**ANNUAL REPORTS and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for

**The Parochial Church Council**

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

**Liverpool Old Road Hoole PR4 5JQ**

**As at 31st December 2018**

**The Rector**

*(1st January – 1St April 2018)*

Rev Derek A Baines

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**In Vacancy**

*(2nd April – 8th December 2018)*

**The Rector**

*(From 9th December 2018)*

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**RECTOR’S REPORT (1st January to 1st April)**

The final 3 months before my retirement saw a buzz of activity in the church community and thanks must go to many people.

Margaret Kirkman continued with her very valuable and valued ministry of preaching and she took over the reins of coordinating and teaching Baptismal preparation sessions in church which she was prepared to continue carrying out during the vacancy. Her ministry to children in school grew apace and she encompassed visits to the Little Hoole Primary School taking over the sessions that had been led by me.

Alan Johnson beavered away with his theological studies and learned more about the craft of leading liturgy and preaching in preparation for helping out during the vacancy.

Jock Davidson and Robert Hawthornthwaite were, as always, stalwart in their duties around church most especially with the meetings about the drains (you will recall that the PCC had agreed to split our drainage and floor levelling into 3 phases with the sides of the church being drained first). The work started well but we came across a potential hitch which required a visit from the Diocesan approved Archaeologist who allowed us to proceed to complete the work which was signed off during March. The Quinquennial report is due during 2018 and pre-preparation work had continued with the electrical side of things planned for March / April assisted by Bill Carr.

The standing committee comprised the church wardens and church warden emeritus alongside Barbara Wood, our treasurer who continued to advise us on financial matters, most especially the state of funds as we approached the Drainage work. Also present were Andrea Susnik who as Secretary to the Standing Committee and PCC has kept the admin side of things very much afloat. Margaret Kirkman as Licensed Preacher to the parish was also in attendance and Alan Johnson, trainee Licensed Reader attended when possible.

The Friends continued their wonderful support of the church and of course the PCC overarched all groups and committees with wise counsel.

During March Jean Dewhurst had organised safeguarding training for many members of the church community and this was a successful and interesting day.

Stan Pickles carried on his sterling work as Sexton, keeping an eye on the churchyard and the documentation surrounding this. He learned one or two new skills to prepare the quarterly wedding returns documents which are signed by clergy and sent to the Registrar for adding to data which is held by them.

In January we took the Pilgrim “the 10 Commandments” course to Old Mill Court and had a good few sessions with the residents, learning a lot about ourselves and our world.

In February we experienced something new for the Parishioners when a group of us turned up on a Saturday morning to listen to the complete book of Revelation with 8 voices reading. This was a powerful event and showed the Bible in its glory as it was meant to be – heard not read or spoken in bits.

A Ministry Team meeting was held in March and various established activities were planned for the spring and summer, namely “Thy Kingdom Come” and the October Community Worship in the village. The leaders of our children’s ministry Kathleen Leigh, Andrea and Yvonne were sponsored to join a diocesan training day.

Sadly Messy Church was struggling and a decision was taken to suspend the future afternoons until the arrival of a new incumbent.

During March I held meetings with various people to arrange clergy cover and general handover to the parish.

When a team leader moves on he (or she) feels saddened but hopeful that the shared responsibility for mission, ministry and general work surrounding the church is safe in good hands. So it has been with a well-attended Annual meeting and a new churchwarden elect in Marie Johnson that the parish is well set to move on.

At that time I gave my thanks to many people for their continued support over the 6 years and 6 months of my incumbency and cannot name all but we begin with our Patron, Sarah Lamb who has ‘grown into’ the role and has been wonderfully supportive. The Churchwardens and all of the members of the PCC, Licensed Preacher, Trainee Reader, Organists & choir, Flower ladies, Social committee, Men’s and Ladies groups, the Friends and those who clean and scrub and generally keep the building and grounds looked after so beautifully. I am sure that I have forgotten someone, please do not be offended – you know how hopeless my memory is.

It has been a pleasure, a privilege and an honour to serve.

Pax et Bonum (All peace and good)

**Derek Baines**

**January 2019**

*(Rector October 2011 to Easter 2018)*

**RECTOR’S REPORT (December 2018)**

I was duly instituted and inducted as Rector of St Michael’s and All Angels Hoole on 8th December by Rt Rev Julian Henderson Bishop of Blackburn and Ven Mark Ireland Archdeacon of Blackburn.

My husband Peter was appointed Associate Minister to work alongside me in the parish-(‘BOGOF’- Buy One Get One Free!)

It was an inspiring service with a clear challenge from the Bishop in his sermon to the congregation to work alongside their new Rector on the Diocesan priorities of making disciples, being witnesses, growing leaders and working among young people.

I took up this theme in our first service on December 9th as we studied the Bible readings of the day on ‘Partnership in the Gospel'.

We enjoyed a wonderful personal and public welcome from members of the congregation who have been very warm and welcoming and also from the wider members of the community especially some of our neighbours, St Michael’s school and Village Hall groups.

We worked hard at publicising the Christmas services with fliers delivered to the whole parish and posters. I also spent some time in school meeting children and some parents. It was a great joy to see some new families come along to our Christmas services especially Carols by Candlelight and Midnight Communion all of which were very well attended. In particular it was a great joy to have children from both Primary schools in the parish taking part in the walk through Nativity at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. At that service we rejoiced at having a full church including 38 children.

**Ann Templeman**

*(from 9th December 2018)*

**THE CHURCHWARDENS’ REPORT**

During the months of January and February we welcomed the Reverends John Scott and Nick Mansfield, who led us in Worship while Reverend D Baines was on retreat.

Sunday the 11th March saw us celebrate Mothering Sunday. During the service the children presented each Lady with a bunch of daffodils. It was a well-attended service, there being 64 adults and 16 children present.

On Sunday the 1st of April we said farewell to Revd Derek Baines on the occasion of his retirement. Derek was thanked by Mr T Hopkins for all he had done for our church during his 6 and a-half years. The children from Michael’s club also presented him with a farewell gift in appreciation of his dedication in the running of the club. At the conclusion of the service Mr J Davidson made a presentation on behalf of the congregation and the Men’s Fellowship for his leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm. Mr R Hawthornthwaite presented Mrs S Baines with a bouquet of roses. After the service the congregation enjoyed light refreshments of Prosecco, cheese and biscuits and cake. Revd Baines left to the strains of “On Ilkla Moor Baht 'at”. It was a well-supported service with 65 adults and 20 children in attendance. Our thanks must go to the ladies who worked so hard to make this a successful event

St Michaels has been recognised as a “Child Friendly Church” and was presented with a plaque and a certificate by Mrs K Leigh. They will be put in position at a later date.

St Michaels Church has now entered into an interregnum until a new Vicar is appointed. This will be a difficult time for us as we start to prepare a Parish Profile, and organise Clergy cover for our weekly Worship.

We are eternally grateful to the Reverends Pat Belshaw, Richard Plant, John Scott, Nick Mansfield, Frank Kendall and our area Dean Reverend Marc Wolverson, who have all led us in Worship. Our own reader in training, Alan Johnson also assisted them during April. We also owe a vote of thanks to Margaret Kirkman our Licensed Occasional Preacher who has organised and continues to organise all the Baptisms. She has done an excellent job.

On Sunday 6th of May we welcomed, the Right Reverend Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Blackburn, who led the service of Confirmation. We also welcomed back Revd Derek Baines who assisted Bishop Julian with the service. There were 2 adults and 10 children confirmed. They were, Lindsay, Maxine (adults) and the children were, Ellie, Riley, Ellis, Thomas, Alice, Millie, Freya, Lucy, Josephine, Amy and Enya. Let us support and guide them on their journey of Faith. There were 95 adults and 15 children in attendance.

Thy Kingdom Come took place from the 10th to 20th May. Once again we owe thanks to Jean Dewhurst for her hard work setting up the prayer stations and organising the key holders to open and close the church.

The Archdeacons Visitation took place on Monday 21st May at St Saviour’s at Bamber Bridge, where Marie Johnson and I were sworn in as Wardens for the next 12 months. As far as I can see Marie has made history at St Michaels by being the first Female Warden. Our congratulations go to Marie and I look forward to working with her. It was also a sad occasion, we said farewell to Robert Hawthorntwhaite after 12 years as a Warden. We wish Robert many a Sunday lie in and look forward to seeing him in his role as a sides person.

On Sunday the 10th June the service of admission was held with 12 sides-men and sides-woman. The service was led by Revd Pat Belshaw.

It was also announced that the Revd Ann Templeman was appointed as our new Vicar and the date for Ann’s institution and induction was to be Saturday the 8th December at 1430 hrs and her first service as our Parish Rector was to take place on Sunday 9th December 2018.

We greatly looked forward to the arrival of Ann and her husband Peter and prayed for them as they prepared for their new role here in our Parish.

Sunday the 24th June we were honoured by Archdeacon Mark Ireland who led us in Worship in both the 0900am and the 1030 services. Archdeacon Mark also carried out the Baptism of Sienna Whiteside at 1230pm.

We held our annual Harvest Festival service on the 23rd September which was well attended. Many thanks to our flower ladies who once again excelled with the decoration of the church.

We had our annual joint service with Hoole Methodist church on Sunday 14th October at 1500 hrs in Much Hoole Hall. The theme was “New Beginnings”. The displays were produced by the Flower Ladies. We had a similar attendance as last year, and the service was enjoyed by everyone. We were also joined by the choir from St Michaels School. After the service we enjoyed tea coffee and cake.

The social committee organised our annual harvest supper on Monday 15th October in the school hall. This year was to mark the end of hostilities of the Great War. We were entertained by a short war time drama entitled “Searching for Matthew”. This was followed by homemade Hot Pot and peas with fruit pie and cream. We must congratulate Irene and Stan for an excellent supper.

All Saints and All Souls was held at 3.00pm on Sunday 4th November with 88 people in the congregation.

On Friday the 9th November the children From St Michaels School laid over 1000 poppies round the church in preparation of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. We had a magnificent turn out for Remembrance Sunday; the attendance was 171 adults and 30 children. Our congratulations have to go to the Flower Ladies for their inspirational displays, the pictorial and silhouette productions being the creative work of our churchwarden Marie and the many people who knitted or crocheted the carpet of poppies. Visitors were overwhelmed with it all. Well done everyone and a huge thank you.

Saturday the 8th of December was the big day we were all waiting for, the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, the Rev Ann J Templeman and the appointment of her husband Rev Peter Templeman as Assistant Rector. The Rev Ann was Instituted by the Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Julian, and was Inducted by the Archdeacon of Blackburn, Archdeacon Mark Ireland.

It was a wonderful service, and something the majority of the congregation had not seen before. After the service we all made our way across to the school where Irene Pickles and the Social Committees had laid out a wonderful spread of food which was well received by all. Thank you Ladies. As I was writing this it came to me that St Michaels and All Angels church has three significant dates in its history:

1. When Jeremiah Horrocks discovered the Transit of Venus whilst a member of our church
2. When Marie Johnson became our first Lady Warden in May of this year
3. When Rev Ann became our first Lady Rector.

So we must move forward together and support Rev Ann as she and her husband Rev Peter begin their ministry and time with us, as we begin a new chapter in the life of St Michaels.

**W Davidson JP & Marie Johnson**

**Churchwardens**

**LOG BOOK 2018**

**Monday 22nd January 2018**

Due to the church being flooded on Boxing Day 2015, work was required on the drains around the church. Complete Tank Solutions commenced the remedial drainage work by lifting and relaying the flags on the North side to shed water away from the church. (Faculty No 2017-011004). Work also commenced on the South side of the church.

**Thursday 22nd February 2018**

The Fire Extinguishers were inspected and serviced by AB Fire Extinguishers. A safety certificate was issued

**Friday 23rd February 2018**

Mr Simon Callander (painter and decorator) re-plastered and painted the damaged part of the right hand pillar in the chancel. Mr S Pickles erected the Ladies Group Banner dedicated to all present and past members. The Banner was made and donated by Mrs B Blackley. Mr S Pickles erected a Celtic Cross on the North wall of the Chancel donated by Mrs M Robinson.

**Sunday 25th February 2018**

Rev Derek Baines Blessed and dedicated the Ladies Group Banner.

**Tuesday 13th March 2018**

Commonwealth War Graves Commission came and cleaned the two War graves in the Grave yard.

**Wednesday 28th March 2018**

Two Bulbs were replaced -one in the Gallery and one in the Chancel.

**Wednesday 4th April 2018l**

Commonwealth War Grave Commission placed a Plaque on the wall on the left hand side of the Lich- Gate.

**Wednesday 25th April 2018**

The Men’s Fellowship had the Communion Chalice re-silvered at a cost of £126. 00.

We offer our sincere thanks to them for this kind gesture.

**Friday 27th April 2018**

Mr S Pickles and Mr J Penrose placed the, “The Friendly Church Plaque” underneath the notice board adjacent to the car park. They also erected the Certificate for the “Friendly Church” on the South wall in the church next to the Ladies Group Banner.

**Wednesday 28th June 2018**

All electrics were PAT tested and Passed

M Johnson (CW) purchased a new wheel barrow and two new broom heads at a cost of £48 97p.

**Thursday 5th July 2018**

The safe key was repaired at a cost of £48. 00 and a new one ordered.

**Tuesday 17th July 2018**

The Yew tree adjacent to the boiler house has been trimmed back. The Finials have been checked by Rob McMurray, all appeared to be firm enough.

**Thursday 19th July 2018**

The Quinquennial inspection took place at the Rectory. A new radiator and new thermostats were fitted.

**Thursday 2nd July 2018**

Smith of Derby serviced the clock. The clock was not striking on the on the half hour or the hour. The fault proved to be a broken split pin. A new one was fitted. Several new electrical fittings were installed in the Rectory.

**Wednesday 21st August 2018**

Mr Mark Randall, Green Journey, Energy Scheme, visited the Church to check how much Carbon gets used by the Church. A report will be issued to advise how to reduce our Carbon Footprint and energy consumption.

**Wednesday 17th August 2018**

Boiler Room roof was re-slated by Mark Clarke (Builder)

**Tuesday 30th September 2018**

Remedial work was carried out on the electrics by Walker Electricals in preparation for the Quinquennial inspection.

**Saturday 3rd November 2018**

A working party turned up at 0930 am to clean up around the church in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. The flags and paths were treated with Al Gon and the Cenotaph was scrubbed and cleaned.

**Wednesday 5th December 2018**

We had a working party to clean the inside of the church in readiness for the Induction Service of Rev Ann Templeman. My thanks to those of you who turned out on such a bad day. A job well done, thank you.

**Jock Davidson & Marie Johnson**

**Churchwardens**

**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 2018 was 16 Middlefield Avenue, Leyland, PR26 7AE until 1st April 2018 then via Churchwardens.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chairman: Rev Derek Baines (until 1st April)

Chairman: Jock Davidson (from 2nd April)

Vice Chairman: Marie Johnson

Churchwardens: Jock Davidson, Bob Hawthornthwaite (until the APCM)

Churchwardens: Jock Davidson, Marie Johnson (after the APCM)

Secretary: Andrea Susnik

Treasurer: Barbara Wood

Pastoral Assistant: Vacant

Synod Reps: Jane Elphick, Jean Dewhurst, Alan Johnson

EX Officio: David Turner

Members: Bill Carr, Kathleen Leigh, Ted Hopkins, Jean Smallwood,

Margaret Kirkman, Eunice Houghton, Alan Johnson.

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 main bankers are Royal Bank of Scotland, Penwortham Branch (branch closed November 2018) and United Trust Bank Limited (from February 2018).

**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. For the Mission Statement refer to Appendix A.

The PCC is structured with officers of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; policy decisions being taken by the whole of the members after discussion. There are two subsidiary organisations with designated status:

* St Michael’s Friends & Development Committee – see Appendix B
* Hoole St Michael’s Messy Church – see Appendix I

**ELECTORAL ROLE AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

The number on the Electoral Roll is 106 (110 in 2017).

Our average weekly Sunday attendance over the full year was:

Adults 62 (16 years and over) and children 3 (under 16 years old)

In 2017 the attendance was 69 and 7.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of our Parish. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning the activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission’s guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The PCC tries to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Parish community through:

* Worship, prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
* Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish
* Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Michael’s which falls within the working remit of St Michael’s Friends & Development Committee, which operates under the guidance of the PCC.

**REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH**

Issues discussed fully by the PCC include:

* Arrangements for our main festivals throughout the Church’s year;
* The welfare of parishioners, including those with any special needs;
* The progress of Michael’s Club is reported, the Minister also giving an overview of his/her involvement with the local Church and county schools;
* Financial issues affecting not only our own Parish and Diocese but the broader mission of the Church in general, incorporating wherever and whenever possible overseas assistance;
* The maintenance and improvement of the Church and Churchyard;
* Any issues arising from the Deanery Synod reports;
* Arrangements for regular ecumenical services throughout the year

**MAIN EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Voluntary help is willingly given by many members of the Church and community, in the preparation and implementation of the main events in the church year. This includes the compilation and distribution of a monthly magazine for the benefit of Church members, the wider community and others interested in the life of our Church. Details of the events of this year are covered in the various reports presented elsewhere in this report.

Appendix A St Michael’s Church Mission Statement

**Your God, Your Church, Here for You!**

Founded in the grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, celebrating the love and service of the Lord and life; we the people of St Michael’s will share Christ’s love and values with people of all ages so that through prayer, teaching and sharing we will grow together in the love of God our creator.

We invite you to join us in

Our Worship

Our Faith

Our Fellowship

Our Mission

**May The Lord Bless You And Keep You**

Appendix B PCC Treasurer’s Report

**PCC Investments**

In February 2018 we invested some capital with The United Trust Bank consisting of £25k in a 1 Year Bond (which we are renewing in 2019) and £25k in a 100 Day Notice Account with a further £10k added to that investment later in the year. The interest rates continue to be very favourable earning us £705 in 2018. This is a considerable improvement on Barclays Bank who stopped paying interest on the savings account in 2017, hence the reason for closure and re-investment elsewhere.

We currently bank with RBS for our day to day operations (current account), but we have been advised that RBS will be offering us alternative banking packages in early 2019 where we will be encouraged to change banks. Further information is not to hand at the time of writing but we are registered with them to be kept informed of developments. Any updates will be reported to the PCC for a decision to be made.

**HMRC Gift Aid Claims:**

The PCC is up to date with these claims and our next submission will be done in early April for 2018 donations.

A new system was introduced a few years ago by HMRC. I tackled this in 2018 and submitted a GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) claim for the tax years 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 as the back claim could be no more than 2 years. This means we can now claim tax back on church plate collections as well as the regular planned giving systems we use – however I believe there is a maximum claim allowed of £1,000 per annum.

**The Parish Share**

The Parish Share for 2018 of £27,963 has been fully paid up. Our target for 2019 is £28,117.

We pay our Parish Share by way of a monthly standing order of £2k from general church funds plus DBF Fees (Diocesan Board of Finance). We earn these fees via weddings and funerals. The portion of wedding and funerals fees paid to the Diocese is set by them.

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](http://www.blackburn.angican.org); type in “parish finance” in the search box. There is also a booklet available from the Diocese – 01254 503075.

**Charitable Giving**

We gave the following to other charitable bodies:

FOMO £900.00 a regular charity we support

FOMO £280.00 Harvest Service Collection

Okorum Village £900.00 a regular charity we support

1st Hoole Scouts £900.00 a regular charity we support

Royal British Legion £100.00 wreath and donation

Barchester Fund £1,232.00 In support of School Building Projects

St Michael’s School £194.85 Yr 6 school Bibles

St Michael’s School £60.00 Donation for Prayer Spaces

St Michael’s School £500.00 Bi-Annual School Trip

Michael’s Club £72.00 Staff Training

Churches Together in Penwortham £200.00 Foodbank

Bishop’s Ordination Fund £139.47 Confirmation Service collection

Bishop’s Ordination Fund £271.01 Rev Ann’s Induction Service

**Total Charitable Donations £5,749.33**

We also held the annual appeal for Water Aid appeal which has been running for 10 years or more – in 2018 we donated £756.30

**Donations Received Outside of Services**

Grateful thanks go to all the family and friends who have donated to our Church throughout the year, quite often in memory of their loved ones, in celebration of a marriage or a baptism. We also have regular donations for the upkeep of the Churchyard. If I have been provided with the information, all donors are sent a letter of thanks and appreciation.

**Legacies**

We received £5,000 from the estate of Sylvia Birtles for the Church general fund. We have been in touch with the family to express our appreciation and to discuss how best to use it. When final decisions are made, the family will be updated and information will be in the Church magazine.

**Restricted Donations**

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 you will find them in brown ink on the accounts. We normally receive this type of donation for the maintenance of the churchyard as follows:

* Men’s Fellowship
* Little Hoole Parish Council
* War Graves Commission
* Private Donations

There were no other types of Restricted Donations made in 2018.

**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 Margaret Clark
* The Printers Sharon Press

The efforts of the above (except the printers and advertisers of course), plus those who provide content for the magazine, all contribute their time, effort and skills voluntarily to ensure the magazine is produced in good time with varied and interesting subjects. They are the backbone behind the finished article.

In the past we have usually managed to break even or make a small profit. However this year there has been a slight loss of around £80. The aim of the magazine is not to make a profit (although to break even would be good). The aim is to spread the word and work of our Church. Can you help spread the word? Encourage new subscribers or even submit some editorial? Whatever you can do, would be good.

**The Role of Treasurer**

You will recall I had planned to resign last year after (more than!) 10 years in this role but decided to stay put until the end of the interregnum. The interregnum is now at an end so the search for an Assistant Treasurer with a view to learning the role is still ongoing. So, if you think you could do it, or know someone who might do it, please give it serious thought and make yourself known me or the PCC. Let me emphasise that any enquiry is without any obligation. In the meantime, I am still here.

**The Finance Team are:**

* Mike and Elaine Lawrence who took on the role of the weekly banking process in 2017.
* Jean Dewhurst assists me with the renewal of your giving envelopes and tax status updates
* Michael Harrison, independent examiner who gives his services free, is my guru in this role
* A New Gift Aid Recorder is possibly in the offing for 2019

Every single one of “my team” are a boon and a bonus to me and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

**In Summary:**

These notes have been put together to provide you with the key points relating to financial decisions made throughout last year. I am pleased to announce we have ended the year in a much healthier condition than expected at the end of an interregnum.

We are showing a reasonably healthy surplus of £7,097.86, mainly as a result of the £5k legacy we received, but still an unexpected result bearing in mind our overall drop in donations and revenue. Our savings accounts are doing well with the interest being generated and I was able to add another £10k to the original opening balances. However, I predict that expenditure will be up considerably in 2019. We will therefore need to be prepared to draw on our reserves in order to facilitate the expansion and growth of our Church, particularly focussing on the younger generation and how to draw them in. To coin a common phrase, we will need to speculate to accumulate.

**Distribution:**

A detailed breakdown of any differences or possible anomalies between the 2017 and 2018 figures has been produced under separate cover. All PCC and Church members will receive that information via email.

Any PCC members not on email will receive a hard copy. There will be a limited supply available in hard copy form in Church or upon request.

The Annual Reports and Accounts for 2018, once they have been examined and signed off by our independent Examiner Michael Harrison; will be distributed and published at least 14 days in advance of the APCM (Sunday 14th April) by all media means at our disposal.

**Barbara Wood**

**Honorary Treasurer**

**March 2019**

Appendix C St Michael’s Friends and Development Committee

The main expenditure for the Friends of St Michael’s this year has been related to completion of the drainage work around the exterior of the church, which was approved as a project by the PCC in late 2017. This work has proved very successful in keeping water from the church building, but levels continue to be monitored to ensure any early warning signs are not missed. The Friends continue to be committed to this plan in the hope that further work on the drains will prove unnecessary. Assessment of the nave and flooring is likely to be the next area where we may need to be involved, but in the meantime some electrical work has been undertaken, identified in the survey commissioned last year.

The Friends held a successful fundraiser in November to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the birth of Jeremiah Horrocks (which occurred in 1618 or 1619). The event took the form of a visit to the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory in Preston where DVDs were shown about the night sky; and a tour of memorabilia at Carr House, where Horrocks lived, with supper and social time. Numbers were limited due to the size of both locations; the event was therefore confined to members of the Friends only. It was very well supported and we received very positive feedback from many of those who attended. It was nice to be able to give members something extra by way of access to a special event in return for their financial support of us over the years. Proceeds were split between the Friends and the Observatory, with each organisation making £350 profit. We hope to offer another collaborative event at some point in the future.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Chair have reviewed the list of members of the Friends again, and follow up letters have been sent to some to encourage them to retain their membership and if possible to pay by Standing Order, as this is so much more time efficient for us. We have also produced an updated membership leaflet, which will enable people attending occasional services to read about our work. We have many members outside the regular congregation, and hope to extend this in 2019.

Finally, there have been some changes to the committee this year. Mrs Marie Johnson has joined us, following her appointment as Church Warden in April, and in December Mr Mike Barron was welcomed to the committee – he will hopefully be able to assist our Treasurer in the coming year. Mr Robert Hawthornthwaite has remained on the committee since leaving his Church Warden post, as he retains involvement in churchyard maintenance. We have however said goodbye to Mrs Julie Bayldon, who has been a wonderful help over several years, in particular producing flowers and table centres for many of our fund raisers. I would like to thank all the committee members for their commitment and hard work for the Friends this year.

**Jane Elphick**

**Chair, Friends of St Michael’s**

**Appendix D Messy Church**

The Messy Church was put on hold in 2018 due to a drop in attendance and interest.

It was decided however to keep the bank account open pending the arrival of our new Rector so that these funds could be made available for the development of our Family Church. A summary of these accounts are in this report in the finance section.

**Barbara Wood**

**Treasurer to the PCC**

**Appendix E Michael’s Club**

Michael’s Club continues to meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during school term time. Michael’s Club starts at 10.15am and the children join the church congregation approximately half way through the 10.30 am service.

The format of Michael’s Club continues with the use of a DVD set called ‘Friends and Heroes’. The children watch the videos which relate to Bible Stories. These are followed by lessons which are used in conjunction with the videos. The children read a prayer at the end of the 10.30am service, taken from the ‘Friends and Heroes lessons.

Sadly, there was a drop in the number of children attending Michael’s Club during the year. We started the beginning of the year with 9 children, but towards the end of the year attendances dropped to only 2 or 3 children attending and some weeks there were no children at all.

However, following Rev. Ann’s arrival on 8th December there was a significant increase in attendance. The format of Michael’s Club also changed with the children coming into church with their parents for the beginning of the 10.30am service and then going across to school after the first hymn. The children return to church for the final part of the service. Hopefully, this increase in attendance will continue into 2019 and we can look forward to a ‘re-vitalised’ Michael’s Club.

Kathleen Leigh and Andrea Susnik attended a Children’s Ministry Conference organised by the Diocesan Board of Education in February 2018.

Michael’s Club gave a total of £200 to charity as follows:

Water Aid Appeal £50.00

Salvation Army £50.00

Churches Together in Penwortham (Foodbank) £50.00

Children Action Northwest £50.00

Michael’s Club also donated £40 to St. Michael’s School ‘Prayer Spaces’ event.

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 PCC for staff training £72.00

The Ladies Group £100.00

Social Committee £50.00

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**

**Appendix F 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

We were disappointed that the group membership fell to 35 in 2018 but attendance was still excellent at our monthly meetings, and several new members joined. The programme of events included varied topics such as “Hairdressing through the Ages”; experiences of an English nanny to a Saudi Arabian royal family; a couple of very different musical evenings; and our Christmas Coffee evening for charity in December featured the New Dawn Singers. The Men’s Fellowship’s annual invitation to a talk about the history of Preston was entertaining, and they joined us for an interesting talk about Norwegian Fjords.

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:

Rosemere Cancer (in memory of Sylvia Birtles) 25.00

Hoole Village Hall 130.00

N-Vision (in memory of Olga Lodge) 25.00

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

Galloway’s Society for the Blind 350.00

Air Ambulance & Perennial 45.00

**Total Donated** **£1,110.00**

Following our Christmas Coffee Evening at the beginning of December we sent a donation to Galloway’s Society for the Blind (see above).

We also had our annual collection for the Leprosy Mission which came to £135.

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 2019 and thank all the committee and group members for their continuing excellent support.

**Erika Penrose**

**Group Leader**

**Appendix G 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 by, and through, annual subscriptions, raffles and the organisation of an annual race night, and to finance our monthly meetings.

Whilst the pattern of events through the year followed its usual pattern, we actually commenced the year by holding our annual Race Night on January 27th. This is a joint venture with the charity ‘Meningitis Now’ and a total of 1,299.70 and after taking into account expenditure, the profit was shared between our two organisations.

Our monthly meetings provided us with a good range of speakers and interesting topics, one such meeting being our traditional joint meeting with the Church Ladies Group. Whilst we occasionally manage to persuade guests to come along to our meetings, membership remains fairly constant with 13 paid members in total. With the exception of the joint meeting with the ladies, which is held in school, our meetings are held in the small lounge at the Village Hall.

The annual general meeting held in May supported the continuance of directing funds to various charities and for churchyard maintenance.

The following donations and payments were authorised:-

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

Meningitis Now – share of profits from race night £554.00

**Total Donated £994.00**

Also the Men’s Fellowship paid for the re-silvering of the church communion chalice at a cost of £126.00.

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.

Our final gathering of the year was for our Christmas meal held for the fifth year at Bryn Cottage, this choice being widely acceptable to the membership. In addition to our regular members, several others accepted an invitation to join us and we were pleased that Revd. Peter Templeman our new Associate Minister was also able to come along. One of our regular speakers Ted Miley had three times during the year given of his time completely free of charge, so we were pleased to invite him to the meal as our guest, an evening which he and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed, bringing our year to a successful and happy ending.

**Stan Pickles.**

**Treasurer.**

**January 2019.**

**Appendix H 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.

We started the year with a visit to the Pantomime “Snow White” at St Andrews Church Hall, Longton in January. It was a great production by the Longton Players and it was lovely to see all the children and adults having a very enjoyable evening.

In April the annual Parish Amble started at The Fox Cub with an evening amble around the local area returning for welcome refreshments afterwards. Following his retirement at the beginning of April, Rev Derek joined us for the evening.

In July a trip to The Chocolate House, Blackburn was thoroughly enjoyed, together with a demonstration of how chocolate is made and transformed into many different shapes. The trip would not have been complete without, of course, tasting a few of the different types of chocolates!

The Harvest Supper on 15th October was well attended. Traditional hot pot together with fruit pie and cream was provided for the supper. To commemorate the end of WW1 a presentation was given by St Catherine’s Charity Players entitled “Searching for Matthew” which told a true and very moving story of a local family’s experience of the war.

The committee provided refreshments in church following the Christmas Carol Service.

The money raised from these events has enabled the Social Committee to make donations this year to :

Michael’s Club £50

St Michael’s Primary School £50

St Michael’s Flower Fund £50

Hoole Scout Group £50

Hoole Village Hall Fund £50

SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association) £50

**Total Donated: £300**

**Helen Ross**

**Treasurer**

Appendix I The Church Flower Fund

The church flower group are all volunteers who, with generous donations to decorate the church throughout the year. The ladies work on a weekly rota only leaving the church undecorated during Lent. At Easter, Harvest and Christmas everyone works together, volunteers welcome, creating their own co-ordinating arrangements.

Harvest is a good example of this - the windows were filled with fruit and vegetables which were then added to the food baskets given by the children and distributed to people in the village. The remaining fresh produce went to the school for a fund raiser and the kitchens at St Catherine's Hospice. The non- perishables went to the food bank. The bread sheaf (see below) was forwarded to the Methodist Church for their Harvest Service.

At the annual village community service held at the village hall, St Michaels and the Methodist church worked together - the theme was "New Beginnings". The day-old chicks were very popular with all.

The All Saints Commemorative Service was again very comforting and well attended. People could purchase a rose in memory of lost loved ones.

For Remembrance Day children from the school came to help lay out the hand knitted poppies (now over 1000!) in front of the wonderful Remembrance silhouettes.

Flora and fauna were provided for three weddings over the year. All couples getting married at the church are offered the services of the flower group on a non-profit basis. This includes pew ends, lichgates and pedestals - all to tie in with the church's own sponsors.

We would like to offer a special thank you to:

* Mr and Mrs Swarbrick from Croft Bakery for the Harvest bread sheaf
* Christmas wreath from Mrs Ball
* Harvest fruit and vegetables from Woods Farm Shop and Mr and Mrs Burney

Without the financial donations and valued gifts, all the above would not be possible.

We would like to thank everybody for their generous support.

**Julie Bayldon**

**Flower Group**

**Appendix J The Pastoral Team**

No Report as we do not have a pastoral team at this time.

Appendix K The Ministry Team

There was one ministry team meeting held in March - they were suspended during the interregnum.

A summary of topics discussed were:

Child Friendly Church Initiative; “Thy Kingdom Come” (10th – 20th May); Planning future Parish Study;

MAP Document Review; Stewardship; Community Worship; GDPR

**Barbara Wood**

**Ministry Team Member**











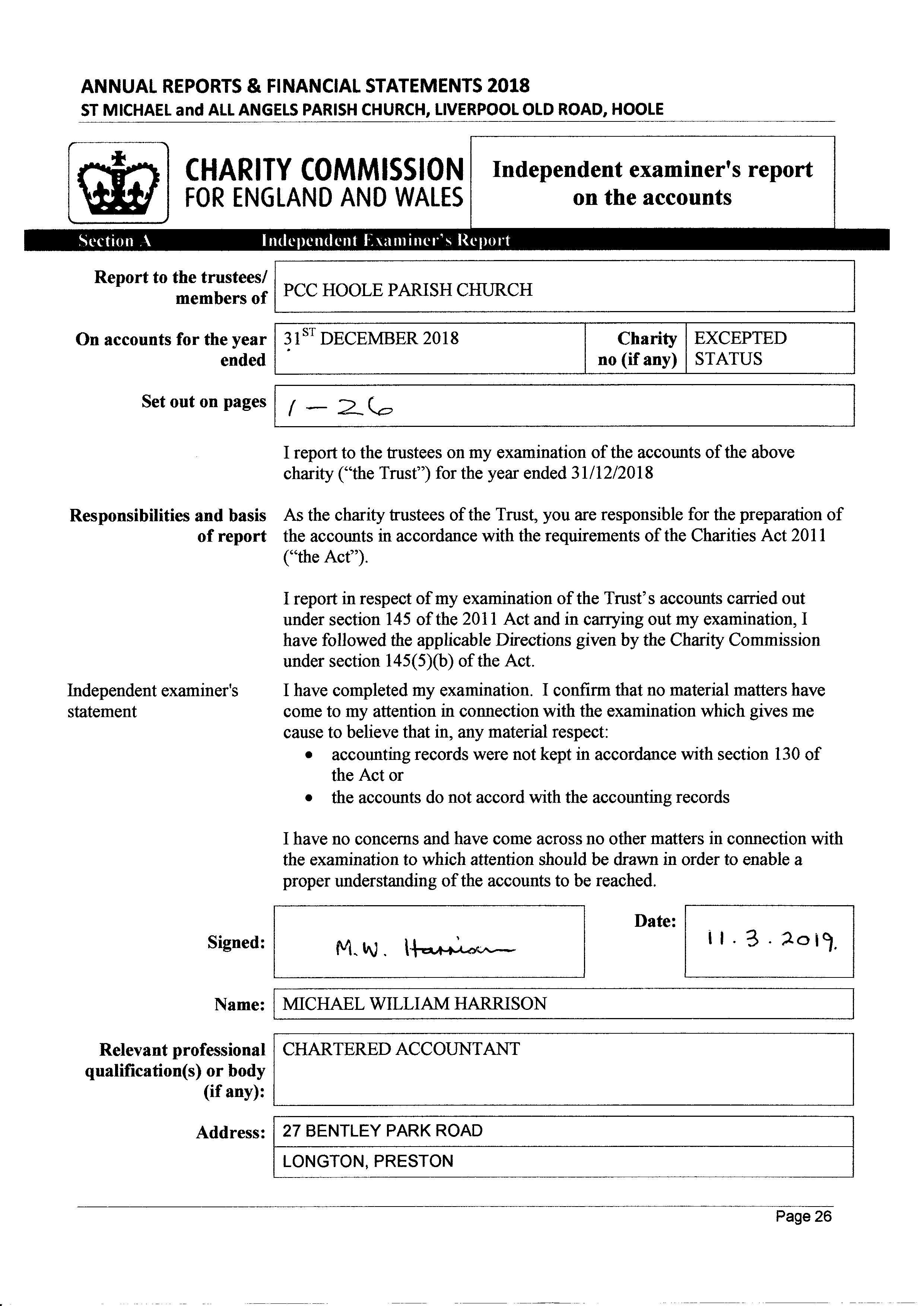










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