Parish of St. Anne
Turton

Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the
Parochial Church Council for the Year
ended 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2017.

Team Rector and Vicar:
Reverend Stephen D. Parsons

Bank:
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
46-48 Deansgate
Bolton

Independent Examiner:
Mr. Stephen J. Oldfield
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The Parish of St. Anne Turton with St.James’ Edgworth.

Minutes of the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings.

Sunday 2nd April 2017.

The Team Rector, Rev. Stephen D. Parsons chaired both meetings.

Annual Vestry Meeting.

Meeting commenced at 11.35 a.m. with an opening prayer. Attendance – 40 persons.

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Minutes from this meeting were read out and unanimously accepted as a true record, following a proposal by Mrs. Barbara Kenny, seconded by Mr. John Kirk.

2. Matters arising from these minutes – None

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1. **Apologies for absence.**
   
   Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. B. Arundel, Canon M. Arundel, Mr. S. Hobson, Mrs. E. Hobson, Mr. D. Smith, Mrs. S. Dickinson, Mrs. S. Wilson.

2. **Approval of the minutes for the last A.P.C.M. (17th April 2016).**
   
   The minutes of this meeting had been circulated one week prior to the meeting and were proposed by Mrs. P. Kirk, seconded by Mr. A. Patten to be a true record.

3. **Matters arising from these minutes.**
   
   There were no matters arising.

4. **Reports.**
   
   As previously stated, the pack of reports had been circulated to the congregation on 26th March for information prior to the meeting. Other copies were made available at the meeting for people who had not received them.

5. **Electoral Roll Officer’s Report.**
   
   The P.C.C. Secretary reported that he had received a message from Mr. David Smith, who had tendered his apology for the meeting, that the numbers on the Electoral Roll were 187, two more than for the meeting last year.

6. **Election of representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod. (Revised to now to be a 3yr. Term)**
   
   The number of representatives for each parish is determined by the number of persons on the parish Electoral Roll, and for Turton churches there are four places allocated.
   
   Two candidates had put their names forward, Mr. John Kirk and Mr. Anthony Patten. Both had already been representatives and were duly elected to continue in the role.
   
   Mrs. Shirley Dickinson had also been a representative for many years but had decided not to stand for re-election this time. The Team Rector thanked her for her services on behalf of the parish.

7. **Parochial Church Councillors.**
   
   7.1 Retirements form the P.C.C.
   
   Dr. John Burn and Mrs Rebecca Hammond had asked to retire. Dr. Burn had moved to Derbyshire and Mrs. Hammond had a work pattern which conflicted with attendance at meetings.
   
   The Team Rector thanked them for their services, and included Mrs. Ann Burn in his thanks as she had carried out arrangements for baptisms at both churches over a considerable period of time.
   
   7.2 Members not seeking re-election following a 3 year term as P.C.C. members.
   
   Mr. Ron Gent who had for a very long time been a member decided not to stand for re-election this time. Ron had carried out lots of duties in the church. He had been a member of the choir for many years and a Deanery Synod representative. His wife Doreen had also been very actively engaged in church events including membership of the Mother’s Union, and the Team Rector thanked them both for all the work they had carried out in connection with the churches in Turton.
   
   7.3 Members seeking election for a three year term until 2020.
   
   Nominations were received from the following persons :-
   
   Mrs. Margaret Forster, Mrs. Pauline Kirk, Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Mrs. Barbara Arundel, and Mr. Stephen Hobson. It was pointed out by the Team Rector that the reason for the need to elect Mr. Hobson was because his status as Churchwarden Emeritus was an honorary position of time.
   
   Sufficient places were available on the P.C.C. to accommodate all these nominees, and they were duly elected by a unanimous vote to serve a three year term.

8. **Any other business.**
   
   8.1 Lights on the balcony.
   
   A member of the congregation asked if the lights on the balcony could be operated independently and this was confirmed. The need for them to be used at certain times was noted.
   
   8.2 Number of Services.
   
   Concern was expressed about the number of joint Services which were being held resulting in a lack of continuity, particularly in respect of Services held at St. James’. Clergy cover was one of the aspects which created problems, but mainly it was due to the need to incorporate specific events. However, future months were expected to be better, as not so many important but disrupting events would be involved.
   
   The Team Rector, together with the Church Wardens explained that several of the clergy who help to cover duties on a voluntary basis were not always willing to take a Service on the day which required their attendance. It was also proving difficult to organise clergy cover 3 months ahead.
It was also intended that methods of providing more up-to-date Service information would be considered e.g. church web-site, Facebook, leaflet distribution, Around the Spire, News sheet etc. in order for the congregation to be better able to plan their Sundays.

Rev. Stephen Parsons said he considered 2016 to have been a challenging year. A broad range of business had been dealt with by the P.C.C. The financial position for the parish had required attention and planning. Mission Action Planning had required a considerable amount of time to be allocated, and the organisation of a Stewardship Campaign is being organised for implementation in the near future. All these things involved a considerable amount of time, and needed the involvement of personnel who were capable and willing to take on the duties required. Thanks were expressed to the members of the congregation who had taken part in the organisation and activities of the churches during the past year.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.

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Annual Report for the parish of St. Anne’s Turton (with St. James’ Edgworth) for the year ending December 31st 2017.

Administrative Details.
P.C.C. members. - Members who have served during the year and until the date of approval of this report are as listed below :-
Chairman (Incumbent) : Rev. Stephen Parsons.  Vice-chair  Mr. Stephen Hobson.
Churchwardens : Mrs. Lindsay Farnworth.
                Mr. Simon Maguire.
                Mr. Stephen Hobson (Emeritus).
Assistant Wardens : St. Anne’s.
                   St. James’
                   Mrs. Kathleen Smith  Mrs. Rebecca Hammond
                   Mrs. Barbara Arundel  Mrs. Pat Heron
                   Mrs. Pauline Kirk  Mrs. Liz Greene
                   Mr. Stephen Hobson (Emeritus)
Deanery Synod Representatives : Mr. John Kirk
               Mr. Anthony Patten
Lay Chair : Mr. Keith Lewis
Ex-Officio members : Mr. Ross Heron  PCC Secretary
               Mrs. Shirley Dickinson  PCC Treasurer
               Mr. David Bonser  Gift Aid Secretary
Elected members:
Mr. A. Mather, Mrs. Jenny Allsop, Mrs. S. Glancy, Mrs. S. Wilson, Mr. D. Smith, Mrs. K. King, Mrs. B. Kenny, Mrs. M. Topham, Mr. C. Aubrey, Mrs. B. Arundel, Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. M. Forster, Mrs. P. Kirk.

In addition, the following served from 1st January 2017 to the date of the APCM (2nd April 2017), Mr. R. Gent, Mrs. Rebecca Hammond.

Correspondence Address : Mr. R. M. Heron, 6, Holly Bank, Turton, Bolton BL7 0LP.
Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland.
Insurers : Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.
Independent Examiner : Mr. Stephen Oldfield.

During the period since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in April 2017, the Council has met eight times and held in addition four Standing Committee meetings. The Standing Committee (S.C.) consists of PCC Chair, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary. The purpose of the S.C. is to deal with any matters which need attention at times when a full PCC meeting is not immediately scheduled. The Churchwardens, Lindsay Farnworth, Simon Maguire, and Stephen Hobson (Churchwarden Emeritus), together with the PCC Chairman Steve Parsons (Team Rector), were essential personnel in the running of the PCC during the last year, and thanks are in order to record their enormous input to the workings of the Council.

23 people are members of PCC (including clergy) and the average attendance at meetings during this period was 52%. Lindsay Farnworth, one of the Churchwardens is retiring at the APCM after a two year term and a replacement is required. Lindsay has carried out her duties admirably during what has been an eventful year, and the PCC are grateful for her contribution.

Another retirement after carrying out the very demanding task of PCC Treasurer for over 25 years is Shirley Dickinson. As you will see from the Statement of Accounts published in the pack, the job as Treasurer is vitally important as a large amount of money is handled and has to be accurately accounted for, especially since we are now registered with the Charities Commission. We wish Shirley all health and happiness in her future life free of the demands as Treasurer.

The PCC has been very fortunate in acquiring a replacement Treasurer, Roy Battersby, who has been acting as Treasurer since the beginning of the year and will be formally appointed at the APCM in April. We appreciate his volunteering to carry out his vital task for the PCC and can assure him of support during his period in office.

Deanery Synod meetings were also attended by our representatives, John Kirk and Tony Patten where details involving the Deanery were discussed. Whilst mentioning meetings, our Team Council representatives, Andrew Mather and Tony Patten, made sure we were kept in touch with developments at Team level.

During the year, several important items have been dealt with. A Stewardship Campaign was initiated in conjunction with the Diocesan Stewardship Officer who provided packs for guidance and implementation. The campaign was considered quite successful as it raised awareness of the need for a substantial increase in the amount being donated to the church if present financial requirements are to be met and our churches adequately provided for in the future. Thanks are due to PCC members in the team which conducted this campaign in May/June 2017.

Another important feature which was formulated during the past year and occupied many hours of deliberation was the Mission Action Plan, a scheme carried out be all churches in the C of E. The purpose of this was to discern a vision for the future of our churches. Again, the substantial seventeen page MAP document was produced by a group from the PCC led by the Team Rector and the Churchwardens, and thanks are due to them for dealing with the difficult issues involved in formulating a suitable plan. This is an ongoing project.

Mr. S. Hobson, our Churchwarden Emeritus deals with a substantial amount of work concerning the Fabric of the buildings, and produces comprehensive reports to the PCC at each meeting. The reports showed that a considerable amount of money has to be spent in keeping the two churches in repair, and this particularly applies to St. James’ which is showing its age now and suffers from some defects which would be expensive to rectify satisfactorily. However, St. James’ Hall has been repainted internally. New curtains have been hung and thanks to the efforts of the St. James’ Wardens the Hall is certainly looking better for the cosmetic treatment it has received.

The Hall at St. James’ is now being used regularly by AJ’s, an out of school Group who provide education and activities for young children in the time before school commences and after school before the parents return from work to collect them. They are renting the Hall following an agreement drawn up by the Team Rector and the Churchwardens, with help from John Kirk. The project is running well since the launch in January 2018 despite the very cold weather in January/February.

Mr. Hobson also deals with obtaining Faculties for the churches. These involve obtaining permission from the Manchester Diocese Advisory Council for any changes or additions made to buildings and items within the buildings. Several Faculties were required in respect of proposed changes to the Broadhead Room, provision of a new cabinet to house the books recording the experiences of WW1 soldiers from Edgworth, plaques denoting the presence of War Graves in the churchyard and various other items concerning the Memorial Gardens and church grounds.

A very successful Palm Sunday Walk of Witness was held again with Roly the donkey at the head of the procession. This also involved Edgworth Methodists where prayers and hymns were included when the walkers visited their church halfway through the march.

On Wednesday mornings, St. Anne’s has been visited by persons from the National Association of Dramatic Arts Societies which has documented and photographed all the artefacts in the church and will be publishing a dossier at the end of the year. This should be an interesting document.

Simon Maguire has been involved in arranging for the Chained Library, presently housed at Turton Tower in unsuitable conditions, to be moved to Chetham’s Library in Manchester for safe-keeping. This will be of benefit in preserving the books, which belong to St. Anne’s Church, and they will be made available for display if required for events such as the Heritage Week-end.

As with all churches and other establishments involved with children and vulnerable adults, Safeguarding is an essential item in the organisation. A revised 26 page Safe Church Policy has been published and approved. Thanks are due once again for the voluntary work carried out by Rebecca Hammond and Pat Heron for dealing with this necessary item.

Pat Heron also deals with the registration of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all who are required to hold registration. Rebecca and Pat are not PCC members but have carried out this vital work voluntarily.

A further safety feature which has been arranged by the PCC is the installation of a Defibrillator to be located on the church wall at St. Anne’s outside the bottom lych gate. This potentially life-saving piece of equipment can also be of benefit to the neighbouring if required. Short courses to demonstrate how to use the apparatus are being formulated. Thanks are in order to David Bonser for following this project through, Blackburn with Darwen B.C. for providing a demonstration of the apparatus to the PCC at one of their meetings and to Turton Rotary who provided a £520 donation for the complex box required to house the equip-
ment outdoors.
In an attempt to keep up-to-date with the digital world which is so prevalent today, the PCC managed to recruit Nikki Barlow, an expert in digital technology, who showed how the church could benefit from the use of a web-site and Facebook, both modern methods of communication. Nikki gave her time free of charge and the PCC is grateful for the short courses she ran on Saturday mornings at St. Anne’s, although they could have been given better support from the members of the PCC and the congregation. She is also revising the parish web-site which is out-of-date.
Several social events occurred during the period I am reporting. These included a Shakespearian Drama and a Fashion Show held in St. Anne’s church, and the sale of tickets in the Turton Rotary Club Duck Race. A “100 Club” was also started as a fund raising measure.
As you will see from the items contained in this report, the PCC, a legal requirement monitored by the C of E, carries out a very important management role in the organisation of religious, financial and social activities of the church all on a voluntary basis. If you are over 16 years of age, a communicant and registered on the Electoral Roll and would like to become a PCC member, please ask when you attend any of the Services or functions at church.
A big thank you to all the current members of the PCC for their efforts in keeping St. Anne’s and St. James’ running during the year 2017/2018. Without their efforts our two churches would not be able to continue in operation.
Ross Heron,
Secretary to St. Anne’s P.C.C.
March 2018

The Incumbent’s Annual Report for St Anne’s, Turton.

The church has sought to make good provision in meeting its charitable objectives- offering a variety of well-publicised services in our places of worship. We attempt to provide an open church available for prayer and reflection for all who pass its doors. We celebrate God’s mercies among us, the life of our community in many differing aspects and invite our school children to join us for special feast days.

We continue to support groups with a Christian ethos include Children’s Church and work with children and families at St Anne’s and St James’. Special efforts have been made this year to engage with our young children offering them the chance to produce art and stories that help to illustrate the life of Christ for today. We have also begun to share jobs in the church to help our children understand how church works and look forward to a summer service when we aim to give over much of our worship to them.

We have sought to deepen our shared witness as Christians in this area, through more planning and shared events with our friends Edgworth Methodist church. These links, that we share with school life too, are an important part of our witness in this local community.

This year has been marked by big changes in the life and witness of the church and there is always a danger in mentioning a few names that I might inadvertently, miss out some important ones. Let’s hope this is not so.

With settling into a regular routine with our revamped “Blue” book services and the final version of family worship, there has come a regularity of our routines that is comfortable and reassuring. The familiarity allows us to settle into worship, draws on our sense of praise from God’s mercy in life and evokes our prayers. In the same way, I look out from my stall to see so many familiar faces. We have maintained our attendance over the last year, enjoying a successful Flower Festival and a well remarked Remembrance Day service. We need to pay attention to growing numerically and faithfully in the coming year.

There is always a risk that we take things for granted, even each other, and then when we lose someone we are surprised at who has gone missing.

These, this year, the loss of younger and older members has really changed the shape of our congregations and given us big reasons for reflecting on what has gone and what will now come.

Clare Thomas, Minnie Holden, Thomas Ollerton, Hilda Fletcher, Nancy Hughes are just some of the faces we no longer see among us, and though we hope for the fulfilment of God’s promises in their lives, there is an inevitable sense of loss and grieving that goes on across our communities. Families left to deal with the loss of loved ones, choirs lose the sound of a familiar voice, church and village groups lose a member. All these people and more have given from their lives into our community and church life. The way they have participated, commented and been absent have added something to the picture of who we are and what we do. Whilst we always look for leadership, it is from every member ministry that people understand the flavour of church at St Anne’s and St James. People here will know better than me, how traditions have grown and been looked after and just how these have shaped the way we are church locally.

Like other members of the choir, under the leadership of Dave Smith, Nancy brought her joy of music and always an interesting commentary!

Clare showed me how well some can combine leadership with grace and humour in a local school, though I know she had many other skills in her hands too.

Thomas used to join us for the visits to the nursing home in Blackburn, when we travelled with communion for Ron Kirk. Each has their own story to tell and we only let go of them reluctantly.

But other changes are also playing out, as we begin the hand over of our treasurer’s role from Shirley Dickinson to Roy Battersby. Shirley has worked many hours compiling our records and making sure that our finances were as well managed as possible. There must have been many instances, unseen by us, when she has steered through difficulties finally leaving us in the enviable position of meeting the payment of Parish Share this year and with good reserves for the future. Shirley has provided a model of service to the
church that is enviable and hard to match. I am sure that I speak for many in expressing our thanks for all that she has done. Similarly, we have had the services of Stephen (and Karen) Oldfield as Independent Examiners for accounts. This has been a happy working relationship that now draws to a close and once again we must express our thanks for the helpful guidance they have been able to give as the church negotiates its way through Charity Act compliance.

Luckily, Shirley has now turned her attention assisting with the Team Council and has shown no inclination to slow down! But the business of letting go of familiar roles and for us as a church are delicate things that can test us emotionally and intellectually. The temptation is to put off the change, uncertain how we will cope, or whether someone is ready to step up to the responsibility. It isn’t unusual to find churches just keeping going with the same personnel, perhaps lacking faith that a new person will turn up. Marlene Topham is also amongst those who are changing role. After many years working in the background as one of our cleaners, she is now to take a break and we have begun advertising for a new cleaner. Perhaps not the most envious of roles, this has been a labour of love performed by Marlene and others who keep our places of worship ready for God’s people, our silver cleaned, the altar rails polished, the roof kept firmly in place. Without all this help, we would soon be in a mess.

The preparation for worship and praise; the making space for people to take quiet and to find a suitable place for reflection and prayer; the hosting of those big occasions in family life- baptisms, weddings and funerals- are all enabled by the way our church members take on and cherish the work they do. Each job, large or small, are acts of service through which people find meaning and order in their lives. In these activities, they make time to give back to God for his mercies in our lives and we do well to copy them when the chance arises. For these and the other contributions to the running of the church we give thanks to God.

It is important that I reflect here on the contribution made to helping things run as smoothly as possible in recognising the support and work of our wardens. Simon and Lindsay have been busy with me throughout these months, often leading on issues that could easily have gone unattended without their help and support. Stephen Hobson, as Warden Emeritus, has given generously of his time too managing to fit in the demands of the care of our buildings and always contributing to the business of Standing Committee despite the call of Dartmouth. I am sure I express thanks from us all, especially as Lindsay steps aside to give a little more time to her family.

The help of priests in leading the liturgy, teaching and general advice to the Team Rector is an important part of parish life here at St Anne’s with St James’ and also across the churches of the Turton Moorland Team Ministry. Whether in their own retirement following a busy parochial ministry, through a licence to officiate, or as a designated team licence, we have much to be grateful for here. Michael, Marcus and Stephen, among others make significant contributions to our worship lives, whilst also freeing me to fulfil my responsibilities elsewhere across the team. However, even here further reductions in the availability of clergy across the team- we have lost 4 team licences since my licensing- has meant the need to review the strategy and think together about how we embrace the future. Less clergy, means we need to begin thinking about new ways of participating, new forms of worship that free us from the need for clergy leadership and growing ministers from among our numbers.

All this is about people- God’s people in Turton. Many characters have sustained the church over the years of its presence here in our villages. The way we get on, witness and minister to God’s love and mercy for us all is not only about being church today. It must also welcome and embrace new faces who can be inspired and brought to a wish to serve in the way so many have done before.

We take welcoming churches for granted but may not see how our relationships do not always model this as best we might. Similarly, we remain fearful that we won’t have someone come forward to arrange the flowers, organise for the Children’s Society and any other number of tasks, so we are inclined to ask everyone to just continue when it might be nice for them to rest and relax. Thankful that we have been able to make a number of changes among our essential personnel, we would do well in the months ahead to think about how we look after the problem of succession, so generations to come can enjoy the life of the church, placing God and worship at the centre of living.

Through our preparation of a Mission Action Plan, we have given ourselves a blueprint for addressing the main priorities that will help fit us as a “church for a different world.” If you haven’t seen this plan, then please ask for a copy and come and talk to us about the part you might like to come and play. You might like to check if we are getting on with it and see if it makes a difference?

Last year’s Stewardship campaign began to address the need to refresh our funds so we can meet our current expenses and to allow us to think more expansively about the future. Thank you to all who gave so generously to help us. We also took note of the skills and talents you have to offer, and I hope that you will soon come to see that there are new opportunities for you to help us.

On a note of novelty, we have begun to make sure that our entries on the parish Facebook page are up to date, allowing the occasional visitor confidence to know what services are available and which churches are open. We are “on line”, offering an insight into the readings for the week and a brief outline of what we are to look at. You can also find pictures and some stories of events that can help reflect life and interests of the church. It seems strange to be part of the social media age, but perhaps this reflects how things are changing, just as we see the people in church changing.

Changing leadership, roles and even generations are a really important part of parish life, though they can feel like difficult times to go through. Hopefully, we can learn together how to thank people, find new ways of belonging and contributing to the life of the church and to welcoming in new ideas. I am sure this new year will give us many more opportunities to practice these important skills and to be thankful for what we have just now.

My thanks to everyone who has shared in the spiritual growth and care of the parish in the past year.

For all that has been, we thank God.
For all that is to come, we thank God.
With my love and prayers.
Steve - Team Rector.

The members of the Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Structure, governance and management.
The PCC of St. Anne’s is an independent charity which is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. Under the rules introduced by the Charities Act 2006, PCC’s with incoming resources in excess of £100,000 per annum are required to register with the Charity Commission whilst PCC’s with incoming resources not exceeding £100,000 per annum can be excepted from this requirement to register with the charity Commission by “The Charities (Exception from registration Regulations 1996)” as amended. Registration or exception from registration with the Charity Commission does not alter the requirements placed upon the Charity, because excepted charities always have, and continue to be, fully under the supervision of the Charity Commission.

The P.C.C. of St. Anne’s Turton is now registered with the Charity Commission, Commission No. 1166503

Several fund raising schemes were held during the year including a Parish Dinner at the Chetham Arms in Chapeltown at which a Christmas Draw was concluded following sale of tickets during two months prior to the event. Contributions to a Memory Tree also raised money during the Christmas period, and sales of tickets for the local Annual Duck Race gave the church a portion of the money raised. A”100 Club” was also set up towards the end of the year with participants taking part in a monthly draw, with three cash prizes available. This is giving a further boost to church funds and is to continue in 2018.

Church Attendances and Electoral Roll.

Electoral Roll. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in April, there were 187 people recorded on the Electoral Roll.

Attendance Figures shown below are for the two churches and for a total number attending, including communicants.

Attendance at St. Anne’s.

Services at Christmas and Easter were joined with St. James’.
Christmas Eve and Day - 215 total. Easter - 180 total.

October 2017 figures - 1st 86 adults 8th 128 adults (joint Service with St. J.) 15th 55 adults
13 children 47 children 7 children
22nd 52 adults
13 children

Attendance at St. James’.

Services at Christmas and Easter were joined with St. Anne’s.

October 2017 figures –
1st 32 Adults 15th 29 Adults 22nd 28 Adults 29th 44 adults (joint service with St. A).
23 Children 20 Children 13 Children 23 Children
ST ANNES’ CHURCH TURTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
(including St James’ Mission Church, Edgworth)

REGISTERED CHARITY (1166503)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017

Incumbent:
Revd. Steve Parsons

Trustees:
Revd. Steve Parsons (Chairman)
Shirley Dickinson (Treasurer)
Stephen Hobson
Pauline Kirk

Bank:
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC
46-48 Deansgate
Bolton

Independent Examiner:
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ST ANNES' CHURCH, TURTON PCC  
(Including St James' Mission Church, Edgworth)  

Registered charity – 1166503

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017

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**ST ANNES’ CHURCH, TURTON PCC**  
*(Including St James’ Mission Church, Edgworth)*  

Registered charity – 1166503

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2017**

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th March, 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairperson

Treasurer

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ST ANNES' CHURCH, TURTON PCC  
( Including St James' Mission Church, Edgworth)  

Registered charity – 1166503

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017

1 Accounting policies

   The PCC has adopted the following accounting policies which should be read in conjunction with the financial statements:

   Basis of preparation
   The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

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

   Funds
   General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
   The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.
   They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation or another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

   Incoming Resources
   Voluntary income and capital resources
   Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
   Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.
   Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
   Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
   Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.
   Sale of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

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

   Income from investments
   Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

   Gains and losses on investments
   Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
   Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

   Resources used
   Grants
   Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

   Activities directly relating to the work of the Church
   The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.
ST ANNES' CHURCH, TURTON PCC
(Including St James' Mission Church, Edgworth)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets
Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Individual items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2 Group activities

These financial statements include the activities of St Annes' Church Turton and St James' Mission Church Edgworth together with all groups controlled by the PCC. During the year, these were:

- Ladies Group
- Toddler Group
- Social Committee
- Choir Fund
- Flower Festival
- Flower Fund

3 Incoming resources from donors

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<td>Covenants and related tax recoverable</td>
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2017**

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<th>Other voluntary incoming resources</th>
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<td>Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events</td>
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<td>Legacies, donations and appeals</td>
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Income from fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events is shown net of associated expenditure.

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<td>Publications</td>
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<td>Church lettings, ground rents etc.</td>
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<td>Churchyard &amp; fees</td>
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<td>Dividends &amp; interest including any tax reclaimed</td>
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<td>Diocesan quota</td>
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<td>Incumbent's expenses &amp; shared team costs</td>
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<td>Vicarage maintenance</td>
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<td>Repairs &amp; services upkeep</td>
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<td>Staff wages and fees</td>
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<td>Churchyard costs</td>
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<td>Fees for weddings &amp; funerals</td>
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<td>Church telephones and miscellaneous</td>
<td>905</td>
<td>4,574</td>
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<td>94,228</td>
<td>109,965</td>
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| 8 | Staff wages and fees | During the year £8,001 in total was paid in wages and fees to five individuals. These were 3 caretakers, an organist and a pianist. No social security costs arose on the wages paid in the year. |
ST ANNES’ CHURCH, TURTON PCC
( Including St James’ Mission Church, Edgworth)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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9 Fixed Assets For Use By The PCC - Investments

Investments comprise the estimated market value of shares held in a) COIF Charities Investment Fund and b) CBF’s Investment Fund and government stocks managed by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. Any increase or decrease in the value of these investments is shown in the statement of financial activities.

10 Debtors

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11 Analysis of net assets by fund

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<td>Fixed assets</td>
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<td>Current assets</td>
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<td>180,663</td>
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<td>Carried forward</td>
<td>69,077</td>
<td>184,749</td>
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12 Fund details

The restricted funds comprise a) stock investments arising from various small bequests - these investments are managed by the COIF and CFB and the income generated from them is required to be spent on the upkeep of specified gravestones and the general upkeep of the church and churchyard and b) bank balances in designated accounts arising from specific appeals and legacies.
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT
TO ST ANNES CHURCH, TURTON PCC

I have been instructed to examine and report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2017 in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), 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. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as trustees 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 as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair” and my report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting
     requirements of the Charities 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.

Stephen J Oldfield
21 Crown Gardens
Edgworth
BOLTON
BL7 0QZ

7th March, 2018
ST. ANNE’S CHURCH, TURTON
CHURCHWARDEN’S ANNUAL FABRIC AND
ORNAMENT REPORT 2017-2018

GENERAL

We continue to prioritise issues raised by the recent Quinquennial Report that has been issued by the Church Architect together with matters from the Insurance Risk Assessors. Issues from the Quinquennial Report are mainly minor and are very much in line with the report from five years ago; however, we now have a new Church Architect as Mark Head has now retired and Andrew Ruaux has taken over. As always, a fresh pair of eyes raises new issues and one matter that has been brought to our attention is the protection of the drop from the front lawn to the path to the Old Schoolhouse. Andrew thinks this should be protected by a fence as, for example, children playing on the lawns could fall over the edge. I have looked into various options and the only way is to protect this by a metal fence that is similar in section to the cellar steps fence, as it’s within the setting of a Grade II Listed Building. The length of fence is c20 meters. This will need a faculty approval and will cost in the region of £5,000.

I have continued to monitor the Fire Risk Assessment that I carried out recently to ensure this is up to date and various measures have been introduced to put matters in place to make us compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

As reported last time, we have recently been looking at the land to the north side of the church to see whether this can be brought into use for other purposes. This is an on-going exercise and will no doubt be reported on over the next year or so. Following the PCC’s authority to prepare a ‘Master Plan’ of the site the scheme shows our basic proposal together with a Tree Survey and this has been submitted to the Council as a ‘Pre-/Application’ seeking any thoughts and concerns that the Officers may have. Following a meeting with Council Officers a response has finally been received that suggests the Council consider that overall, the principle of this development is acceptable.

We have also prepared a scheme for the refurbishment of the Broadhead Room which is looking very ‘tired’. This will involve soundproofing the room so that activities can take place in there without causing noise issues in the main church area. The works have just received a Faculty approval, after one year since the application was made, and I’m looking at packaging the various trades to get best value on the project.

Items that will require attention in the next year or so are as follows: - Repairs to main lychgate; rain penetration to the spire.
We recently replaced the bird netting to the spire and cleaned out the belfry. We have used slightly more robust netting that will hopefully last longer than the ten years or so of the last netting.

Regular visits have been made each Wednesday by the local branch of The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) over the last year and we should receive the final version of their catalogues soon. At the end of the process we will be presented with books that cover all aspects of the fabric.

EXTERIOR

Boundary walls are generally in good order. There are some loose stones in the wall to the playground which I hope to attend to shortly.

Paths & Pavings

All pathways are generally in good order. The gardening team have treated areas which had excessive moss growth.

Churchyard

The churchyard continues to look in first class condition and many thanks, as always, must go to the sterling work of the churchyard working party, who continues to meet on Saturday mornings throughout the year. Many thanks must be conveyed to Kathleen Smith, Margaret Forster and their apprentice Eileen Hobson who continue to provide drinks every Saturday and provide the team with a superb supper each year.

I recently applied for a Faculty to allow the practice of placing memorial stones in the Memorial Gardens to continue. This was also approved after waiting for nearly a year. The new Churchyard Regs 2016 actually prevented any new stones being placed but as we could easily demonstrate that we have a well-managed churchyard the existing process can now continue.

Main Building

The gutters have been cleared to the main building. Whilst cleaning the gutters we became aware of some minor roof works that we needed to attend to and those works are now complete.
INTERIOR

No further progress has been made on repairs to the organ following the various reports carried out to see what we need to do to refurbish it. As reported previously we had a visit from the Church of England’s Historical Building Council’s Organ Advisor due to the fact that we have a very unique “Father” Willis organ and it is possible we may get a grant to refurbish.

The vestry now contains very useful storage facilities and this helps to keep the room much tidier.

We have just had a new cabinet made that is in memory of Lt Cdr. R J A Turner RN (ret). This matches the existing cabinet that housed the bequest book and will be used to locate the three WWI books that traces the history of those who left our local villages to go to war.

Furnishings

Altar plates, altar frontals, silverware, hymnbooks, prayer books and bibles are all in good condition.

Thanks are due to all who ensure that the standard of cleaning in our church is kept up to the high standard that we have become accustomed.

Stephen Hobson Churchwarden Emeritus March 2018

ST. JAMES’ MISSION CHURCH AND HALL, EDGWORTH CHURCHWARDEN’S ANNUAL FABRIC AND ORNAMENT REPORT 2017-2018

GENERAL

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I have continued to monitor the Fire Risk Assessment that I carried out recently to ensure this is up to date and various measures have been introduced to put matters in place to make us compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

As mentioned above the condition of St James’s continues to cause some concern particularly with regard to the structural integrity of the building in that the building suffers from quite severe settlement. During the last couple of years we have spent quite a lot of money in repointing various areas and settlement does seem to have stopped but continual monitoring will be required going forward. Furthermore, the building suffers from severe damp problems. We have just finished redecorating areas in the Hall downstairs and in the stair which did have severe damp penetration. Special damp preventative paint has been used in all areas.

I have carried out various improvements to the Hall due to the occupation by AJ’s Pre and After-School. This new use seems to be going well and an added bonus is that the space is being heated and looked after.

EXTERIOR

The stone walls and boundary wall are generally in good order. However, the area around the church still remains of some concern, as this area is very hard to keep tidy and maintain. Despite concerted efforts, particularly by Nick Mallion and Ross Heron, the areas around the garages quickly become overgrown. One area of constant concern is the condition of the roadway around the back of the building which is in a poor state of repair despite the placing of motorway planings to make the areas more level. The roadway planings have again been re-levelled as a temporary measure. The playground equipment has now been removed and the areas levelled.

Main Building

The exterior of the building fabric gives cause for concern apart from the settlement issues mentioned above. The lack of pointing in many areas created problems in the lower hall as the floorboards lifted alarmingly on a regular basis. Hopefully this will improve now that repointing has been completed and we will continue to monitor the damp going forward.

In the past few weeks we have lost a few bargeboards and slates in the high winds. I am just finalising a Schedule of Work to repair
these areas but likely costs are £3000.

**INTERIOR**

Internal areas are in fair condition and but we continue to monitor areas as damp is evident in many areas due to the poor pointing of the exterior.

Many thanks must be conveyed to our warden Lindsay Farnworth who ensures all matters continue to run smoothly.

The hymnbooks, silverware, and altar plates all remain in good condition.

Stephen Hobson  Churchwarden Emeritus  March 2018

**Turton Moorland Team Council Annual Report**

The latter half of 2017 saw our second Patronal Festival take place again with great success and great attendance, enjoyed by a wide variety of people across our different churches. Turton Youth Church, which has gone from strength to strength (growing both in number as well as variety of activities offered) played a major part. TYC members provided music, led prayers and delivered the homily. There had been much praise for them and it was an example of the Team’s hopes for the future of TYC.

Further events last year included a visit to St. Catherine’s Academy by Bishop Mark Ashcroft who gave a talk to our own team and others in the local area around his ministry, own personal calling and expectations for his time with us. It was a thought provoking and open discussion with a chance for questions and answers at the end. In the meantime Bishop mark has been highly visible and active within the Team, presiding over our Team confirmation ceremony, in front of a packed congregation with persons of all ages coming forward to be baptised/confirmed. As well as this, Bishop Mark also led us in our celebration of Rev. Carol Hayden’s licensing. Carol is the first incumbent to have been chosen with a lay member of the team on the panel.

Finally, at our last meeting, the team looked at the basic principles underpinning Mission Action Planning. The team decided it was important that our own action plan did not disrupt or interfere with the plans of other parishes, but instead focused on things that could be done as a Team that couldn’t be done by a standalone parish. That is to say, that the Team wishes to support its respective churches in their own endeavours. It was agreed that each PCC would be asked what it wanted from the Team. A written report on MAP progress in each parish was presented at the meeting and this will become a recurring theme of our team as we develop our own. There was also some discussion about the Team acting as a resource bank so that there was a constant ‘expert’ available to offer advice as Parish Council membership naturally ebbs and flows. Examples included preparing a faculty application or addressing communications with the diocese jointly.

It was felt valid to look for common themes in parish MAPs as well as look for Team issues that are unique and we look forward to the work there is to come and joining up our important actions to work in all of our interests.

Finally, at our last meeting, we also decided to branch out in terms of our communication of team events and services, with the creation of a Team Facebook page. I would encourage as many of our tech-savvy readers or those who have children or grandchildren who may be that way inclined to log on and give us a like, the link is given below:

https://www.facebook.com/TMOTP
Deanery Synod Report – meeting held on the 7th November 2017

The meeting was held at Christ’s Church, Harwood.

1. Welcome and opening prayers were led by Rev Wendy Oliver.

2. The meeting was attended on our behalf by the Team Rector, Rev Stephen Parsons and John Kirk. Apologies were given for Mr. Tony Patten who was unable to attend.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

4. Presentation regarding Scargill House.

The presentation was given by Rev Paul Riley, assisted by Claire. Rev Riley explained something of the history of Scargill House and it’s purpose as a faith and retreat centre. Much more than a quasi Christian Hotel, with the ethos of “Lives shared, lives transformed”. Claire then explained her history with Scargill House – her parents had met there and subsequently became part of the Community for several years, so she was in part brought up there. Her siblings had all become part of the Community for different periods, and she was coming to the end of her two-year time there.

We then split into groups to discuss the presentation and consider a) What the Christian Community looks like where we live and worship, b) Can we change the Community so it “hooks into” people? and c) What practical things can we take away tonight that help the community.

The groups then came together to discuss their thoughts –

Groups felt that their communities were encouraging and supportive. Some felt that they were rediscovering a sense of community through the MAP process. It was felt that there was a need to take the Church to the community rather than waiting for people to come to us.

It was felt that we could be more “user friendly” with regard to events and accessibility.

The one practical thing we could all do was concentrate on better communication and use of language that everyone could understand.

5. High Schools update:

Rev Jan Ainsworth gave an update on the position at Canon Slade and the formation of the Bishop Fraser Trust which is now imminent and will allow for sponsorship at St Catherine’s and ultimately the formation of a new free school to help with the under supply of secondary places in the area.

Rev Wendy Oliver gave a report on St Catherine’s. There is a new Head, Rachel Lucas who is very keen to improve the relationship with local churches. She is actively looking to recruit a new Ordained Chaplain for the school. She and the new head at Canon Slade have worked together recently and are hoping to improve communication and cooperation between the schools.


The treasurer gave an update on Parish Share payments by the Churches in the Deanery. We are no longer bottom of the Archdeaconery table for payments, but having risen to second, we are now second from bottom again, as many Churches seem to have made large payments in the last quarter.

7. Reports.

Diocesan Synod – Canon Chris Bracegirdle has been elected as the new Chair of the House of Clergy. The Synod reaffirmed the Fair Trade status of the Diocese.

There has been a meeting of the Deanery Lay Chairs. Keith Lewis is seeking to improve the level and manner of communication from the Diocese to the Deaneries and has suggested that some form of commentary is prepared at Diocesan level after each Synod meeting to help Lay Chairs to give accurate reports to their Deaneries.

Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee – At the last meeting, there was a review of the Parishes to assess progress with MAP. A presentation was given by a member of St Andrew’s congregation showing how most of the information available from the latest Census can be used to assist outreach in the Parishes.

Youth Matters – There is to be a “Messy Eucharist” at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday the 13th January 2018.

Reflections on Bishop Mark’s visit – Rev Wendy Oliver, who organised the visit, reported that it had been a great success with a good crowd at St Catherine’s, indeed more people than were expected. She said that it was lovely to hear his powerful testimony.

Area Dean’s matters – Rev Jan Ainsworth reported that all income surveys had been received and were ready for processing.

8. Any other business.

Keith Lewis reported that the Mission and Pastoral Committee of the Church Commissioners had met to discuss the proposed scheme to close St Chad’s and reallocate the Parish area to surrounding Parishes. This was rejected, so the plan cannot go ahead as yet.

There is still a vacancy for a Deanery Synod secretary.

9. Rev Wendy Oliver gave a resume of the position in the Host Parish and the meeting closed with the Grace at 9.15pm

John Kirk
CHILD PROTECTION & CARE OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

Child protection and care of vulnerable adults has become a very important issue over the past few years and the Church of England is very anxious that all the necessary checks are made before anyone is allowed to lead the Children’s Church. Some of our children are very young and it is acceptable that one parent should be with them but only to assist their own child. Leaders of the Parent and Toddler group and two members of the choir need a DBS check as do the Church Wardens. Members of the clergy are checked at diocesan level. The procedure is arduous with several forms to be completed, references to be obtained and evidence of identification to be presented. The application is then submitted to e-bulk and unless there are problems the reply comes within a few days not weeks as it was previously. The people we deal with are very helpful and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team.

Should you have any concerns the names of those who can be contacted can be found on the boards at the back of both churches and there are regular safety checks on both buildings.

Pat Heron - March 2018

St James’ Children’s Church April 2018

We have a small dedicated group of leaders who plan the session on a rota basis and work with groups of children each week. We met as a team with Steve last summer to discuss issues and priorities. We lost some long standing leaders last September and my thanks go to Helen, Kerry and Penny who have supported St James children’s church over the years. We welcomed Suzanne Pumford as a new leader in September. The leaders work in pairs and follow a rota that is very flexible. Each pair follow the ideas from the roots website or any current festival.

We have very few younger children as they have all started school and so have not been having little church over the last few months.

We have fewer leaders and so all the children have been meeting together starting with some teaching and a focus for the session. This is sometimes games, stories and often involves eating! There are craft activities to reinforce what they have learned. We have on average 30 children each week though there are a lot more who attend – if everyone came on the same day there would be up to 70 children.

The children start their worship with the main congregation in church with a hymn and a commissioning prayer and then go downstairs for their group activities. After the peace, the children return to the main congregation and go to the front where they can show and talk about what they have done and learned.

We use the Roots books and website to get ideas and because this links to the lectionary the children have been learning about the things that the main congregation have heard in the readings and sermons.

We use the crafts to decorate the church. Other activities happen though the year: In the summer we had a very successful sports day and teddy bears picnic in St Anne’s garden.

Children’s Church were asked to put on a display for the flower festival. This was the first time we had done this – we chose the theme of Noah’s ark and the children made puppets. Our display was colourful and interesting - thanks to Emma, Ethan and Ellis who helped with this.

We took part in the harvest service at St Anne’s and brought musical instruments for the congregation to play. The children helped to make the Christingles for the service in December. I wanted to involve the children more in the service and asked some to take part in the readings and prayers.

The children and their parents have been involved in the mission action planning through the joint services.

We are looking forward to taking part in the worship for celebration Sunday in May.

I would like to thank the parents who have led the worship with the children over the last year and offer an opportunity for anyone else who would like to become leader to contact me.

Barbara Kenny
**10th Bolton (St Anne’s Turton) Brownies – March 2017-March 2018**

The pack meets at Edgeworth School, on Tuesdays, in term time, from 7-8.30.

There are currently 12 Brownies. Numbers are down as rehearsals for the village pantomime were on a Tuesday evening. We would welcome new Brownies and would also welcome some new adult helpers.

Over the last year we have aimed to provide the girls with a range of activities focusing on fun; building up their confidence and skills and developing in them a sense of being not only an individual but a team member – in their Six, within the Pack, as part of the local community and as a member of the world wide guiding organisation.

During the last twelve months the girls have learnt how to wield a hammer and screw driver, how to safely light a match and how to sew a button. They made sweets on October 31st and enjoyed making cookies and chocolate truffles with the school cook, Mrs Appleton, in December.

Songs, dancing – music and instruction provided by Janet and Reg - and craft activities are a regular part of Brownie meetings, as are interest badges. Several of the girls have earned (to list but a few) Swimmer, Booklover, Musician and Hostess badges and quite a few of the girls achieved their third Adventure badge.

As part of the ‘Friend to Animals’ badge the girls created a bingo game which we have enjoyed playing on several occasions. We visited ‘Pets in Need’ in Tottington and raised money for this worthy charity at our Open Evening just before Christmas. This term the girls have completed the ‘World Guiding’ badge finding out about Brownies in Australia, Greece, Mexico and America. They created displays about the countries; researched the different uniforms; they taught the rest of the pack either a song or game from their country and shared food typical to the country. As part of this badge we celebrated ‘Thinking Day’ on 22nd February with a morning flag raise at St Annes followed by breakfast.

We have continued to parade most months at St Annes’s including the Remembrance Service and performed ‘The 6 minute Nativity’ song at Christmas.

This month Sue Wilson (Barney Owl) and Charlotte, one of the Rainbow leaders, took most of the pack on a PGL activity weekend at Wimmarleigh Hall. Everyone was shattered by Sunday but they’d all had a good time meeting Brownies from across the region. To round this term off we organised a pack night out to see Barney Owl in ‘The Pirates of Penzance’.

**Debbie Knight** (Brown Owl)

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**93rd Bolton Rainbow Unit - March 2017 – 2018**

It’s been another action packed year for our Rainbow Unit, which meets every Tuesday from 6-7pm in the village school.

Despite our best efforts to promote the two units in the village, our numbers have shrunk quite low again, we had a number of Rainbows turn seven at the end of the summer term who then moved onto Brownies. We currently have 7 girls on our books and hope to attract new members in the coming months.

This time last year we were concerned with Easter celebrations and enjoyed the longer evenings throughout Spring with as much outdoor play as possible (weather permitting), the girls seem to particularly enjoy the parachute games which help to foster team work, as well as being great fun.

We always try to encourage visitors to our meetings to complement our guiding programme, so we are very grateful to all who take the time to support us over the years. The girls have really loved learning the different traditional dance styles taught by Janet and Reg, so far we have tried maypole dancing, morris and country dancing, although spatial awareness and distinguishing left and right can sometimes be a challenge when you’re only five!

Summer term seems to go so quickly and before we know it Autumn is upon us and the nights are drawing in once more. The new term welcomed some new Rainbows to our group, so we focussed some activities around learning the Rainbow promise, and is always a good opportunity to reinforce the Guiding values to the older Rainbows.

The rest of the term had quite a crafty vibe, we experimented with making rainbow pictures out of ‘foam paint’ (Hedgehog got a bit giddy with Google this term!), making monsters out of pebbles, as a nod to Halloween, and handprint Poppy pictures for Remembrance Sunday. Once again Mrs Appleton (the School cook) led a fantastic session with the Rainbows decorating Christmas biscuits, I’m not sure how many biscuits made it home though! Our last meeting of the term was an open evening jointly hosted with the Brownies, offering Christmas nibbles and drinks as well as bring and buy.

This last term has similarly flown by at a rate of knots (see what I did there?!), more dancing, games, valentines craft, pancake races, paper aeroplane races and we even attempted to fashion biscuits into pencils, needless to say they didn’t turn out quite as the picture on the internet!!

For this year’s Thinking Day on 22 February, we looked to our Guiding friends in Holland, the girls enjoyed researching about the country and were quite fascinated with the fun facts we learnt. As ever, the children loved the early morning flag raise at Church to send a wave of prayer around the world, as well as the breakfast!

**Kimberley Hart**, ‘Hedgehog’
**Annual Flower Festival 2017**

The last weekend in July 2017 was the 38th Annual Flower Festival of St Anne’s Church, Turton. Once again the floral displays attracted more than 500 people.

The theme, “It’s Playtime” inspired arrangers to design forty-seven beautiful placements of flowers. Titles included Fidget Spinners, Twister, Jenga and Skipping.

The Lych Gate Planters in memory of Ian and Carole Ingham were planted with bulbs and will remain in place until they can be refurbished for the next Flower Festival.

The Flower Festival Committee wishes to thank the many hardworking Organizers, Supporters and Sponsors; Marquee erector; Jam and Cake-makers; Stall holders and Stewards. Organists, Police and Security scouts, Suppliers of items for the Raffle and Refreshments. Our thanks also go to Malcolm and David for printing letters and minutes. The general public both local and those who travel many miles each year to enjoy the event are to be thanked for their support too.

Without the permission of the PCC of St Anne’s Church, Turton none of the above would be possible and the Church is such a beautiful venue. The Gardeners who manned the Plant Stall are also to be thanked for the upkeep of the wonderful grounds.

The festival made just over £4,707 and the following four charities benefited with £250 each Breast Cancer Care; Tom Parson’s Charity-Amana UK; Medequip4Kids and JDFR.

£200 each to British Heart Foundation; Bolton Hospice; Guide Dogs for the Blind and The Christie Hospital. St Anne’s Church received £3000 and £50 was given to Bolton Mountain Rescue Team via The Alpine Horn Players. The small amount of remaining money is to go towards the organizing of the 2018 festival.

Thank-you to everyone involved in the successful and enjoyable weekend.

Avril Binns

**Parent and Toddler Group**

The Toddler Group continues to flourish.

At present we have 28 families (33 children) on our register.

This summer we have said “Good-bye” to 9 of our children: some going to school and some to Scallywags. We miss them all... and, of course, their parents/grandmas too!

The Mothers and Grandmas are very welcoming to new mothers and mothers who are new to the village, and it is good to see friendships being formed.

In March we had a coffee morning to raise funds for the Mothers’ Union. Several Mothers’ Union members came along and we raised £85.50.

In November, we re-instated our annual fund-raising morning for Derian House. Some of the Mothers made cakes to eat with our drinks as well as to sell, and we also had Scones (including Date and Walnut of course!!) I collected Christmas Cards and small gifts from Derian House for the mothers, as well as friends from church, to buy. Altogether this year we raised £165.70 which included money raised from the sales of Marmalade - an initiative started by Pat Cornforth. This donation was greatly appreciated by Derian House.

We all enjoyed the Christmas Party. This year, Revd. Steve Parsons led the children through the Nativity story, using the characters from our crib, which he had placed in different areas of the choir stalls. We stayed in the Chancel for our “ring” games this year, while the Broadhead Room was being set up for the Buffet - provided this year by Fresh’n’Tasty. Father Christmas came to see us all and the children were (mostly!) very excited.

We are very grateful to Dorothy for all her help, and also Shirley, Lesley and Donna who willingly help when necessary.

Pauline and Margaret - (March, 2018)
ST. ANNE’S CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31.12.17

Organist & Choirmaster: Mr David Smith.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday at 7.30pm. Juniors at 7.00pm.

The choir’s commitment to weekly services and church festivals in the Parish Church and on occasion at St. James’ Mission continued. During the year we were invited to work with other choirs in the Moorland Ministry Team and to attend joint services at various venues.

**Number of Choristers** We now have 18 members comprising 1 junior: 9 sopranos: 4 altos: 0 tenors: 4 base. Regular attempts were made to recruit young people to swell the numbers in the junior section. As reported in previous years we made every effort to recruit tenors but cannot report any success in those areas.

**Attendance** The register illustrates attendance for services and rehearsals held in St. Anne’s was consistent. At intervals during the year choirs from other churches in the Moorland Ministry came together for services and/or rehearsals in either of the churches, St. Anne’s attendance at such events compared less favourably than previous years. The PCC continued to pay money into the choir fund in line with attendances. The juniors received money in hand. Money accumulated in the choir fund was ploughed back into church funds by supporting certain events in the year. Occasional amounts were used for repairs to robes or equipment, stationery, flowers/gifts for members who were sick during the year.

**Marriage Services** The choir was requested to attend one wedding in the period.

**Passion Sunday** 13 robed choristers attended.

**Palm Sunday** 13 robed choristers attended.

**Easter Day** 16 robed choristers attended.

**Harvest Festival** 13 robed choristers attended. The service was at St. Annes this year. As in previous years choristers spent time and effort decorating the chancel with products of the harvest.

**Remembrance Sunday 12th November** 12 robed choristers joined a well attended congregation.

**Advent and Christmas** We report with regret that due to other commitments the rehearsals did not follow the normal pattern. As ever and in line with previous years the duties of choristers became numerous and varied over a number of weeks proceeding Christmas. Choristers ventured into the belfry, emerged carrying candle holders, candles and brackets to be cleaned/repairs as necessary ready to be erected around church at the appropriate time. The Christmas tree was put in place by choristers ably assisted by members of the gardening team, before being decorated in time for the Primary School Carol Service.

**Carol Service** 14 robed choristers attended the service augmented by that special group of voices who came along to help. The music we had rehearsed was well received by the congregation.

**Midnight Mass** 7 robed choristers attended

**Christmas Day** 5 robed choristers attended

David Smith
Organist & Choirmaster
We currently have 28 members, including 1 “Indoor member”.

The year began with our annual “Christmas Meal”, again held at the White Horse in Edgworth. It was lovely to have many of our new members with us as well as some friends. We were pleased that several Parent and Toddler Mums and a Grandma were also able to join us, along with some Toddlers.

Our Annual General Meeting took place in February. We thanked Edith Flitcroft for her invaluable work, over many years, as Secretary. The Committee Members agreed to stay on, and Edith will continue to support the committee. The AGM was followed by a quiz that Edith had prepared.

Our meeting night in March coincided with Ash Wednesday, so we attended that service.

Mothering Sunday was on March 26th. During the service we were really pleased to welcome Lesley Parkinson to the Mothers’ Union.

In April we had a Corporate Communion Service, led by Revd. Steve Parsons. The readings, prayers and homily reflected the theme for 2017: Faith in Action.

We then had a discussion on the projects we undertake.

We held our Wave of Prayer service at St Anne’s Church on 25th April.

In May, 11 of us went to Manchester Cathedral for Evensong. Afterwards we had a very interesting tour, led by our guide, Amos, who told us about the history behind many of the stained glass windows (old and new) and the various chapels.

In June we had our annual Quiet Evening in Whalley Abbey; led this year by Karen Lund, recently Team Vicar at Walmsley, and now an Archdeacon in Manchester.

We were joined, as usual, by some members from Christ Church, Walmsley. A stimulating, interactive evening.

In July, 2 local Guides; Sarah Booth (Pauline’s daughter) and Eleanor Smart (daughter of Revd Ian Smart from the Methodist Church) talked to us about their recent guiding trips: to Iceland and Uganda. Some fabulous photographs, showing wonderful scenery of the countries they visited, as well as records of the activities undertaken by the guides on their travels. We were also shown slides of a 3rd guide’s visit to Cambodia. An excellent presentation by our two speakers.

We supported the RNLI Afternoon Tea in the Broadhead Room on 2nd August, as several of our members are “Lifeboats” supporters.

On 6th September, 14 of us went to the Hindu Temple on Deane Road in Bolton. We were made very welcome and were shown around in small groups by 4 ladies and a gentleman. They explained the beautiful murals on the ceiling and the walls, depicting the history of the Swaminarayan religion - based on Hinduism. The shrine was built in India and brought over in sections, as were the murals. We were able to observe the beginning of the evening ceremony, led by the priest.

On Sundays, 400 people regularly attend.

We had a delightful evening in October with Revd David Evans; his talk was entitled “With Great Pleasure”. He read a wide selection of prose and poetry.

In November, Mrs. Maureen Hawksworth came, with a colleague, from Emmanuel Crafts. She told us about the 6 years she and her husband had spent in Nepal. She brought a wonderful display of work, made by the hard-working ladies, to raise money for their children’s’ education; we were able to purchase items.

In December, Mrs. Pauline Kirk was our speaker. Her talk was entitled “Tales from the Bench”. She told us about her life as a Magistrate and about some of her experiences in various courts. One of these was to be the inspiration for our Churches’ connection with “Winterwatch”.

We are very grateful to many friends who continue to knit and sew for our hospital projects, and make Twiddle Muffs for Dementia Patients.
St. Anne’s Ladies’ Group - Report for the Year 2017

St. Anne’s Ladies’ Group was founded in 1963 by Mrs. Edith Fox, wife of the Rev. F. Fox, the Vicar of the Parish. It is not faith-based, is open to all members of the community and meets on the third Wednesday of the month, usually in the evening in the Broadhead Room.

The Group currently has a membership of 24 and the average attendance at meetings is 19. Although non-denominational, some members of the Group play an active role in St. Anne’s Church as Choir members, Sides-persons, Mothers’ Union Committee members, Flower Festival Committee members, Toddler Group helpers, Sunday morning coffee rota etc. Members also worship at St. James’ Church, Edgworth Methodist Church as well as other Churches in the Team Ministry.

Our year began in the afternoon of 18th January 2017 with our annual Beetle Drive and this was followed in the afternoon of 15th February by our Annual General Meeting followed by challenging quizzes.

In March, Gwyneth Millard came to talk about “My Husband’s Aunt Eliza” and Rev. Stephen Greenhalgh told us about St. Catherine’s Hospice in Preston at our April meeting.

In May, John Barlow brought us some of the breath-taking and exquisite photographs he had taken of local birds and wildlife; and in June Dougie Tobutt told us about his career as a Marathon Runner and how it came about; ending with advice on joint problems!

Twenty members visited the garden of Raymond Smith at White Coppice. It was a lovely afternoon in July and the garden was stunning. We ended our visit with a cream tea and an organ recital; and we enjoyed an evening with Noel Coward (Eric Beardsworth) in August.

September was the date of our Annual Dinner at the White Horse, where Alex did us proud as always. Those who attended said how much they enjoyed the evening.

Dr. Schneider made a return visit in October to tell us about The Murder of Julia Wallace, and our final meeting of the year was on 15th November when Katie Macdonald entertained us with an illustrated talk on how she and her sister climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. The evening and the year ended in grand style with mince pies, sherry and a Grand Raffle.

The Ladies’ Group has been very sad to lose two long-serving and much-loved members, Hilda Fletcher and Nancy Hughes who both died in January 2018.

Margaret Warburton - Secretary - March 2018

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - EVENTS - 2017-2018

Social Events are now arranged by different small groups who have an interest in Fund Raising for the Church.

They usually work together to do this, one example being the Parish Dinner at The Chetham together with A Christmas Draw which raised over £500 for Church Funds.

The Coffee Rota on Sunday mornings continues to work very well although we are always searching for new helpers.

From the proceeds we have purchased a new hoover for Church and are hoping to make a considerable contribution to the Defibrillator. A 100 Club was launched in January 2018.

Kathleen Smith