

ST. MARY'S BRAMALL LANE, SHEFFIELD

REPORT 2019

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Annual Parochial General Meeting

Due to be held on April 26th 2020 - postponed until further notice due to COVID-19



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Sheffield St. Mary's, Bramall Lane

The 40th Annual Parochial Church and General Meetings held on Sunday 7th April 2019 following Parish Communion

The meetings opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous meetings and the report for 2018 were circulated to those present who were asked to read the documents and raise any questions at or after the meeting. It was important that people knew what was happening through reading the various reports.

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1 Attendance and Apologies

Apologies for both meetings were received from Andy Cribb, Maureen Food, Steve Tozer Loft and Virgilia Koulengania. 29 people were present.

2 Minutes of the APCM held on 22nd April 2018 (1 -4)

Proposed by Jess Rick, seconded by Margaret Ibbetson that the minutes be agreed as a correct record; agreed unanimously.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

4 Election of churchwarden

Margaret Ibbetson left the meeting. Proposed Yo Tozer-Loft, seconded by Miriam Cavanagh that Margaret Ibbetson be elected again to serve as churchwarden at St. Mary's, Bramall Lane; agreed unanimously.

Claire thanked Margaret and George for their work and support during the year. George was intending to concentrate on youth work and Claire asked if anyone was interested in being a churchwarden. Margaret needed support in the role and it was now probable that different ways of doing this would have to be found.

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5 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2018 (5 - end)

Proposed by Tom Mather, seconded by Margaret Ibbetson that the Minutes be agreed as a correct record; agreed unanimously.

6 Matters arising from the Minutes

Yo Tozer-Loft asked whether there was a hard copy of the centre report. One would be available in church.

7 Approval of Accounts and Report

PCC had approved the accounts and the finance report at the meeting on 18th March 2019. Claire thanked Peter Rowe for his hard work in dealing with the finances, Della Smithson for banking the money, the people who counted the money on Sundays and the Finance Committee. A lot of work was carried out around the finances.

Claire drew attention to the fact that although income had been better than expected due to the reclaim of tax, expenditure was exceeding income and this was an increasing problem. Regular income was going down and costs were going up. Different ways of structuring finances were being examined as it was necessary to keep some reserves. There would be a feature on finance some time in May.

Proposed by George Rees, seconded by Christine Peacock that the accounts and finance report be accepted; agreed unanimously.

8 Vicar's report

Claire drew people's attention to the sharing of objectives with the centre and the responsibility for the cure of souls of the parish. Work had continued from the listening exercise there was much to celebrate in the vibrancy and diversity which happened throughout the week. Work with the local community, particularly with Duchess Road continued. As the work in the centre diversified there was the opportunity to consider how the church could use the space. This had started by offering the café on Monday mornings as a place where people could come to talk, be listened, and for the church to engage. In order to move such work forward PCC had approved a part time post using money from Jean Fielding's bequest, which would create space for people socially isolated and/or excluded and offer Christian faith.

Interfaith conversations were continuing mainly through the quarterly women's forum and there was some thinking about how to work together outwardly.

The Diocese was in a difficult financial position, and proposals had been circulated about reducing the number of stipendiary clergy by about 30 over the next 5/10 years. This would mean a very different way of deployment of clergy. The Bishop had asked for comments and was doing a presentation to people in Ecclesall Deanery on 22nd June from 10.30am.

There were many people involved in things at St. Mary's and were journeying together.

Proposed by George, seconded by Margaret that the Vicar's report be accepted; agreed unanimously.

9 Appointment of Auditor

Proposed by Tom Mather, seconded by Margaret Ibbetson that Faithstar be appointed as the auditor again; agreed unanimously.

10 PCC Membership

Tom Mather and George Rees left the meeting. Tom was willing to stand for re-election at the end of his term of office and George had offered to stand for election as he was ceasing to be a churchwarden and consequently his membership of PCC ended.

Proposed by Della Smithson, seconded by Jess Rick that Tom Mather be re-elected to PCC; agreed unanimously.

Proposed by Collins Opiyo, seconded by Andrea Vintin that George Rees be elected to PCC; agreed unanimously.

Claire thanked members of PCC for their work.

11 Electoral Roll

Claire thanked Margaret and Jo for their work in re-doing the Electoral Roll as was required this year. Jo continued her role as Electoral Roll Officer. The numbers on the Roll were now 69.

12 Deanery Synod Report

Giles Morrison's report was included in the booklet and was accepted by the meeting. Synod had met twice and was open to others to attend and anyone interested should contact Claire.

13 Fabric

George Rees reported that work following the Quinquennial report was ongoing and any questions should be referred to the churchwarden.

14 Consideration of other reports

Much of the ongoing work happened outside Sundays and this was reflected in the reports and photographs in the booklet.

Miriam Cavanagh has hosted a BAME conference to encourage diversity within the church.

Claire thanked Karen for her support and work which enabled St. Mary's to do so much more. Her report set out some high points of the year and there was much to celebrate.

15 Any other business

George and Margaret thanked Claire for leading everyone so very well and for all her hard work which they recognised was made more complex by her responsibility for St.

Augustine's as well as St. Mary's. She had moved forward with all they had hoped for on her appointment. Everyone present supported these thanks.

The meeting ended with grace.

**The 41st Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St. Mary's Church, Bramall Lane,
Sheffield due to be held 26th April 2020 – postponed due to COVID-19**

AGENDA

- 1 Prayer
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2019
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Election of Churchwarden

**The 41st Annual Parochial General Meeting of St. Mary's Bramall Lane, Sheffield due to be
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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2019
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Approval of accounts and finance report – sections 4 & 6
- 5 Appointment of Auditor
- 6 Election of PCC members
- 7 Electoral Roll numbers
- 8 Consideration of reports in booklet
- 9 Report of Deanery Synod representative – see section 11
- 10 Fabric Report – see section 8
- 11 Any other business

2019 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield

1 Reference and Administration Details

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Parish Church, Bramall Lane.

Address: St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4QZ.

This church is part of the Ecclesall Deanery of Sheffield Diocese in the Church of England. It is part of a licensed Mission Partnership between three other churches: St Peter and St Oswald's; St Andrew's Psalter Lane and St Augustine's, Endcliffe.

The PCC is also sole member of St Mary's Bramall Lane Community Centre registered charity 1094204.

St Mary's Community Centre is sole owner of two trading subsidiary companies, being St Mary's (Conference and Catering) Limited and St Mary's Training and Consultancy Limited.

During the year the following served as PCC members (trustees) of the church:

Ex-officio –

Revd Claire Dawson	Chair/ Vicar (Incumbent)
Revd Karen Cribb	Associate Vicar
Margaret Ibbetson	Warden
Giles Morrison	Deanery Synod Rep/Lay Deanery Chair and Reader

Elected	Year
Miriam Cavanagh	2018
Charles Chimbetete	2017
Elaine Cox	2018
Frederick Koumbou	2017
Tom Mather	2019 PCC Vice Chair
Jess Rick	2017
Steve Tozer-Loft	2018

Co-opted

Peter Rowe	2017 Treasurer
Ann Brownhill	2018 Secretary

Honorary member	
Kate Khoaz	2005

The following church members are also Trustees of St. Mary's Community Centre:

Rev. Claire Dawson – Chair from May 2017

Ann Brownhill (Nov 2019)

Annie Goss (Nov 2019)

John Rick

Peter Rowe (Resigned Nov 2019)

Steve Tozer-Loft

Bankers

HSBC, Carmel House, 49-63 Fargate, Sheffield S1 2HD

Independent Examiner

Faithstar LLP, The Foundry, Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB

Quinquennial Architect

Wise and Maguire, The Danesmead Wing, 33 Fulford Cross, York, YO10 4PB

Insurance

Church contents, buildings and public liability cover is with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

2 Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The affairs of St Mary's church are managed by a board of trustees known as the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a body corporate. As with other Anglican churches, the PCC is presently exempt from registration with the Charity Commission.

The actual constitution is set out in Schedule 2 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 of which the Church Representation Rules (Schedule 3) are in effect Standing Orders.

During 2019 the PCC met on 6 occasions. In addition the PCC, and Board of Trustees of St Mary's Centre met for the Centre's AGM in November 2019.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the associate vicar, churchwardens, readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and so are able to stand for election to PCC.

During 2019 the number on the electoral roll was 69.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members are given guidance on the procedures and the scope of accountability of the PCC.

The PCC has two committees a Standing Committee and a Finance Committee. The Standing Committee currently comprises of the incumbent, associate vicar, and one churchwarden.

3 Objectives and Activities

St Mary's Church and Community Centre share an overlapping vision to see resilient, connected communities which create spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health. The Church, the Community Centre and St Mary's Conference and Catering Company work together in a symbiotic relationship in order to maintain and promote St Mary's with due responsibility for the maintenance, care and repair of the fabric of the building and plant.

St Mary's Community Centre's main objective is:

'To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Sheffield and in particular those inhabitants living in the ecclesiastical parishes of the Diocese of Sheffield by bringing together the statutory, voluntary and other organizations and inhabitants with common effort to: a) relieve poverty; b) advance education and c) provide facilities in the interest of social welfare.' The centre activities can be found in their annual report and on the joint website – www.stmarys-church.co.uk

St Mary's Church shares these objectives with the Community Centre in addition the Parochial Church Council (powers) Measure 1956 states:

'The PCC is required to cooperate with the minister in promoting, in the parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

Responsibility for the care and well being of everyone in the parish, regardless of religious affiliation or status, is enshrined in the Cure of Souls given by the Bishop in their license to the minister. This is echoed and matched in the pastoral and social responsibility laid upon the PCC.

In planning activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Since 2017 St Mary's Church has been part of the Central Mission Partnership with St Andrew's Psalter Lane; St Oswald's and St Augustine's Church. Catherine Rooker-Brown is the MPDW and is employed part time across the four churches.

The vicar of St. Mary's is also Priest in Charge of St. Augustine's Endcliffe.

St. Mary's is a very diverse Christian community and is gathered from across the city. This makes Sunday morning an important place for connection and sharing as it is unlikely that people will meet at other times during the week. We try to use this both to celebrate and

further a sense of community and belonging. There have been opportunities throughout the year for shared meals together and to celebrate our ethnic diversity

4 Achievements and Performance

Worship and Common Life

St Mary's continues to be a diverse and eclectic congregation whose main act of worship is gathering together on a Sunday morning. The Eucharist is central to our worship as are ways of ensuring our worship is inclusive. As clergy we have worked hard to use appropriate liturgy, to include young people, and to ensure upfront leadership reflects the ethnic diversity of the congregation.

Children and young people are valued members of our congregation. Young people now taking an active part in reading and in the distribution of communion. Children and young people also value their regular Sunday groups, which run parallel to our main act of worship. During the year we said good-bye to Amy our youth worker and hope that we can replace her in the New Year.

On All Souls Day we introduced an a quiet morning in the Nave of St Mary's and have repeated this in Advent, and Ash Wednesday. It provides an important quiet space at the heart of St Mary's and the City, a time to draw aside and breath and reflect. This offering seems to have been well received and we intend this to become a regular pattern of our spiritual life. Hospitality has also been an important thread for us through out the year. We have continued to minister a listening ear and free tea and coffee and Maureen's cakes from the Café at St Mary's on a Monday morning. We have also encouraged monthly sharing of food ... either breakfast before services or a shared lunch.

We have lead occasional evening studies and reflections. These have been less well attended but very valued by those who have been able to participate.

In June we celebrated the ordination of Rev. Dr. Ela Hall who will be completing her curacy with us and is shared with St Augustine's. Ela brings a richness and depth of theological reflection, which we have already valued and appreciated.

Building Community & Pastoral Care

As PCC we have come to understand St Mary's as a place to build and nurture community and belonging. We are mindful that feeling a sense of belonging can be fraught with difficulty particular for those who have mental ill health or are very socially isolated. Having places where people they can feel they can touch base; receive a smile; and know they are loved are essential: as expressed within Jesus' own ministry and concerns. However, building community is more difficult that it would seem. We have been encouraged in the following examples:

- The continuing of ministry to children and their families through the work of Toddlers and Messy Church.
- The encouragement of Family Choir as a place where a group of very different people feel they belong and have something to contribute.
- The work of Young at Heart group in keeping the older members of our congregation connected. The weekly Lunch Club is also supported by volunteers from the St Mary's and is a vital social space for many isolated older people.
- Taking the lead and involvement in improving the local Shoreham Street community. Celebrating in a Summer Extravaganza; a bonfire night party and Christmas Celebration which drew together many people from across the community providing fund and laughter and a wider sense of community spirit. By working with the local

TARA we have also managed to secure Pock Park Funding from the government to improve the play area on Edmund Road.

- Working together more across Conference & Catering, the Community Team and Church Congregation to find new ways forward for St Mary's.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Relationships

As a Mission Partnership we value the diversity of our four church congregations, which include the LEP Church of St Andrews Psalter Lane. We have developed a new pattern of starting the year by celebrating a joint Methodist Covenant Service on the Feast of the Epiphany. We also shared together Ash Wednesday; Maundy Thursday; reflections on Good Friday; and an Ascension Day service.

The Women's Interfaith Forum, which meets four times a year, continues to be well supported by women from many different and diverse faith communities. A highlight was the sharing of our songs of faith which was a deeply enriching time. This community of women are building up relationships across faith communities and making friendships and also realising we have more in common with our sisters of other faiths than what divides us.

5. Vicar's Report & Reflection

Looking back over the past year there is much to celebrate in the life and witness of St Mary's Church. I believe it is a really positive incarnational expression of Jesus at the heart of the City. The journey to where we have come is quite remarkable and particularly the refurbishment and structures set up now some 20 years ago. With all organisations there is a time for review and reflection as we at St Mary's begin to look to the future. In order for St Mary's to continue to be present there is a need for change.

The Conference & Catering Company, which supports much of the life at St Mary's had a really difficult financial year. Grants for the Community Centre have been more difficult of present so there are changes to staff and work priorities. The PCC's financial position is not strong, we spend on average £6 000 more each year than we get in, so this picture is not sustainable. The Diocese of Sheffield also has its own financial challenges with a planned reduction in clergy numbers and a diminishing Common Fund. So we are moving into a future where we will need to find other models for sustaining our work and presence within the City.

As I write this report we are 8 days into lock down following the CV19 outbreak. This will inevitable change the landscape and what emerges at the end of this crisis is likely to be considerably different to how we operated as a church before. The CV 19 will exacerbate the financial issues and pressures on the church, community centre, conference centre and the Diocese. Invariable we will need to gather up the fragments and begin again. But with the hope that what then emerges can take us hopefully forward into a new era for St Mary's Church and the wider community which she serves.

The Church has had a tendency, in recent times, to focus much of its concerns internally: dwindling congregations; poor financial forecast. Perhaps during this crisis we can learn again what it really means to be church within the City and how we need to be part of the Life of the city. In John's Gospel Jesus said I have come to give life to the world (John 1.1-9). The churches mission is therefor to seek ways of life and peace for all as we work together during and after this crisis to strengthen our communities and ensure those who are most vulnerable are cherished and loved.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY'S (BRAMALL LANE)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Incoming resources (Note 2)						
UNRESTRICTED INCOME						
Tax efficient planned giving	2(A)	25203.52			25203.52	
Other planned giving	2(B)	50.00			50.00	
Collections at services	2(C)	5127.73			5127.73	
Gift Aid recovered	2(D)	6349.41			6349.41	
Legacies received (capital value)	2(E)	2000.00			2000.00	
Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.	2(F)	949.60			949.60	
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	2(G)	371.00			371.00	
Other receipts not already listed	2(H)	6136.35			6136.35	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME					46187.61	49217.00
RESTRICTED INCOME						
Tax efficient planned giving	2(I)		770.00		770.00	
All other giving and voluntary receipts	2(J)		80.00		80.00	
Gift Aid recovered	2(K)		120.00		120.00	
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	2(L)		3000.00		3000.00	
Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.	2(M)		649.45		649.45	
Other receipts not already listed	2(N)		1279.00		1279.00	
TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME					5898.45	6671.00
Total incoming resources		46187.61	5898.45		52086.06	55,888
Resources expended (Note 3)						
UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE						
Mission giving and donations	3(A)	30.00			30.00	
Diocesan parish share contribution	3(B)	27675.00			27675.00	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	3(C)	1415.87			1415.87	
Clergy and staff expenses	3(D)	2203.72			2203.72	
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	3(E)	3956.71			3956.71	
Church running expenses (including governance)	3(F)	13397.53			13397.53	
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE					48678.83	47379.00
RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE						
Salaries, wages and honoraria	3(G)		10800.20		10800.20	
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	3(H)		497.48		497.48	
Other payments not already listed	3(I)		1393.00		1393.00	
TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE					12690.68	10154.00
Total resources expended		48678.83	12690.68		61369.51	57,533
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-2491.22	-6792.23		-9283.45	- 1,645
Gross transfers between funds						
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised		-2491.22	-6792.23		-9283.45	- 1,645
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
use		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gains and losses on investment assets	2(O)	0.00	0.00	4584.93	4584.93	-371.00
Net movement in funds		-2491.22	-6792.23	4584.93	-4698.52	-2016.00
Total funds brought forward from Year End 2018		16369.83	95267.06	24486.59	136123.48	138139.00
Total funds carried forward Year End 2019		13878.61	88474.83	29071.52	131424.96	136123.00

This year we have changed the reporting categories to match the Diocesan Parish Return. This makes it difficult to show the detail of the totals for last year without affecting the readability of the page. Last year's accounts are available on request.

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year 2019	Total last year 2018	2017
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	4	-	-	-
		-	-	-
Investments		40066.52	39008.00	39,379
Total fixed assets		40066.52	39008.00	39,379
Current assets				
Stock and work in progress		0	0.00	-
Debtors		0	0.00	-
(Short term) investments		73953.20	80745.00	84,228
Cash at bank and in hand		17405.24	16370.00	14,532
Total current assets		91358.44	97115.00	98,760
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0.00	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		91358.44	97115.00	98,760
Total assets less current liabilities		131424.96	136123.00	138,139
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0.00	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		0	0.00	-
Net assets		131424.96	136123.00	138,139
Funds of the Charity	5, 6			
Unrestricted funds		17405.24	16370.00	14,532
Designated funds		0	0.00	-
Total unrestricted funds		17405.24	16370.00	14,532
Restricted income funds		84948.20	95267.00	84,228
Endowment funds		29071.52	24487.00	39,379
Total funds		131424.96	136124.00	138,139
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Date of approval	

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act.

Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

Changes to previous accounts

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This 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	
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
ASSETS	
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE ABOVE**

Saint Mary's Church

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 19

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC has adopted the accounting policies set out in Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the 'Receipts and Payments' system.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
2(A) Tax efficient planned giving				
UnRes Standing Order Enduring Gift Aid Declaration in place	20991.52	0	0	20991.52
UnRes Standing Order Tax recovered at source	3380.00	0	0	3380.00
UnRes Standing Order Non taxpayer	832.00	0	0	832.00
	<u>25203.52</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25203.52</u>
2(B) Other planned giving				
UnRes Standing Order Taxpayer without Gift Aid declaration	50.00	0	0	50.00
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50.00</u>
2(C) Collections at services				
UnRes Cash GASDS 1 Jan to 5 April - up to £20 per donation, no cheques	1060.05	0	0	1060.05
UnRes Cash GASDS 6 Apr to 31 Dec - up to £30 per donation, no cheques	2858.37	0	0	2858.37
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - Gift Aid Envelope Provided	0.00	0	0	0.00
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - cheque, £50 notes or over £20 in single envelope	1070.00	0	0	1070.00
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - contribution had associated benefit e.g. meal or trip	139.31	0	0	139.31
	<u>5127.73</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5127.73</u>
2(D) Gift Aid recovered				
UnRes Tax recovered for 2018 GASDS	704.86			704.86
UnRes Tax recovered for 2018 Gift Aid	5644.55			5644.55
	<u>6349.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6349.41</u>
2(E) Legacies received (capital value)				
UnRes Legacy	2000.00			2000.00
	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>
2(F) Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.				
UnRes 1212D St Matthias Trust Income	102.66	0	0	102.66
UnRes 1215S Curate's House Sale Dividend	846.94			846.94
	<u>949.60</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>949.60</u>
2(G) Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)				
UnRes Fees Received - Banns	131.00	0		131.00
UnRes Fees Received - Weddings	485.00	0	0	485.00
UnRes Fees Received - Funerals	893.00	0	0	893.00
UnRes Disbursement - SSM	-174.00	0	0	-174.00
UnRes Disbursement - Verger	-30.00	0	0	-30.00
UnRes Disbursement - Organist	0.00	0	0	0.00
UnRes Disbursement - Diocese	-934.00	0	0	-934.00
UnRes Fees Debt Write-off	0.00	0	0	0.00
	<u>371.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>371.00</u>
2(H) Other receipts not already listed				
UnRes Church Building Insurance Centre Contribution	6136.35	0	0	6136.35
	<u>6136.35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6136.35</u>
2(I) Tax efficient planned giving				
Youth Worker Standing Order Enduring Gift Aid Declaration in place	0.00	770.00	0	770.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>770.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>770.00</u>
2(J) All other giving and voluntary receipts				
Parish Holiday Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - contribution had associated benefit e.g. meal or trip	0.00	80.00	0	80.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80.00</u>
2(K) Gift Aid recovered				
Youth Worker Tax recovered for 2018 Gift Aid	0.00	120	0	120.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>120.00</u>
2(L) Grants (include recurring and one-off)				
Youth Worker Grant from Burgesses	0.00	3000	0	3000.00
Designated Grant	0.00	0	0	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3000.00</u>
2(M) Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.				
635068 Accounts Interest	0.00	649	0	649.45
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>649.45</u>
2(N) Other receipts not already listed				
Designated Donations to pass on	0.00	1279	0	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1279</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1279.00</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>46187.61</u>	<u>5898.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52086.06</u>
2(O) Gain and losses on endowments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4584.93</u>	<u>4584.93</u>

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3 RESOURCES USED		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
3(A)	Mission giving and donations				
	UnRes Away Giving	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
		<u>30.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
3(B)	Diocesan parish share contribution				
	UnRes Common Fund contribution	27675.00	0.00	0.00	27675.00
		<u>27675.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>27675.00</u>
3(C)	Salaries, wages and honoraria				
	UnRes Clerk for Weddings	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
	UnRes Organist	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
	UnRes Mission Partnership Development Worker	1360.87	0.00	0.00	1360.87
		<u>1415.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1415.87</u>
3(D)	Clergy and staff expenses				
	UnRes Personal Expenses Working	1256.94	0	0	1256.94
	UnRes Personal Expenses St Augustine's Contribution	0.00	0	0	0.00
	UnRes Vicarage Water Bill	362.53	0	0	362.53
	UnRes Vicarage Phone Bill	584.25	0	0	584.25
		<u>2203.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2203.72</u>
3(E)	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs				
	UnRes Personal Expenses Mission & Evangelism	2246.39	0.00	0.00	2246.39
	UnRes On Account Mission & Evangelism	1710.32	0.00	0.00	1710.32
		<u>3956.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3956.71</u>
3(F)	Church running expenses (including governance)				
	UnRes Personal Expenses Church Running	629.02	0.00	0.00	629.02
	UnRes On Account Church Running	342.74	0.00	0.00	342.74
	UnRes Church Building Insurance	8318.59	0.00	0.00	8318.59
	UnRes Church Upkeep	148.00	0.00	0.00	148.00
	UnRes Church Heat and Light	1904.00	0.00	0.00	1904.00
	UnRes Independent Examiner	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
	UnRes Graphic Design, Printing and Copying	1805.18	0.00	0.00	1805.18
		<u>13397.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13397.53</u>
3(G)	Salaries, wages and honoraria				
	Youth Worker Salary Contribution Amy Hitchmough	0.00	10800.20	0	10800.20
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>10800.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10800.20</u>
3(H)	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs				
	Youth Worker Personal Expenses Mission & Evangelism	0.00	323.60	0	323.60
	Youth Worker budget contribution to enable young people to attend events	0.00	35.00	0	35.00
	Parish Holiday Mission & Evangelism	0.00	138.88	0	138.88
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>497.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>497.48</u>
3(I)	Other payments not already listed				
	Designated Donations to pass on	0.00	1393.00	0	1393.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1393.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1393.00</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		48678.83	12690.68	0.00	61369.51

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC		31-Dec-19 £	31-Dec-18 £	31-Dec-17 £	31-Dec-16 £			
INVESTMENTS:								
	St. Matthias Trust	10995.00	14521.63	14521.63	14521.63			
	Former Curate's House Fund	29071.52	24486.59	24857.62	22730.54			
		<u>40066.52</u>	<u>39008.22</u>	<u>39379.25</u>	<u>37252.17</u>			
5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
	Fixed assets		10995.00	29071.52	40066.52	39008.22	53911.00	39379.25
	Current assets	17405.24	73953.20	0.00	91358.44	97115.26	84228.18	99588.47
	Fund balances	<u>17405.24</u>	<u>84948.20</u>	<u>29071.52</u>	<u>131424.96</u>	<u>136123.48</u>	<u>138139.18</u>	<u>138967.72</u>

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FUND DETAILS

	2019 £	2018 £	2017 £
UNRESTRICTED			
General fund	<u>17405.24</u>	<u>16369.83</u>	<u>14531.87</u>
RESTRICTED			
Mellor bequest	0.00	0.00	3406.69
Fielding bequest	66161.55	65512.10	65084.90
AV equipment	12528.37	12528.37	10028.37
Quinquennial	149.61	149.61	149.61
Memorials	615.53	615.53	615.53
Window	700.00	700.00	700.00
Parish Holiday	0.00	58.88	508.88
Youth Worker	-6313.75	955.05	3508.31
Godly Play	225.89	225.89	225.89
St Matthias Trust	10995.00	14521.63	0.00
Through funds	-114.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>84948.20</u>	<u>95267.06</u>	<u>84228.18</u>
ENDOWMENTS			
St Matthias Trust	0.00	0.00	14521.63
Former Curate's House sale	29071.52	24486.59	24857.62
	<u>29071.52</u>	<u>24486.59</u>	<u>39379.25</u>
	<u>131424.96</u>	<u>136123.48</u>	<u>138139.30</u>

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 7 Details of certain items of expenditure

7.1 Trustee expenses

Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).

	This year	Last year
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	None	None

7.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	250	250
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	None	None

Income and Expenditure Summary, and Unrestricted budget

'Return of Parish Finance' category and our analysis	Budget	01-Jan-19	01-Apr-19	01-Jul-19	01-Oct-19	TOTAL	% of Budget
		31-Mar-19	30-Jun-19	30-Sep-19	31-Dec-19		
UNRESTRICTED INCOME							
1. Tax efficient planned giving							
UnRes Standing Order Enduring Gift Aid Declaration in place		5215.88	5207.88	5258.88	5308.88	20991.52	
UnRes Standing Order Tax recovered at source		750.00	750.00	1100.00	780.00	3380.00	
UnRes Standing Order Non taxpayer		213.00	213.00	213.00	193.00	832.00	
	25900	6178.88	6170.88	6571.88	6281.88	25203.52	97
2. Other planned giving							
UnRes Standing Order Taxpayer without Gift Aid declaration	0	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	
3. Collections at services							
UnRes Cash GASDS 1 Jan to 5 April - up to £20 per donation, no cheques		994.25	65.80	0.00	0.00	1060.05	
UnRes Cash GASDS 6 Apr to 31 Dec - up to £30 per donation, no cheques		0.00	942.25	1054.41	861.71	2858.37	
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - Gift Aid Envelope Provided		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - cheque, £50 notes or over £20 in single envelope		250.00	10.00	0.00	810.00	1070.00	
UnRes Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - contribution had associated benefit e.g. meal or trip		23.50	28.00	87.81	0.00	139.31	
	4100	1267.75	1046.05	1142.22	1671.71	5127.73	125
6. Gift Aid recovered							
UnRes Tax recovered for 2018 GASDS		0.00	0.00	0.00	704.86	704.86	
UnRes Tax recovered for 2018 Gift Aid		0.00	0.00	0.00	5644.55	5644.55	
	6198	0.00	0.00	0.00	6349.41	6349.41	102
7. Legacies received (capital value)							
UnRes Legacy		2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00	
10. Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.							
UnRes 1212D St Matthias Trust Income		24.59	26.80	27.15	24.12	102.66	
UnRes 1215S Curate's House Sale Dividend		198.36	218.88	218.88	210.82	846.94	
	880	222.95	245.68	246.03	234.94	949.60	108
11. Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)							
UnRes Fees Received - Banns		43.00	0.00	88.00	0.00	131.00	
UnRes Fees Received - Weddings		485.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485.00	
UnRes Fees Received - Funerals		0.00	0.00	85.00	808.00	893.00	
UnRes Disbursement - SSM		-174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-174.00	
UnRes Disbursement - Verger		0.00	0.00	-30.00	0.00	-30.00	
UnRes Disbursement - Organist		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
UnRes Disbursement - Diocese		-505.00	-55.00	0.00	-374.00	-934.00	
UnRes Fees Debt Write-off		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	1000	-151.00	-55.00	143.00	434.00	371.00	37
13. Other receipts not already listed							
UnRes Church Building Insurance Centre Contribution	6136.35	1537.35	1533.00	1533.00	1533.00	6136.35	100
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	44214.35	9055.93	8940.61	9686.13	16504.94	46187.61	104
UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE							
18. Mission giving and donations							
UnRes Away Giving	3740	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	1
19. Diocesan parish share contribution							
UnRes Common Fund contribution	27675	0.00	0.00	0.00	27675.00	27675.00	100
20. Salaries, wages and honoraria							
UnRes Clerk for Weddings		0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	
UnRes Organist		0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	
UnRes Mission Partnership Development Worker		0.00	677.71	0.00	683.16	1360.87	
	1600	0.00	677.71	15.00	723.16	1415.87	88
21. Clergy and staff expenses							
UnRes Personal Expenses Working		177.54	330.63	479.72	269.05	1256.94	
UnRes Personal Expenses St Augustine's Contribution		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
UnRes Vicarage Water Bill		95.64	85.15	140.18	41.56	362.53	
UnRes Vicarage Phone Bill		138.73	143.57	150.42	151.53	584.25	
	2350	411.91	559.35	770.32	462.14	2203.72	94
22. Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs							
UnRes Personal Expenses Mission & Evangelism		622.26	451.23	516.20	656.70	2246.39	
UnRes On Account Mission & Evangelism		70.00	297.20	641.12	702.00	1710.32	
	2600	692.26	748.43	1157.32	1358.70	3956.71	152
23. Church running expenses (including governance)							
UnRes Personal Expenses Church Running		105.89	275.24	160.89	87.00	629.02	
UnRes On Account Church Running		20.66	223.99	98.09	0.00	342.74	
UnRes Church Building Insurance		2079.70	2079.63	2079.63	2079.63	8318.59	
UnRes Church Upkeep		100.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	148.00	
UnRes Church Heat and Light		0.00	0.00	1904.00	0.00	1904.00	
UnRes Independent Examiner		250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	
UnRes Graphic Design, Printing and Copying		188.77	627.35	462.42	526.64	1805.18	
	14000	2745.02	3254.21	4705.03	2693.27	13397.53	96
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE	51965	3849.19	5239.7	6677.67	32912.27	48678.83	94
RESTRICTED INCOME							
1. Tax efficient planned giving							
Youth Worker Standing Order Enduring Gift Aid Declaration in place		120.00	210.00	215.00	225.00	770.00	
4. All other giving and voluntary receipts							
Parish Holiday Cash/Cheque non-GASDS - contribution had associated benefit e.g. meal or trip		0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	80.00	
6. Gift Aid recovered							
Youth Worker Tax recovered for 2018 Gift Aid		0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	
8. Grants (include recurring and one-off)							
Youth Worker Grant from Burgesses Designated Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00	3000.00	
10. Dividends, interest, receipts from property, etc.							
635068 Accounts Interest		159.42	161.85	163.94	164.24	649.45	
13. Other receipts not already listed							
Designated Donations to pass on		0.00	0.00	0.00	1279.00	1279.00	
TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME		279.42	371.85	378.94	4868.24	5898.45	
RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE							
18. Mission giving and donations							
20. Salaries, wages and honoraria							
Youth Worker Salary Contribution Amy Hitchmough		2325.96	0.00	2438.93	6035.31	10800.20	
21. Clergy and staff expenses							
22. Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs							
Youth Worker Personal Expenses Mission & Evangelism		107.65	50.00	165.95	0.00	323.60	
Youth Worker budget contribution to enable young people to attend events		35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	
Parish Holiday Mission & Evangelism		0.00	0.00	138.88	0.00	138.88	
23. Church running expenses (including governance)							
Designated Church Upkeep		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
99. Other payments not already listed							
Designated Donations to pass on		0.00	0.00	0.00	1393.00	1393.00	
TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE		2468.61	50.00	2743.76	7428.31	12690.68	
TOTAL INCOME	44214.35	9335.35	9312.46	10065.07	21373.18	52086.06	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	51965	6317.8	5289.7	9421.43	40340.58	61369.51	
NET	-7750.65	3017.55	4022.76	643.64	-18967.4	-9283.45	

I report on the accounts of St Mary's church Bramall Lane for the year ended 31st December 2019

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

St Mary's church Bramall Lane is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. St Mary's church Bramall Lane considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by St Mary's church Bramall Lane and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from St Mary's church Bramall Lane concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed Independent Examiner
Mrs Janet Daye
AAT
23/03/2020



FINANCE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

Financial Review

Total unrestricted income was £49,714 for the year, and total unrestricted expenditure was £48,679. Unrestricted Income was better than budget by £5500 (112%), largely due around £3500 being moved over from the St Matthias Trust by the Diocese, as this represents interest accumulated on the capital amount (and therefore the amount held in the St Matthias Fund has reduced by the same sum). Collections at services were £1000 more than anticipated, and we also received a legacy of £2000. However, planned giving and fees for weddings and funerals etc were less than expected.

Unrestricted Expenditure was also better than budget (94%), though a significant factor was that we did not do any 'Away Giving' as planned. Had we done so we would have been over budget. We were able to pay the full amount suggested by the Diocese for our Common Fund contribution (£27,675).

The balance of unrestricted funds carried forward at 31st December is £17,405. Had we not received the unexpected legacy of £2000 and the interest from St Matthias Trust of £3500, and had we made our away giving as planned, our balance would have been down to £8,200.

Our restricted income was just under £6000, and restricted expenditure was almost £12,700, the bulk of which relates to youth worker wages, leaving a deficit for the year of around £6700. However, we did plan to commit to fund the position of our youth worker from restricted funds which are designated for 'mission'.

Setting aside changes in the value of shares held, the year ended with expenditure having exceeded income by £5757 which is better than the budgeted deficit (loss) of £7751.

It should also be noted that we received gifts during the year to cover some copying costs (£214.40) and harvest flowers (£130.26) so this expenditure has not gone through the accounts. We also raised £536.25 for toilet twinning, which we made up to £540 to cover the cost of 9 toilets.

Choices for 2020 and beyond

Each year we are spending out of reserves to balance the books, but this is not a sustainable structure for the long term, especially as a lot of those reserves have been designated for mission rather than running costs. It was an unusual year this year that meant unrestricted expenditure was less than unrestricted income, but in total (including restricted funds) we spent more than we received. It is important for us to realise that **our unrestricted income is about £5,000 to £6,000 less each year than we spend on keeping the church going**. On that basis our unrestricted reserves of £17,405 would only last so long (about 3 years at current levels). However, the cost of repairs to the roof due to the lead theft will take all or most of those reserves, meaning that we face real challenges with our financial position, and some difficult decisions from this year.

We need to prayerfully reflect on what is a fragile financial position, and consider how we best continue to seek God's Kingdom through the work of St Mary's, and how we support this financially.

Thanks are due to Della for banking the cash receipts every week, to Giles, Jess, Margaret and Tom as the Finance Committee looking at the finance business of PCC, and to those who count the collection each week.

Peter Rowe & Tom Mather

March 2020

Section 7

Associate Vicar Report – Karen Cribb

Highlights of the year

- Celebration events at Duchess Road Centre
- Another Super Summer Seaside Coach trip to Cleethorpes
- Harvest thanksgiving generosity to twin toilets.
- Lazy Sunday – supporting Christian Aid together.
- Christingle service – so many visitors and returning friends.
- Youth group growing and participating in so many way.
- Bistro nights run by the Centre – eating and celebrating together.
- Starting Quiet Days as part of our activities in St Mary’s midweek



The regular joys

- Sunday Morning Services; All Age worship; Light Factory;
- Visiting peopleat home, in nursing homes, in cafes.
- Monday mornings in the café – hospitality and a bit of holiness !
- Supporting Families Choir.
- Shared Sunday breakfast and lunches after church.
- Monthly Messy Church.
- Special Occasion services especially Baptisms and Funerals.
- Being around and involved in the activities of the centre in the week.
- Spending time with the Thursday lunch club.
- School assemblies and services in church, Godly Play in classes, Easter and Christmas experiences, and school governors.
- Meeting with Claire and Wardens, all those who lead and preach, and even PCC !
- Family Activity Days



Beyond St Mary’s

- Mentoring self-supporting curates in Sheffield and supporting SSMS in the Diocese.
- Meeting with people exploring their call to ordination.
- Working with the reference group for the Dean of Womens ministry.

Things to keep working on

- Pastoral care – sharing prayer and practical care for one another and those beyond
- Hearing and learning from one another, sharing our lives and our faith.



Section 8

Church Warden's Report for 2019.

First of all, a big Thank You to everyone who has helped to make my job easier this year particularly to George who has continued to take a turn at opening up and making the church ready for the service, to Giles who helps with the 'heavy work' and to Claire and Karen for their additional input.

This year we have continued to take forward the vision for St Mary's. The Monday morning coffee and cake sessions have taken place throughout the year. The centre receives flowers from various shops during the week which are sorted and re-bunched and sent out as a gift from St Mary's to care-homes, various charity centres and people who are unwell. There have been shared lunches and church breakfasts at various times during the year, enabling us to meet together, share hospitality and get to know each other better. We held another successful trip to Cleethorpes in the summer much appreciated and enjoyed by those who took part. More details of these in separate reports I hope.

We have maintained our links with the Duchess Road Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) holding various events together such as a summer barbecue, a firework party and Carols around the Christmas Tree. We have continued supporting them in their work to improve the area and strengthen community links.

During the year there have been regular meetings between Claire, Karen and myself as warden with Graham and Sue from the centre to ensure that we all know what is being planned and how we can help each other to take projects/ plans forward. These will continue into the future.

We are making progress with the proposals to replace our present Audio Visual (AV) and PA systems, following years of discussions and also to install a new automatic main door for the benefit of all but particularly the disabled, elderly and those with pushchairs and small children. (See Fabric Report).

The year has not been without some setbacks. The roof developed a major leak in the early autumn and later the theft of some of the lead created more leakages and a hefty bill to replace it. However the silver lining is that several of us have learned how to apply for faculties and building repairs and changes via the Diocesan on-line system.... It should be easier next time!

Thank you to everyone for all that you do inside and outside the church, for your continued presence, love, help, friendships, cheerfulness and support for each other.

Let us go forward together in Christ.

Margaret

Fabric Report.

Since the Church was re-ordered in 2000-2001 the fabric has been in a good state but now there are things that need repair or renewing.

There have been discussions for a number of years regarding the need for a new AV and PA system and a group was set up to deal with it. Specifications were drawn up and several companies invited to tender for the work. A preferred supplier was chosen and applications to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) was made for the PA system and a Faculty applied for regarding the AV system. The first was successful and we are awaiting the outcome for the PA system which we expect to be positive.

The problems with the weight of the front door became more urgent when members of the congregation, and others, found they could not open the front door to the Church unless there was someone else to help them. A supplier for a new automatic door has been found and a faculty to install it is nearly ready to be submitted to the DAC. This will make things much easier for all of us. Thanks to Ann for a huge amount of work in dealing with this.

Unfortunately in the autumn the church roof developed a major leak which had to be repaired urgently. Later in the year we realised there was another major leak and on investigation we found that several sections of lead had been stolen from the roof and damage done to flashings etc. We had a temporary repair done and are obtaining quotes and preparing an application to the DAC to replace the lead. We looked at alternatives to lead, realised they would not be acceptable to the DAC nor so satisfactory. The application should be ready shortly.

As a result of the theft we are considering installing a roof alarm for which we should be able to get a grant to help towards the cost.

Margaret.

Section 9

Verger's Report

Where has the year gone? It is time for my 21st report or is it 22nd?

The congregation keeps growing, although attendance on Sunday mornings fluctuates, with many appearing during the service.

What does a actually verger do? The role goes back to the early days of the Christian church when their role was the doorkeeper of the church, although vergers were around in the days of the Old Testament where they were found in the temples. They made a way through the congregation for the procession of the clergy when congregations only stood.

St. Mary's does not need this so my role is slightly different. I open the church on Sunday mornings in rotation with the wardens, ensure the service book is filled in, with the number of attendees (adults and children separately) and are signed by the vicar and others who preach. I also look after the silver, help in the kitchen with tidying up, ensure all the lights are off and no-one is left in the building before leaving.

Ensuring there is enough communion wine and wafers, supplying the bread and looking after the altar cloths are among my church "to do". Candles need checking and ordering when necessary and occasionally swapping round as the is a draught on the right side of the stained glass window which affects how quickly the candles burn.

I want to ask if anyone could help with setting up or clearing away after the service. It doesn't take long but the more people who help especially with clearing up, the sooner we can go home.

I want to thank all those who do help on a Sunday morning doing jobs that sometimes go unnoticed but if they weren't done, it would be chaotic.

Finally I want to invite you to come to a 9,30am Communion on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the Chapel. It is a quiet prayer book communion and we don't have any hymns but it is a nice alternative form of worship.

Section 10

Reader's Report 2019

Giles Morrison

Blog: <http://gidamoblog.wordpress.com/> Twitter @giles_morrison,

Last year I felt that the role of Reader had been challenging, wondering where my calling and mission were being directed. This year it feels as though I have found some direction, or at least been point in the right direction by God and given a shove!

You may recall that in 2018 I was invited to join the Diocesan Reader Executive. Last year I was asked if I would take on the role of Assistant Warden of Readers for Sheffield, which I accepted at last June's AGM. I have just recently become chair of the Executive.

It's also been busy as Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, with the Diocesan Strategy providing a lot of challenge to models of mission and ministry across the Diocese (More in the Deanery Synod Report).

Another year, another couple of articles published in 'The Reader' magazine. This time looking at the Old Testament and Jesus teaching for evidence of humour, and how understanding that there may be elements of humour in the bible might change our understanding of what's being said and encourage our engagement with the Bible.

I have continued to Lead Morning Prayer and preach at St. Augustine's which is a useful opportunity to participate in a more traditional sort of service which has been the foundation of Anglican worship since 1662.

I've also been encouraged to look at aspects of faith, community and social enterprise. The practical reality of this is 'The Sanctuary Brewery', which is an exercise in how engaging with the slow process of brewing and how this can grow community. It may come to nothing. We shall see.

God bless you all

Giles

Section 10 **Reader's report**

“These things will last forever – faith, hope, and love.” 1Cor13:13

A bible verse I reflect on many times. The last 12 months at St Mary's has given me many opportunities to do so. My faith is strengthened and stretched in Light Factory as we seek to explore our faith in many ingenious ways. My next session involves many toilet rolls, a pass the parcel and a snack to think about Jesus calling Lazarus from the tomb!!!

I first heard of the work of “Chocolate Box” (a project that works with vulnerable women across the city providing support, hope, hospitality from the project house) at St Mary's and my visits there each week fill me with everlasting faith, hope and love.

At our Open Café space on Monday mornings we share many conversations, as well the jigsaws, cake and refreshments.

Our Young at Heart group has much hope as we meet and share coffee and cake at Millhouses Park Café.

And Messy Church provides all three in abundance.

The Women's Interfaith Forum has deepened my faith and understanding of other faiths.

All these activities, together with our Sunday worship and the marking of the seasons, with many wonderful meditative and worshipful sessions, give us I believe, an opportunity to greatly enhance, and enrich our understanding of “Faith, Hope and Love”

Maureen Food 2020

Section 11
Central Mission Partnership

Central Mission Partnership is made up of four churches. St Mary's Bramall Lane, St Augustine's Endcliffe, St Peter and St Oswald's and St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church.

There is a Steering Group made up of the partnership clergy and representatives of the individual churches who meet on a regular basis to look at how the partnership can support each other better.

The Children's Ministers of the four parishes meet together and support each other. They have supported the Family Activity Days run by St Mary's and the Timebuilders and have had four planned events during the year celebrating various seasons in the church year such as Pentecost, Shrove Tuesday, All Saints and Epiphany. These are all planned to happen again in the coming year and it is hoped that the communities in the partnership as well as our congregations will start to have them in their diaries as things that are happening and to look out for more information as the relevant church season approaches.

Yet again this year there have been shared services such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday and more will happen as appropriate. The shared Covenant service has now happened annually in January since 2018.

As Mission Partnership Development worker my office base has previously been at St Mary's but my role is wide and varied and the work I have started to do with all the churches means I am mainly at St Mary's on Monday's. I am still supporting the Toddler Groups, Lunch Clubs and other groups that meet across the partnership, liaising with group leaders to enable shared good practice and support as a larger team. But I am spending more time for all the churches helping with their administration. I maintain St Peter and St Oswald's social media and website presence as well as helping keep St Mary's website up to date (we are always looking for interesting news items which are happening around St Mary's please do pass them on). I also keep the AChurchNearYou sites up to date for both of these churches.

I am currently helping St Mary's by undertaking their bookkeeping. This year I have liaised with the PA/AV group setup by the PCC to organise the upgrading of the system and the suppliers. This is nearing completion and we await approval from the Diocese. The partnership has a Facebook page @CentralMissionPartnership where we try to include as much as possible of that is happening in all the churches individually as well as a partnership.

Catherine Rooker-Brown

Section 12

Deanery Synod Report

The Ecclesall Deanery Synod meets twice a year at one of the churches within the Deanery, so that we get to experience the architecture, style and design of the different churches and how they have made use of their facilities. Each meeting has a brief business section followed by a training / information session.

This year we have had a session on ministry for, of and by retired members of congregation and a presentation by John Hibberd from the Parish Support Team on Focal Ministers. We have also hosted the Bishops Diocesan Strategy Roadshow as it toured the Deaneries, looking at how mission and ministry may change in the future. The Deanery will have to respond to the Diocesan Strategy creatively, but there is a great deal to be confident about. Within the Central Mission Group there is much excellent work being done which is well led.

Claire and I also attend the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee, where matters affecting the Deanery more widely are discussed and opportunities for mission in the Mission Groups and more widely can be shared and encouraged

There is much good work going on across the Deanery and the Central Mission Group has many examples of good work in this area. We recently had a Deanery Chapter meeting to which clergy and Readers were invited which was an encouraging opportunity to hear how active and mission engaged the Deanery churches are.

Giles



Musical Worship @ St Mary's

Anyone who plays an instrument or sings & has time is welcome to join our team of musicians at St Mary's Church: talk to Yo & arrange to come to the 9.15 practise one Sunday

We sing a song in church which has the line: 'When in weakness we lend strength to one another, God goes with us on the pathways of our lives' which is apposite to the ups and downs of our individual circumstances in the music team this year. Between us, we manage to keep the musical offering going, thanks to the faithful team:

- Jess, David, Giles & Yo lead singing (with Collins, Ben, Toby and Sonia when we're lucky)
- Steve, Jon, Kev and James play lead instrument (Piano/Guitar) & sing harmonies
- Nathaniel drums and occasionally offers melodica and clarinet (Nate is having Organ lessons with Robert Webb at St Marie's Cathedral so you'll hear him practising after church)
- Jess on Sax & Rachel Clarinet
- Giles hoping to return to bass plating soon (Jeremy is having a break from Music)

* We waved Benita off to her Nursing degree at University in Salford, and Reuben to his Music degree in Birmingham

*Frederick is very much appreciated on Sound Tech (please pray for good health for Fred) & he has normalised setting up sound desk in Nave. **Any young people interested can shadow him**

* *This is the third year I have noted that at some point, probably this year, we will finally 'go digital' and move to computer projection on a fixed screen in church. **Please pray for this slow process to bear fruit!!! Revd Claire & others have been working hard in discussion with Sue Green re best possible way forward in our multi-use space and we are now awaiting a faculty..***

* Jess continues to offer wonderful organisational support with musicians rota and typing song acetates. **Can you help keeping our long song list, acetates and returns in order? Chat to Yo if you like putting things on order**

* Karen and Yo choose music quarterly - **thanks for sharing any possible new songs**

*Thanks also to Della & others for help with projecting songs . **Would you like to help?**

Musicians arrive at 9.15am to set up and practise songs before service...**could you help clear music/acetates/equipment away?** ...to release musicians to have time to chat & relax at the end of the service. Jo Buck often helps - thank you Jo!

For Your Prayers:

- Thanks for Christmas Singing Group (which encouraged more church friends to join in)
- Thanks for Shoreham Street TARA and the great link with St Mary's through their Chair, Maya (who also runs the Timebuilders project here at St Mary's) and part of the link developing under Revd Claire's leadership. For the fifth year the Tara provided a wonderful Christmas buffet supported by Singers & Musicians from St Marys, singing carols round the tree at Duchess Road Community Centre. A lovely event for local residents.
- Thanks for growth of Family Choir est 2013 (see separate report) now regularly has 20-30 singers
- Yo's other work with the Food Glorious Foodbank Music Project expanded last Autumn when the choir was invited to sing at the Cathedral launch of 'End Hunger UK' Campaign (many 'End Hunger UK' choir films on Youtube and full page in Daily Mirror). We have been invited to sing at Westminster in June to highlight current issues around Food Poverty in UK. Choir was used as resaerch project for play at National Theatre 'Faith, Hope and Charity' that Yo was able to take 2 people from Foodbank to see. New Food Glorious Guitar Circle ran for 10 weeks and culminated in a Showcase end of March - the teacher hope to continue this Circle throughout the year for the 10 regular learners.
- Please pray for more children/teens/young people to join Music Group for All Age Services-I still hope for it to be lead entirely by young people when the time is right and continue to pray for this.
- Thankyou for praying for all the musicians personally, & that our diversity as a group will grow. Pray for God's guidance to us in our church ministry and as we go digital.

Thankyou for all your encouragement and feedback about Musical Worship

Family Choir @ St Mary's



Family Choir was set up 2013 to encourage community singing, sharing values of the Christian tradition: love, faith, joy, hope, forgiveness, health & Bible Stories. If you love to sing or want to learn come along!

Family Choir meet every Wednesday in term time here at St Mary's 3.30pm for cuppa then sing 4-5pm. The choir is lead by Yo for all ages & abilities & is free. Thanks to Charlotte Timebuider who makes drinks every week & Claire, Karen and Margaret who lend a pastoral hand.

Last Easter, we said goodbye to Reuben, our lovely accompanist for 6 months of Queen rehearsals, as he had to study for A Levels. NB Our crowdfunded film 'Now We Are One' can still be seen on Youtube – type in Yoyosongshop We welcomed a wonderful new accompanist, Jesse Lasonder, a musician for the Christian Youth Event 'Shine', who has blessed us with a gorgeous Christian song at the end of each rehearsal. Jesse is getting married and now has a full time job so please pray we will find a new accompanist for after Easter .



Family Choir numbers have grown this year to between 20-30 regular singers and we've had some great moments in the last twelve months including participating in Food Glorious Foodbank Singing in the City Project.

This project has been organised by Rev Lucy Bolster (St Stephen's Netherthorpe) since 2015. Lucy has moved away to the south coast so Yo is now working with a fundraiser from Heeley Church of the Nazarene, Sophie Peel-Yates, to keep the St Mary's and Gleadless Valley Foodbank parts of the project going.

These choirs are attached to providers addressing Food Poverty. This year, during the 10 week project, we rehearsed Beatles Songs ready for 10 public sing-a-longs, augmented by a host of professional musicians, including one here at St Mary's that raised money for Christian Aid and one at Peace in the Park Festival. As you read this, we are just starting our fifth year of this project learning Disney Songs, and we will collaborate with Yo's new 'Singing Teapot' intergenerational Choir from Totley.

Family Choir has also enjoyed singing Christmas carols, learning a special song for Carol Service and Timebuilders Christmas Celebration and our fantastic performance of Greatest Showman where many individuals shone through solo and duet singing and the choir sounded awesome after 6 months of rehearsals

Choir runs every Wednesday 3.30-5pm until our St Mary's Summer BBQ on 1st July 2020

Do come and sing with us - all are welcome here @ St Mary's, its FREE and fun!

Yo Tozer-Loft
March 2020

Photocopying and accompanist session fee are paid for by church, plus food costs at Summer Barbecue. The Timebuilders Project supports our performances with volunteers staff and a meal for 60+ people. We value your prayer support and coming along to enjoy performances



Section 15

Toddlers Group

We have had another busy year - currently we have 60 children on our register, of whom about 20 – 25 children and their parents / carers attend on a weekly basis.

We had a member of Family and Community Education Service facilitate craft for our children for 6 weeks. She was also liaising with parents about children development and wellbeing. Part of her role was to encourage parent taking up further learning to equip themselves with tools of parenting and support their own wellbeing. This is part of Sheffield City Council initiative for early intervention in children's early years. This was well received that a number of parents have signed to further learning courses that were offered as part of the initiative.

New Change – After Easter Toddler's Group will start meeting on Mondays instead of Wednesdays due to finding it difficult to find space on Wednesdays for us to meet regularly.

Unfortunately, this change will affect some of our families and volunteers who will not be able to attend/help on Mondays due to other commitments, i.e. work!

We would appreciate your prayers at this time of change as we will be saying goodbye this Easter to members of our Toddlers family.

A big thank you to our Volunteers, Mihaela, Niina, Sophie and Rosie who continue to support us.

Miriam Cavanagh

Section 16



Porter Croft is our linked church school, and we share this connection and responsibility with St Augustine's. There are lots of connections with Porter Croft – the school comes to St Mary's 4 times a year for services at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and at the end of the school year. Karen regularly take assemblies, and is able to go into classes to deliver Godly Play sessions as part of their RE curriculum - Viv from St Augustines and our good friend Heather Waller also do this regularly.



“Open the Book” assemblies are an interactive way of telling Bible Stories and we are really grateful to Heather Waller, who is also a parent of the school, for co-ordinating this group. Amy was able to play a full part in this during her time with us. At Christmas, Easter and for Year 6 leavers we run “prayer experiences” an interactive way of engaging with the Christian faith. All of these rely on volunteers from amongst the churches and the parents and it's a great way to be involved with the Academy.

Both Claire and Karen are on the Governors of Porter Croft and we have been really glad to welcome Claire Matthews, whose son attends Porter Croft, as a new governor this year.



Porter Croft is an extremely vibrant and flourishing school, its families come from all over the world, with over 20 different languages spoken. It models, inclusive belonging, respect, compassion, creativity and excellence. It has a curriculum that is enriched by numerous



events, visits and opportunities enabling the children to grow into life in all its fullness.



Academically the curriculum challenges the most able and supports

those with particular needs so that all the children flourish to the best of their abilities. It is currently rated Outstanding by OFSTED. You can follow its progress on Twitter



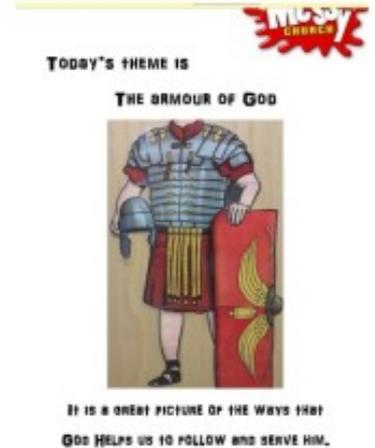


Section 17

We run Messy Church once a month – usually on the third Friday from 4pm until about 6pm – but we often stay a bit later as nobody seems to want to leave !

We use the resources from Messy Church which gives us a theme, a bible story suggested activities and conversations/thought starters around the theme linked to the activities. Some of our themes over the last year have been the armour of God, the sheep and goats parable; harvest; Praising God; Forgiveness and Friendship.

 Each month we try to pin our activity sheet and some of the things we have made on the notice board so do have a look and see what we've been up to. We're on facebook page too – find us at [stmarysmessychurchsheffield](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmessychurchsheffield)



A small team, usually comprising Miriam, Margaret, Amy, and Karen, meet to pray and to plan usually on a Wednesday lunchtime, then we are usually setting up and preparing from about 3pm. We have a fab kitchen team who produce wonderful meals each time – usually catering for 50-60 people – thank you to Virgilia and Penny who have taken on leading this role over the year (we said thank you and goodbye to Chris Rees who had been co-ordinating this for a long time) ably supported by John Ibbetson, Benita (when she's not at Uni) and most recently Ann Brownhill who has joined the team. We continue to encourage our young people and their friends to become volunteers – both for activities and catering so thank you Megane, Holly, Morgan in particular.

 **January 2020** 
SHEEP AND GOATS
 

Make a sheep/goat on a stick – sometimes we are like the sheep in Jesus story and sometimes we are like the goats.

Make an edible sheep.
Make a sheep head circle.

Those who come really enjoy mes

This year one of our finest creations was our Psalm 8 big picture which now lives in the Sanctuary. It would be great to welcome others who can bring new ideas and fresh energy to the team – do come and see us one Messy Church Friday.

sy church and it is a diverse congregation – families from Sunday church, toddler group, Porter Croft, those who don't go to church elsewhere, living locally and from further afield. There is still a good cross-over to the events hosted by the Mission Partnership Children's Workers, and from Toddler Group and FADs.





End of year summer party last year.

Section 18

Youth Worker Report



Amy Hitchmough has been our youth worker since the summer of 2017. She finished work with us in December 2019 in advance of the arrival of her second child. Amy was part of the Diocesan Centenary Project and her post was jointly funded through this, the Sheffield Church Burgesses and St Mary's. Amy produced a final report for the Centenary project which is reproduced here with a few edits and additions.

Highlights - Attending Shine Live events - we have been able to take 14 young people to Shine Live and a regular group has been attending each month.

Shine Live has given many opportunities for St Mary's youth to give their life to Jesus and 5 of these young people have taken up these opportunities to dedicate and re-dedicate their faith. Although it was poorly attended, St Mary's was able to host Shine Live, this was a really proud moment for our young people as they helped plan and design the layout of the evening. They still say it has been their favourite Shine Live of all that we have attended. It was great to have two of our young people perform a dance as part of the night and also have one of my young leaders (Benita) hosting the night alongside me.

Other events - We have been to 3 Breathe Deep events, run by the diocese each January. When handing out the consent forms for Breathe Deep recently I was surrounded by much excitement. The Goldigger Girls Day was a great opportunity to gather the girls together and give them opportunity to have some fun and to learn about positive self esteem. Goldigger provide these quality days to support the positive mental health for young people and it was a privilege to be able to take 3 of our girls to the event.

Central Mission Partnership - We have held around 8 children's events and 2 youth events together and both have been really positively received. Due to there being a small team of volunteers at St Mary's this gives fantastic opportunity to grow youth work further and create more opportunities for outreach into the local areas.

Schools work – At Porter Croft I have been involved with a team of others delivering Godly Play in classes, Open the Book assemblies, Christingle lessons and also Christmas and Easter experiences – using Prayer Spaces style activities to take each class through the stories in a journey style tour around the school.

Messy Church - My specific focus during Messy Church has been to grow the involvement of the youth in these events. This has been quite a gradual process, but we have seen more young people attending Messy Church, helping in the kitchen and dining room and also serving up the food. They sometimes help with the crafts and occasionally the upfront leading too. I have been able to give them the opportunity for help plan 2 of the Messy Church evenings. I created Bible study bookmarks with 3 questions to help up open up the passage. We looked at the things that stood out to us from the passage, what we had questions about and also how we can apply what we've learnt. We have done the study followed by planning during Sunday morning youth and then have continued to practical plan over Sunday lunch.

Family Activity Days - Very early into my role at St Mary's, the Family Activity Days which had been lead by the community centre aspect of the church stepped



back and asked the church to take a lead on the running of these events. We have also been able to add faith aspects to the event, whether giving out meaning chocolate or booklets or sweets with a Bible passage tag. I also was quite keen to change the Halloween themed FAD to be a light party/fireworks party event which has been successful.

Personal highlights – One of my personal highlights has been the opportunity to do ‘Open the Book’ in an all age service. I have absolutely loved doing these assemblies and I felt very excited to be able to share that with the wider Church congregation. This was especially fantastic as I worked with the youth to plan and perform the drama during the Sunday service. They really enjoyed it and have become so confident at public speaking through the numerous opportunities St Mary's gives the young people to read the Bible to lead communion and be involved in other aspect of regular church services.

Mentoring - I also had the joy of supporting a young leader as she prepared for her move to University. We met numerous times and went through the Fusion resources together. She also took the books home to read them further. She thoroughly enjoyed this, was so appreciative that someone had taken the time to go through this with her and she has seemed to settle really well at University.

Building better friendships in Youth - When I first arrived at St Mary's the youth group were very shy and not particularly keen to spend time with each other outside of church services. During the 2 and a half years I have been there I made small changes such as giving space for sharing their high and low points from the week, which started as a long silence and has grown to great discussion and built a space for knowing more about one another. This has grown to some of them being happy to share in deeper



discussions when talking about faith related topics. Through youth lunches and socials we've been able to focus on developing the small group aspect of Sunday Youth. We have also, through this, seen more and more young people attending events such as Centenary Project weekend and days away, Shine Live events, Breathe Deep events, the Higher Tour gig, Goldigger Girls Day. Additionally many young people have felt comfortable to invite their friends and create new friends at these events. (Photo of youth walk in Peak district –

thanks to George for these)

Significant other work Safeguarding and health & safety are areas that have been much improved, this includes correct ratios being followed for groups, registers being taken for all events, risk assessments being in place and followed.

Finally I want to add to this how great it has been working at St Mary's, I have really enjoyed working alongside George, and the young people, with Karen and Porter Croft, the CMP team, the Messy Church team and it has been great to be a part of St Mary's Church. Thank you, everyone.

Amy Hitchmough

Section 20

Lunch Club Report

A lunch club for older people is held in the hall every Thursday from around 12 noon to 2.00pm. The aim is not only to provide a meal for people who may not find cooking for themselves easy but also to provide companionship and conversation for those who might otherwise be isolated at home. Most of the people having the meal come from outside the parish. Three are members of the congregation, all of whom assist in various ways and receive time credits and there are two other volunteers from the church who help with service, together with 4-5 time builders. It is much appreciated by the 50 – 55 who come on a regular basis. The food comprising a (usually very traditional) main course and pudding is prepared by centre staff. There has been an increase in the cost of the meal from £3 to £4. Maia Salmond-Lord from the centre organises and manages lunch club.

People arrive either by community bus or make their own way. Coffee and tea is served on arrival and there is some form of activity which could be music and singing, massage, chairbics, craft, flower arranging, quiz or talks. There is always a raffle and frequently bingo. Occasionally people who are taking classes in the centre learning English as a foreign language join the tables to practice English.

There have been an increased number of activities outside lunch club arranged in the last year such as a day trips, trips on the canal and visits to various theatres

There are ongoing concerns about risks posed to members through difficulty of access to the building and some fall risks within the building. Access to the main building should be easier once new doors are installed but there continue to be risks from trips and falls within the churchyard. Lunch club members find access to the Pavilion which is used occasionally, problematical as the mini bus cannot park close to the building and there is a long walk to the door without any handrail. Duchess Road Community Centre has been used for lunch club a few times and this seems to be preferred to the pavilion.

Ann Brownhill

Section 21

Millennium Green

This is a tiny charity which was set up to ensure the on-going maintenance and community use of the Millennium Green, the small plot of land to the east of the wall and in front of the community building. There are three trustees, and very little money (of which we have spent nothing). The everyday maintenance is carried out by Sheffield City Council Parks department, with the extent of our involvement being to occasionally report damage needing repair. Timebuilders have their own use and management plans for the site and generally they get on with these as part of their use of the church grounds overall.

Clare Rishbeth

Section 22

Salt and Light Report

Climate Change

The Diocese is hosting an event on the 9th May 2020 called One Earth: God's Earth. The event will have guest speakers who will be addressing the challenges we are facing and looking to find ways we can all play a part in looking after God's Earth for this generation and the next generation. At the moment only two people from each parish will be able to attend. For more information please visit the Sheffield Diocesan website.

The Church of Church produced some materials for Lent; Care for God's Creation. The resources can be found on The Church of England Website.

A Book by Ruth Valerio called **Saying Yes to Life** which was the inspiration for the Theme this year "Care for God's Creation" came as a recommendation by Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury to use a resource.

Parish Nurses

Health and Faith is a new initiative to our Diocese enable members of the congregation and Clergy to look to how we are look after our well being without having a burn out. St Matthews Carver Street has employed two Parish Nurses, who qualified as nurse and are both practicing Christians. Their role will be to walk alongside those in the parish and wider community in supporting their wellbeing that is Christ Centered. Fr Grant Naylor is happy to be contacted from more information

Mental Health

Some members of the Diocesan Mental Health working group were invited to an event at Lambeth Palace hosted by Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury and our very own Rev Sally Ross was one of those who attended as the Chair of Sheffield Diocesan Mental Health Working Group.

The call for The Church of England is to do more about the wellbeing of Clergy and members of the congregation in ;our Churches and wider community, especially those who suffer from Mental Health illness. The Church of England as organisation and a Body Christ has been challenged to help and create an environment were members can opening seek help as part of the Safe Practice for all who work and those who worship in our churches.

Moving forward the Diocese of Sheffield will start rolling out Mental Health First Aid Training especially for the Centenary Project Worker (Children and Family Workers) as well as offer the Training to other working Youth Workers in the Diocese

Diocesan Working Groups

There are many working groups in the working groups in the Diocese that are worthy exploring depending on your interest from Climate change to Mental Health. Please do try and get involved is can!

For more information please visit the Diocesan website or speak to me and I will direct you to the right place.

Miriam Cavanagh

Section 23

Diocese of Sheffield BAME Report

The number of BAME representation in all works of the Church is very poor across our Diocese, with the exception of St Mary's Church Bramall Lane and a few Churches in our Diocese when it comes to BAME involvement in the day to day working of the Church compared to other parishes.

As you have seen in our newsletter for a number of weeks, the newly appointed Archdeacon of Doncaster Rev Javid Iqbal, will be the first BAME Archdeacon to be appointed in Sheffield Diocese. This appointment is very welcome and it give us all hope that the Diocese is moving in the right direction in addressing the lack of BAME clergy numbers and in leadership roles.

Last year we also welcomed the appointment Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin as the First Black Female Bishop of Dover. Bishop Rose is the first Black woman to be made a Bishop in the Church of England.

Unfortunately, with John Sentamu the Archbishop of York retiring this year the number of will drop to five minority bishops out of the total number of 120 Bishops and of those three are Suffragan Bishops who are juniors to Diocesan Bishops.

More needs to be done when it to inclusion within our churches, the Race inequality was discussed at this year's General Synod, this issue is not just unique to the Diocese of Sheffield.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said during Synod,

“When we look at our own church, we are still deeply institutionally racist. Let's be clear about that.”

He said he was “personally sorry and ashamed. I'm ashamed of our history and I'm ashamed of our failure ... I'm ashamed of my lack of urgent voice to the church.”

This came about because of the recent hostile events of the way the government has mistreating the Windrush generation and the Church being silent on the issue that continues to affect so many lives across the country.

Last year Bishop Pete asked Rev. Anesia Cook who is the Bishop's Advisor on BAME issues and also is also a Partner in the Mission Partnership to MAP out the numbers of BAME brothers and Sisters in our Diocese. If you would like to read the full report please do not hesitate top contact me.

**BAME Extract report from Anesia Cook, Bishop's Adviser on BAME issues
Diocese of Sheffield, February 2020**

Rev Anesia Cook writes;

The issues affecting BAME people in our Diocese are wide, and there is much that the church could do.

1. Our churches are predominantly white. While accepting this fact, it can be a cause of problems which *Unconscious Bias Training* could address as a starting point. In certain cases, the need for such intervention is apparent not only in the issues reported, but it is also implicit in the words of some of the responses themselves (by clergy).
2. Churches may in many cases be sited at a distance from centres of BAME communities. Where this applies, consideration could be given to church planting or other outreach activities.
3. Encouraging diversity/inclusivity in our churches is a bigger issue than just seeking more BAME vocations. It is a key part of diocesan vocations policy, alongside encouraging more and younger vocations.
4. Parishes ought to be encouraged to celebrate the diversity of God's family. Examples like the use of hymn/songs/liturgy in different languages may be encouraged wherever possible.
5. The use of positive images of BAME people on the diocesan/churches website/social media, events and publications should be considered.
6. Education of parishes, lay and ordained ministers about multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-faith society is needed, to promote better understanding.
7. Support for lay BAME ministers is needed.
8. Development of training is needed for all clergy/lay ministers in order to encourage them to affirm and understand BAME people.
9. Keep racism in all its form on the agenda
10. Encourage the presence of BAME role models through the Bishop's lectures, Diocesan Development Days and other diocesan activities.
11. Efforts should be made to foster and encourage BAME vocations to: accredited lay ministries, stipendiary and non-stipendiary, as well as at every level of church ministry.
12. Encourage BAME people to stand for election to various synodical bodies. Increase their presence in the decision-making bodies throughout the church.

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