**ANNUAL REPORTS and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for

**The Parochial Church Council**

**Hoole Parish Church St Michael’s and All Angels**

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**RECTOR’S PARISH REPORT**

Peter and I moved into Hoole in December 2018. We received a very warm welcome from the whole community; Christmas proved, as we had hoped, to be a great opportunity to meet many people young and old who joined in the Christmas services at St Michael's.

The priority for us all was to agree together a strategy for the mission and ministry of St Michael's. I met with each member of the PCC individually and then together we agreed, at the first PCC meeting in January, what our key aims were. We looked in particular at the Great Commission of Jesus to His disciples: “Go into all the world and make disciples baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”.

We adopted the strap line ‘To know Christ and Make Him known'

We focused on and unanimously agreed to adopt the Diocese ‘s objectives in the 2026 Vision Statement: to make disciples of Jesus Christ, be witnesses of Jesus Christ, to grow leaders for Jesus Christ and make children, young people, schools and families our priority. All the activities and developments in church life in 2019 were made with these aims in mind.

I have written this report under the headings of Worship, Holiness (discipleship) and Outreach.

**Worship**

The previous pattern of Sunday morning services has remained essentially unchanged but we have worked hard to make all services accessible to people of all ages. We now have attractive new service books which provide a helpful flexibility to the minister to adapt the liturgy, songs or hymns where there are significant numbers of children and/or new people present.

All parents seeking Baptism for their child and wedding couples are encouraged to attend the 10.30 service and we are trying hard to ensure they can follow and enjoy the service.

The choir have enjoyed 2 social evenings where they have learnt some new hymns and children's songs which the congregation have quickly learnt. Heartfelt thanks must go to all the choir and our 2 organists for their faithful and talented contributions to our worship.

Meanwhile a new monthly service for children and families on Sunday afternoons has been introduced. This is a themed informal and interactive service around topical subjects eg PANCAKE CHURCH, STARWARS CHURCH, FROZEN CHURCH, LEGO CHURCH etc. At each Family Church there are craft activities, games, refreshments etc as well as songs, prayer and a short talk. Family Church usually takes place in the Village Hall or the school and all have been very popular attracting between 50 and 100 parents and children. I am very grateful for the Committee of Mums who have planned and organised these services and all the other helpers who have made them possible.

**Holiness**

The most significant opportunity for members of the congregation to grow closer to God and deepen their faith outside Sunday services has been the development of Bible studies/Growth Groups. These took place fortnightly on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Rectory. We have seen some of the Alpha films, a Bible overview, delved into John's Gospel, looked at the meaning of Christmas. In 2020 over Lent will be using the Christianity Explored course.

We encouraged everyone to take part in the great international wave of Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come. Thirty of us went to Whalley Abbey for a Quiet Morning with Archdeacon Michael who spoke on Jesus meeting 2 people in St John' Gospel and challenged us all to spend more time with Jesus reading His Word and praying.

Prayer is an important area of Development for St Michael's in 2020.

Four young people were confirmed in 2019. One further priority for the parish is to build on links with these young people and their families to ensure we have good attractive opportunities for them to grow in their faith.

**RECTOR’S PARISH REPORT (cont)**

**Outreach**

A new emphasis on Outreach especially among children and families was the major development of 2019. I have already spoken about Family Church which is just one part of our continuing Outreach work. We have extended the Baptism preparation so that every couple who request Baptism for their child has the opportunity to consider faith for themselves before making solemn promises about Christian commitment in the Baptism service.

We have expanded the Sunday school team with new teachers and helpers. There is now a rota which means that most are only on duty once a month leaving the other weeks free for teachers to enjoy Sunday worship without ministry commitments. The parish owes a great debt of gratitude to those who previously were serving every week in Sunday school.

Our Church school remains a vital ingredient in our ministry among children and families. The Rector leads Worship every Tuesday where possible. A new, very welcome opportunity, is the Worship for the older children which takes place once a month in church where parents are also invited. The 6 Foundation Governors also provide an important link between church and school.

In 2019 the PCC agreed to make available funding for the appointment of a part time children’s worker once a suitable candidate was found. I am delighted to report that at the very end of the year we were able to appoint Liz Boland as our new part time Children and Young People's worker from January 2020. At the time of writing she has already made an excellent start in taking over the leadership of the Sunday School, sharing the leadership of Family Church and leads Worship in school.

In order to provide satisfactory accommodation for our children’s work on a Sunday and on the recommendation of the Archdeacon and the Diocesan Advisory Committee after their visit to the church, the PCC have agreed to explore the erection of a Lodge in the church grounds. The recommended site is the far corner of the graveyard in an unused space slightly overlapping with the carpark. The attractive lodge type building, which has greatly enhanced the ministry of another church in the Diocese, will also provide St Michael's with a much-needed space for other church related activities eg toddler group, parish meetings, function room for gatherings after Baptisms.

We are currently planning a major outreach weekend in May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations. There will be a social event for families on the afternoon of Friday May 8th.  For adults on the Saturday evening a 40s style dance. On Sunday May 10th at 10.30am we will be holding a civic service 1940s style. The Bishop of Blackburn will be preaching and the MP and local councillors will be attending. In the afternoon there will be a big children and families event at 3.00pm in the school grounds with Bishop Philip. We hope that many members of the community will join us for all these events.

All our new initiatives and outreach events have involved a great deal of administration and publicity. The PCC have made available the funds for the essential appointment of a part time parish administrator to make this possible. The Administrator has also developed a new website and Facebook page for the parish – both vital for our outreach to the community.

It has been a great joy for Peter and me to serve at St Michael's over the past year. We have loved getting to know you and look forward to getting to know you better in the year ahead. We are very grateful for your friendship, support and hard work. I would like to thank Churchwarden Jock particularly for his unstinting commitment to the work of the church and to Bob who has assisted him throughout; also to Barbara our Treasurer and Andrea PCC secretary, all the PCC and a number of others for all they are doing to implement with energy and enthusiasm the vision to make disciples of Jesus Christ and be faithful witnesses to Him in this community.

**Rev Ann Templeman**

**February 2020**

**THE CHURCHWARDEN’S REPORT**

As we moved forward into 2019, we looked forward to being led in our worship by Rev Ann Templeman and her husband Rev Peter Templeman. We are extremely optimistic for the future at St Michael’s church with our two new ministers.

Wednesday 27th February was a very sad day for the congregation of St Michaels church, and indeed, the local villages, as we said goodbye to a very dear friend, Rev Steven Hughes. Steven will be remembered for his work in Romania, where he worked tirelessly to help the orphans there. He and his wife Mandy founded the organisation called SHARE. There were 195 present in church for the service, followed by a service at Burscough Crematorium. REST IN PEACE STEVEN.

Palm Sunday; we met at the school at 10.15, then walked to the church carrying Palm Leaves and accompanied by two donkeys. During and after the service the children enjoyed donkey rides in the church car park. Immediately after the service we held our Annual Church Meeting followed by a Jacobs Join Meal in the school.

Maundy Thursday (18th April) was a new experience for the congregation of St Michaels. We had a Passover meal for everyone in the school, leading up to an informal Communion Service. The congregation members that I spoke to after the meal all agreed it was a most enjoyable evening and we look forward to an even better one in 2020. We had 32 in attendance, and it is recommended you book early for next year.

Walk of Witness (19th April) which started at church and ended at Hoole Village Hall. There was a Christian Aid Hunger Lunch laid on at the village hall. At 2.00pm we held our Good Friday service at St Michaels church entitled, AN HOUR AT THE CROSS.

The Archdeacons Visitation was held on Thursday 2nd May at St Pauls Church Adlington. The service was conducted by Bishop Julian. I was sworn in as Warden for a further 12 months, accompanied by my wife Rita and Rev Ann Templeman, who made a special effort to attend having only arrived at Manchester Airport at around 5.00pm. Needless to say I was extremely pleased to see Rev Ann.

Thinking Ahead: Rev Ann and I met with the DAC (Development Advisory Council) on Friday 7th June at the church. They were extremely helpful and offered us advice on what is hoped are future developments, ie, a glass screen in the church for babies and toddlers and/or a cabin for children’s work and parish room. The initial thoughts at that time was for it to be located in the car park area. This proposal is still being assessed and investigations are ongoing for 2020.

Confirmation: Our thoughts and prayers were with Isabel, Rowan, Robert and Samuel, who were all confirmed on 30th June at St James church in Leyland.

On Thursday 1st August several members of the PCC had an away day to Hoddlesdon. We visited St Pauls Church to have a look at the wooden cabin they had imported from Holland with a view to us having one for the Sunday school as previously mentioned. This was followed by a very good lunch at the Blue Anchor at Bretherton. All were in agreement it was a very worthwhile trip.

During the late hours of Monday 27th August thieves stole 20 plus flagstones from the North side of the church. The police were informed along with the Lancashire Evening Post. The Diocese insurance were also informed. Would you believe it the hard-faced Scallies returned during the late hours of Thursday the 29th August and removed the flagstones from inside the Porch. There are no words to describe these people. I will stop before I get into trouble. The PCC are considering installing CCTV.

**THE CHURCHWARDEN’S REPORT (cont.)**

We held our Harvest Supper and Quiz night on Friday 27th September in Hoole village Hall; it was a very enjoyable evening, and extremely well attended (72 diners). Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal of Hot Pot and mushy peas provided by Stan & Irene Pickles, followed by fruit pie and cream. The Quiz Questions were wide ranging and included as many different subjects as possible. I will not mention who won the quiz, but on Sunday morning there were two vicars in church with Cheshire cat smiles on their faces.

Sunday 6th October was our Harvest Festival Service in church, there being 107 adults and 20 children in attendance. We seem to have had more gifts this year which we are really grateful. A big thank you has to go to the flower ladies who packed the fruit and vegetables ready to be delivered to members of the local community. D Bayldon and J Davidson, took the fresh food to St Catherine’s Hospice. Thanks also have to go to Irene and Stan Pickles who delivered the tinned goods to the food bank in Penwortham.

This year we had another well attended Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November. There were 125 adults and 25 children in attendance. There was a slight change to the format of the service in that we were at the War Memorial for the two minutes silence, which I thought was the proper procedure, and many of the congregation commented it was better that way. It was also good that there were children from both schools there to lay a wreath on behalf of both schools.

On 16th November 24 members of the PCC and congregation had a trip to Whalley Abbey for a Quiet Day in Prayer led by Archdeacon Mark Ireland. We had an absolutely lovely day, everyone thought it was well worth the journey and look forward to doing it again next year.

Well doesn’t time fly?. Sunday 8th December marked the first anniversary of Rev Ann and Rev Peter being with us. We look forward to many more years of working together.

The Carols by Candlelight service which was held on Sunday 15th December at 1800hrs was well attended again this year. We had a congregation of 143 adults and 15children.

Rita and I were away for Christmas this year sunning ourselves in Glasgow my home city, so did not attend any of the Christmas Services. However we recorded the attendance at each service as follows.

Christmas Eve Crib Service there were, 74 adults and 26 children.

Midnight Communion Service there were, 67 adults.

Christmas Day Family Service there were, 22 adults and 1 child.

We are very grateful to the Rev Richard Plant and the Rev Pat Belshaw for their support in leading us in worship throughout the year whilst Rev Ann and Peter were on holiday visiting family and on a retreat in Italy. It is always a pleasure to see them and look forward to seeing them in the future. We also give thanks to our reader in training, Alan Johnson who also led us in worship.

**W Davidson JP**

**Churchwarden**

**January 2020**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The Parish Church of Hoole St Michael is located on Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, near Preston.

The address for correspondence during 2019 was The Rectory, 69 Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, Preston, PR4 4RB

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & THEIR ROLES**

Chair & Rector: Rev Ann Templeman

Associate Minister: Rev Peter Templeman

Churchwarden: Jock Davidson

Churchwarden: Marie Johnson (Resigned February 2019)

Secretary: Andrea Susnik

Treasurer: Barbara Wood

Reader in Training Alan Johnson (resigned September 2019)

GDPR Reps Barbara Wood & Jane Elphick

Pastoral Assistant: Vacant

Synod Reps & Electoral Roll Officers: Jane Elphick, Jean Dewhurst, Alan Johnson

Synod Rep Kathleen Leigh

Members: Bill Carr, Mike Redshaw, Gillian Slinger, Eunice Houghton,

Margaret Kirkman, Carole Bamber, Emily Wignall

Co-Opted: Lindsey Crossen, Joan Wilson

None of whom received any payment for their PCC services and were elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or co-opted at a PCC meeting at a later date.

The PCC is a charity with Excepted Status given by the Charity Commission.

The names of the bankers were Royal Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh (until Oct 2019) and replaced by HSBC, Preston for day to day financial operations - United Trust Bank, London for savings accounts.

**AIMS AND ORGANISATION OF THE PCC**

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC meets every 2 months and is structured with officers of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; policy decisions being taken by the whole of the members after discussion.

**ELECTORAL ROLL AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

The number on the Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2019 was 141 (112 in 2018).

Our average weekly Sunday attendance taken from the register for the month of October was:

Adults 83 (16 years and over)

Children 21 (under 16 years old)

In 2018 the attendance was 62 and 3 respectively.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The PCC have summarised their objectives with the strapline:

**‘To know Christ and Make Him known'**

The PCC unanimously agreed to adopt the objectives of the 2026 Vision Statement of the Diocese of Blackburn:

* to make disciples of Jesus Christ,
* be witnesses of Jesus Christ,
* to grow leaders for Jesus Christ
* to make children, young people, schools and families their priority.

All the deliberations of the PCC and subsequent decisions, activities and developments in church life in 2019 were made with these aims in mind. Please see the Rector’s and Churchwarden’s report for details of these.

The PCC has begun, at the Bishop’s suggestion, a review of its committee structure to ensure that every committee shares their and the Diocese’s vision, ‘to make disciples of Jesus Christ, be witnesses and grow leaders and where appropriate puts children and families high on their agenda.

**Appendix A** **Treasurer’s Report**

**PCC Investments**

In February 2019 we re-invested the sum of £25k plus interest into a new 1-year Bond with United Trust Bank (UTB) - originally opened in 2018. This is a fixed term investment which offered 1.80% interest which may change in 2020. The PCC decided to re-invest that sum again in Feb 2020 when the current bond expires to include the original investment plus accrued interest and round it up to £26k. This investment acts as our reserve fund.

We also hold a 100-day notice account with UTB – the interest on this account can fluctuate but has remained stable at 1.50% throughout 2019. Early in the year £5k was transferred from the current account to this savings account. This was a little optimistic, as subsequent to that two withdrawals of £5k each had to be implemented in order to facilitate cashflow due to many expansion plans relating to our young people and family church.

In October 2019, the RBS account was closed and HSBC became the new current account. This was done so that the account could be operated more efficiently, using online banking systems.

**HMRC Gift Aid Claims:**

As a charity with excepted status, known as ‘PCC Hoole Parish Church’ we are entitled to claim back income tax paid on donations to Church and The Friends. Each claim should be submitted retrospectively on an annual basis. Projections for all outstanding gift aid claims can be found on page 24. The Friends black-log of claims should be actioned in 2020.

**The Parish Share**

The Parish Share for 2019 was £28,117 and is fully paid up (2020 target is £27,281). The Parish Share is paid by £2k monthly standing order from general church funds plus DBF Fees (Diocesan Board of Finance). We earn DBF fees via weddings and funerals. The portion of wedding and funeral fees we pay to the Diocese is set by the Church of England and your donations, together with the HMRC claim are our main sources of revenue to meet this financial responsibility.

Full details on how our Parish Share is calculated and what it is used for, can be obtained via the Diocesan website of [www.blackburn.angican.org](about:blank). There is also a booklet available from the Diocese – 01254 503075.

**Appendix A (cont.)** **Treasurer’s Report**

**Charitable & Mission Giving**

The PCC gave the following to other charitable bodies:

* 1st Hoole Scouts £900.00 a regular charity we support
* Barchester Fund £1,215.50 In support of School Building Projects
* Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd £360.00 Bishop’s Harvest Appeal (designated charity FOMO)
* Churches Together in Penwortham £500.00 Foodbank
* FOMO £900.00 a regular charity we support
* Heartbeat NWCC £100.00 Donation of Tea Money
* Okorum Village £900.00 a regular charity we support
* Prostate Cancer £100.00 Donation of Tea Money
* Royal British Legion £100.00 wreath and donation
* St Michael’s School £1,650.00 School Fund in lieu of hall hire
* St Michael’s School £220.83 Year 6 School Bibles
* St Michael’s School £60.00 Donation for Prayer Spaces
* **Total Donated £7,006.33**

Our charitable giving is approximately 10% of gross income. Our giving is reviewed annually, usually in the Spring. As a result, our charitable giving can change both in amount and beneficiary.

We also held the annual appeal for Water Aid which has been running for well over 10 years.

In 2019 we donated - £515.35 – considerably less than 2018 which was £756.30.

Is it time to review this in 2020? Perhaps you would like to make a suggestion to the PCC for 2020?

**Donations/Grants (Unrestricted)**

Grateful thanks go to everyone who has donated throughout the year; quite often in memory of their loved ones, in celebration of a special occasion or as a regular donor to Church using one of our regular giving options. If I have been provided with the information, a letter of thanks and appreciation has been sent. However, if you are reading this and have donated and not received such a letter, please contact me. Your donations are not only appreciated, but vital in helping to keep us financially afloat. It will become obvious to you that our expenditure is having to match our expansion plans. Our cashflow is suffering resulting in having to rely on our savings.

**Consider this**: if you give on a regular basis whether by envelope or standing order, perhaps you could think about a small increase? If everyone on our giving list gave 50p a week extra, that would generate an increase of about £2,000 for 2020. About 80% of our donors are tax payers, thus potentially generating extra gift aid of approx £400.00. Give it thought.

**Donations/Grants (Restricted)**

We also receive regular annual donations from individuals and local groups for the upkeep of the Churchyard. Any donation that is given with a specific instruction on its use has to be classed as a Restricted Donation which means it can only be used for the purpose for which it is given and needs to be recorded accordingly. To help identify these amounts (both received and paid out) you will find them in brown print on the accounts.

In 2019 the following donated for the restricted purpose of Churchyard Maintenance:

* Men’s Fellowship £300.00
* Little Hoole Parish Council £250.00
* Much Hoole Parish Council £500.00
* War Graves Commission £4.00
* Private Donations £500.00

**Appendix A (cont) Treasurer’s Report**

Our outgoings for churchyard maintenance always exceeds our income (generated from funerals and burials) so these donations are without doubt greatly appreciated and always put to their intended use.

There were no other restricted donations/grants/legacies received in 2019.

**The Church Magazine**

There is quite a team behind the production of this every month:

* The Editor Erica Penrose
* The Distribution Secretary Elsie Kirkham and her team of door to door deliverers
* The Advert Co-ordinator Situation Vacant – Treasurer standing in!
* The Printers Sharon Press

The efforts of all the above plus those who provide content for the magazine, all contribute their time, effort and skills voluntarily (except the printers and advertisers of course) to ensure the magazine is produced and distributed in good time with a varied content. A new initiative has taken root in 2019 at Easter and Christmas. A full parish door to door distribution of approx. 1500 magazines is carried out by volunteers. This action has helped to raise our profile within the parish – could you be a volunteer to step forward next year?

The primary aim of the magazine is to inform and share the Christian worship and fellowship available at St Michael’s Church. “To Know Christ and Make Him Known”. However, from a financial aspect, we also aim to at least break even. In 2019 we did and in fact made a small profit of £397.31. This does not however take into account the cost of the See magazine (£510.00) which is paid for separately, direct to the Diocese.

**The Role of Treasurer**

My thanks go to a team of people who consistently support me in my role as treasurer, between them they relieve me of quite a few hours work, every week, throughout the year.

**The Finance Team are:**

* Mike and Elaine Lawrence who count the collections, record fees received and bank it.
* They also count and bank all the Jars of Change collected for Water Aid.
* Jean Dewhurst who does the admin for the envelope scheme both regular and yellow giving.
* Michael Harrison, independent examiner who gives his services free, is my guru in this role
* Helen Suthers who does all the data entry for claiming the Gift Aid for the PCC & The Friends.

Every single person in “the team” is a boon and a bonus to me; their contribution is very much appreciated.

**In Summary:**

These notes have been put together in relation to the PCC financial workings in order to provide you with the key points relating to financial decisions made throughout last year.

Due to the expansion plans of our church, led by the Rev Ann Templeman, our expenditure greatly surpasses our income as you will be able to see from the deficit showing on page 17 of the accounts. This was expected as reported last year and is likely to be a very similar situation at the end of 2020 as plans hopefully come to fruition.

**Barbara Wood**

**Honorary Treasurer**

**January 2020**

Appendix B St Michael’s Friends and Development Committee

The Friends have had a good year, consolidating our membership, addressing various fairly small projects in regard to maintenance of the church, and adding to our funds.

We have been fortunate that the flood “defences” set up in 2018 have proved effective and thus no further work was required this year. However, we sadly suffered a theft of flagstones which have been replaced and the cost mainly covered by our insurance with Ecclesiastical.

The Quinquennial report identified several smaller projects, including electrical work, safety of the finials on the roof, and further work on the flagstones which the Friends have addressed.

Most of our members have now supplied us with email addresses, which makes sending newsletters much easier, and we have worked hard with the assistance of the Church Treasurer to register members for standing orders and gift aid, and to consolidate our records.

In June the Friends organised a very successful concert by Eccleston Brass Band at Walmer Bridge Village Hall, which included a hotpot supper, raised our profile in the village, and also raised £327.45 for the Friends Account. We shared the net profit with the Eccleston Brass Band as their services were provided free of charge. The music was superb, and greatly enjoyed by a good number of members and friends.

In December, our members were given an exclusive invitation to a Christmas afternoon tea at Carr House, with a talk about how transits have become newsworthy again this year. This event raised £255 net profit for the Friends and was well supported.

We are currently working with other groups within St Michael’s to plan a big fund raiser on the VE Day celebration weekend in 2020.

**Jane Elphick**

**Chair, Friends of St Michael’s**

**January 2020**

**Appendix C Messy Church**

The Messy Church was put on hold early in 2018 due to a drop in attendance and interest and during the vacancy. It was decided at that time to keep the bank account open pending the arrival of our new Rector in December 2018.

The PCC discussed the matter early in 2019 and it was decided to close the account and transfer the funds to the main PCC account, but ear-mark said funds for the development of Family Church. This has been done.

There were no transactions on the Messy Church account in 2019, other than its closure.

The closing balance as at 1st April 2019 was £233.82 consisting of bank balance: £215,73 and cash: £18.09.

**Barbara Wood**

**Treasurer to the PCC**

**January 2020**

**Appendix D Michael’s Club**

Following Rev Ann’s arrival on 8th December 2018 the format of Sunday School has changed. The children now come into church with their parents for the beginning of the 10.30am service and then go across to the school after the first hymn. The lessons are shorter than previously and normally consist of a Bible reading followed by a craft activity using Diocesan material. The children return to church for the final part of the service. Sunday School is held every Sunday, except on Sundays when Family church is held and during August.

Sunday School is now run on a rota basis with a number of leaders and helpers, allowing Kathleen, Yvonne and Andrea to ‘step back’ after many years of running the Sunday School/Michael’s Club. There are now a number of ‘young’ mums leading and helping with Sunday School.

Attendance still varies greatly from week to week, but on the whole there has been a large increase in numbers. Children now have ‘attendance cards’ and receive a sticker each time they attend. After 5 stickers they receive a certificate, after a further 5 stickers they receive a small gift and after a further 5 stickers they receive a book.

Sunday School gave a total of £240 to charity as follows:

* Water Aid Appeal £50.00
* The Salvation Army £50.00
* Churches Together in Penwortham (Food Bank) £50 00
* Children Action Northwest £50.00
* St Michael’s School Prayer Spaces Event £40.00
* **Total Donated £240.00**

We believe it is essential for children to be aware of their Christian social responsibilities.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations received from:

* The Ladies Group £100.00
* Social Committee £75.00

Above all, we aim to develop and encourage each other in the faith of God so that each one of us can honestly say **‘Thy Will Be Done’**

**Kathleen Leigh**

**Michael’s Club Leader**

**January 2020**

**Appendix E The Ladies’ Group**

**Aims and Objectives**

* To promote friendship
* To introduce others into the fellowship of the Church
* To give practical service to both Church and Community

Our group membership rallied to 38 in 2019 and attendance was excellent at our monthly meetings. The programme of events included varied topics such as “The Lancashire Witch Trials of 1612”, “My Life as a Midwife” and “Tales of a Customs Officer”. Members enjoyed our May trip to Barton Grange Garden Centre which was followed by afternoon tea; and our Christmas Coffee evening for charity in December featured the most entertaining Katy Bradley and her Choir.

Following the success of our Summer Fete in June, our main fund-raising event, and our Christmas Coffee Evening, we were able make the following donations during the year:

* Hoole Village Hall £100.00
* Hoole Scout Groups £100.00
* Michael’s Club £100.00
* Tracey Taylor £50.00
* St Michael’s C of E School £50.00
* Friends of St Michael’s £100.00
* NW Ambulance £484.00
* St Michael’s Flower Fund £25.00
* **Total Donated** **£1,009.00**

Following our Christmas Coffee Evening at the beginning of December we sent a donation to the North West Air Ambulance (see above).

We also had our annual collection for the Leprosy Mission which came to £185, a considerable increase from last year.

The group again ran a tombola stall at the Much Hoole Spring and Christmas Fairs and were pleased to donate the proceeds to the Much Hoole New Village Hall Fund (see above).

I hope for another successful year in 2020 which is our 45th Anniversary year, and thank all the committee and group members for their continuing excellent support.

**Erika Penrose**

**Group Leader**

**January 2020**

**Appendix F The Men’s Fellowship**

**Aims and Objectives:**

* To promote fellowship between the men of the Parish
* To give practical and financial help to both Church and community
* To provide financial assistance to both local and national and international charities
* To raise funds to carry out the above

Whilst we maintained our regular pattern of events through the year it must be noted that through age and infirmity both to our members and dependant members of their families, membership declined throughout the year and we now have just eleven paid up members. Also, several members were unable to attend as many monthly meetings as they would have liked and were also unable to commit as fully as previously to the fellowship. We were however pleased to continue the system of holding two joint meetings with the Church Ladies Group, one at their invitation and the other with the Ladies Group members as our guests.

The annual general meeting held in May supported the continuance of directing funds to various charities and for churchyard maintenance. We also acknowledged that for the last three years we had held our monthly meetings in the small lounge of the Village Hall and had never been asked to pay any hire costs etc. It was therefore decided to donate £75.00 to the village hall to help towards their running costs.

The following donations and payments were authorised at the AGM:-

* St Michael’s Church re Churchyard Maintenance £300.00
* Church Flower Fund £40.00
* Scope – Charity regularly supported by Men’s Fellowship £50.00
* Salvation Army – Charity regularly supported by Men’s Fellowship £50.00
* Hoole Village Hall £75.00
* **Total Donated £515.00**

The following Committee members were re-elected at the AGM.

* Chairman: Bob Hawthornthwaite
* Secretary: Stuart Tighe
* Treasurer: Stan Pickles
* Speaker’s Booking Secretary: Ted Hopkins

Towards the end of the year in November we held our main fund-raising event – The Race Night. This continues to be a joint effort run in conjunction with the charity – Meningitis Now. The event was a huge success bringing in a total profit of £1,092.66, however due to the previously mentioned reduction in our membership we acknowledge that without the help of the Meningitis Now fund raising team, we would no longer be able to put on this event, so we do thank them greatly for taking on much of the work associated with this very enjoyable event, and we decided that their share of the profits should be £600.00

Our final gathering of the year was for our Christmas meal held for the sixth year at Bryn Cottage, this choice being widely acceptable to the membership. We were pleased that several previous members who had not been able to make a monthly commitment this year were able to accept our invitation as guests, thus maintaining contact with our fellowship. We also invited others who may feel able to join the fellowship in the future, in order to redress the decline in membership in the hope that continuance of the Men’s Fellowship organisation may be ensured. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening, bringing our year to a successful and happy ending.

**Stan Pickles**

**Treasurer**

**January 2020**

**Appendix G The Social Committee**

**Aims & Objectives**

* To promote friendship
* To introduce others into the fellowship of the Church
* To give practical service to both Church and community
* To give financial assistance to local charities by organising fund-raising events during the year.

This year’s events started in January with a visit to the Pantomime “Jack and the Beanstalk” by the Longton Players at St Andrews Church Hall, Longton. As always it was a great production and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults alike.

In May the annual Parish Amble started at The Dolphin Inn (Flying Fish) with an evening amble around the local area returning for welcome refreshments afterwards.

On a lovely summer’s evening in July we took a trip on the Lancaster Canal, starting at Barton Grange. We set off in a southerly direction, later stopping to collect a fish and chip supper to be eaten on board on the return journey north. The crew entertained us with a musical quiz and later a raffle was held. Our journey ended back at Barton Grange after a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

The Harvest Supper and Quiz Night on Friday, 27th September was extremely successful with around eighty-five adults and five children enjoying a quiz by local Quiz Master Will Sutton. A Hot Pot Supper was kindly made by Irene and Stan Pickles, followed by fruit pie with cream.

The committee provided refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies following the Christmas Carol Service.

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone very much for supporting our events throughout the year, which has enabled us to make donations this year as follows:

* St Michael’s Club £75
* St Michael’s Primary School £75
* Hoole Scout Group £75
* Hoole Village Hall Fund £75
* St Catherine’s Hospice £75
* Leukaemia & Myeloma Research £75
* **Total Donated £450**

**Helen Ross**

**Treasurer**

**January 2020**

Appendix H The Church Flower Fund

We would like to thank all sponsors for their contributions, enabling us to decorate the church throughout the year.

Special Thanks to -

**Harvest:**

* Woods Farm Shop and the Burney family for the fresh produce which, along with the children's baskets are distributed throughout the village, St. Catherine's Hospice, food bank and St. Michael's school charity fund raiser.
* Mr. and Mrs Swarbrick from Croft Bakery for the bread sheaf which is then forwarded on to the Chapel.

**Remembrance Service:**

* Mr. S. Pickles for the soldier memorial.
* Children from St. Michael's school who helped lay out the poppies outside before Mr Bayldon gave them a history lesson describing how local people were involved in the two world wars.

**Christmas:**

* Mrs Ball for the door wreath.
* Mrs Drage for donating the Christmas tree.

The Flower fund provided roses for the All Saints Commemorative service in November and the daffodils for Mothering Sunday.

Couples marrying in the church are always offered our services, this year two weddings and one funeral were provided for.

We aim to provide flowers of personal significance as near to the sponsor's wish as possible, aiming to provide comfort and inspiration in the beauty of God's gifts to us all. We work on a rota basis, working together at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

if anyone would like to join us please contact Lisa Redshaw or Julie Bayldon.

**Julie Bayldon**

**Flower Group**

**January 2020**



















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| **Report to the trustees/ members of** | Charity Name  PCC HOOLE PARISH CHURCH | | | | |
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| **On accounts for the year ended** | 31ST DECEMBER 2019 | | **Charity no (if any)** | EXCEPTED STATUS | |
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| **Responsibilities and basis of report** | I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/12/2019  As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).  I report in respect of my examination of the Trust’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. | | | | |
| Independent examiner's statement | I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:   1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or 2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records   I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. | | | | |
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| **Signed:** |  | | **Date:** | 30/3/2020 | |
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| **Name:** | MICHAEL WILLIAM HARRISON | | | | |
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| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT | | | | |
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