy to work until another officer is found. We will look for a replacement once we are back up and running.

PROPOSED by Jenny Egarr and seconded Sue Heath. All agreed.

10. Vicar's report (see Annual Report on website)

The cross and outdoors worked hard for the church. Future Foundations still ran, although a little slower than planned. Plans for the church and the church hall etc is just a start point and we welcome conversations on how we proceed.

Questions:

Comment from Pauline has just thanked her again for her work and energy for this year. Her leadership has been invaluable this year and offering an open church.

11. Any other business

Comments from Mike – Great the gardens being well looked after. Alison echoed our current gardener works hard and is appreciated and needed on the grounds.

Also noted by many that we have confidence and faith that the Rev. Alison is the woman to lead us forward with Future Foundations and we are excited it seems to finally be forging ahead. We look forward to 22nd May and questions can be sent to Alison or Wardens for this event ahead of time.

12. Closing Prayers

The meeting closed with The Grace at 13.25pm.