

The Parish of Bollington Annual Reports



2021/22

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF BOLLINGTON IN THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER 2021/22

This report is prepared in order to fulfill the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and associated Regulations.

Vicar: Rev. Nancy Goodrich
St Oswald's Church,
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Churchwardens: Christine Osbaldiston
Jackie Pengelly

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Bankers: NatWest Macclesfield Branch
PO Box 65
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Insurance Company: Ecclesiastical Insurance Company St. Oswald's Policy No.
04/XPG/9078684

Independent examiner: Mr. Barry Matthews

Membership (PCC)

Ex Officio		Current Members	Elected	Term Ends
Rev Nancy Goodrich	Vicar	Sally Garnett	2021	2024
Anne Coomes	Reader	Simon Thomas	2021	2024
Christine Osbaldiston	Churchwarden	Julie Brunt	2019	2022
Jackie Pengelly	Churchwarden	Beverley Nixon	2019	2022
Anthea Wilkinson	Deanery Synod 2020	Maggie O'Donnell	2019	2022
Sue Berry	Deanery Synod 2020	Angela Williams	2019	2022
Christopher Ward	Deanery Synod 2020	Richard Raymond	2020	2023
		Alison Grimshaw	2020	2023
		Jennifer Riley	2020	2023

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS, 8th May 2022

For the Election of Two Churchwardens

1. Apologies
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 16th May 2021
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2022/2023

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, 8th May 2022

1. Apologies
2. The Minutes of the last APCM held on Sunday 16th May 2021
3. The Electoral Roll
4. Church Fabric & Furnishings Reports
5. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and the Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021
6. General Parochial Reports to be received.
7. The Vicar's Report to the Parish
8. Election of Tellers and of Lay Representatives to the PCC.
9. The Appointment of an Auditor to the Parochial Church Council
10. Questions / Matters of Parochial Interest

The Elections of Parochial Church Council Secretary and Treasurer, the Electoral Roll Officer and sidespersons will take place after this meeting

THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

It is a legal requirement for ALL Churchwardens, whether newly elected or continuing, to be sworn into office each year, and this happens at an Archdeacons Visitation Service.

All Visitation Services will begin at 7.30pm.

DATE	DEANERIES	VENUE
Monday 6 June	Mottram, Stockport & Chadkirk	St George Hyde
Wednesday 15 June	Congleton/ Nantwich	Christ Church Alsager
Thursday 23 June	Bowdon/ Knutsford	St Bartholomew Wilmslow
Tuesday 28 June	Cheadle/ Macclesfield	St Michael Bramhall

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 16th May, 2021 in St. Oswald's

Bollington

Present: Richard Raymond (nominated Chair), Margaret Booth, Anne Coomes, Martin Crundall, Val Genders, Lorraine Heard, Luise Hermann, Margi Hill, Joan Kendrick, Sue Matthews, Irene Mills, Ray Mills, Beverley Nixon, Maggie O'Donnell, Christine Osbaldiston, Jackie Pengelly, Brian Reader, Jean Reader, Jenny Riley, Ruth Rodgers, Cherry Smith, Terry Smith, Anne Stringer, Chris Ward, Elaine Ward, Oliver Ward, Dorothy Webster, Anthea Wilkinson, Angela Williams, Hilary Young, Julie Brunt (secretary)

Apologies:

Jennifer Burdekin, Michael Burdekin, Simon Thomas

Anne Coomes kindly opened the meeting with prayer.

In the absence of an incumbent to chair, Richard volunteered to chair the meeting; this was suggested to the meeting and unanimously agreed to be appropriate. Christine thanked Richard on behalf of the meeting for his support in this matter.

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting had previously been circulated to the congregation for consideration. It was unanimously agreed that they were an accurate record and they were duly approved and signed.

Proposed: Jackie Pengelly, seconded Anthea Wilkinson

Election of Church Wardens

Two nominations had been received prior to the meeting, namely:

Member	Proposer	Seconder
Christine Osbaldiston	Angela Williams	Chris Ward
Jackie Pengelly	Jenny Riley	Richard Raymond

Richard sought approval from the meeting to change Church representation rules to state that Christine should stand for an additional year owing to exceptional circumstances. There were no objections from the meeting and Christine and Jackie were duly elected.

Richard reiterated words spoken so eloquently by Anne in her opening prayers thanking both Christine and Hilary for all their hard work this year during the Pandemic, particularly all the additional work following Veronica's retirement.

The meeting closed at 11.38am

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) opened at 11.39 am

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

Electoral Roll

Jackie reported that as of today, there are 117 recorded on the Roll, 30 of whom are non-residents of the Parish.

Church fabric and furnishings report

Hilary explained to the meeting that since our last meeting, the Ambry very generously donated by Dave Williams has been dedicated and fixed in place. It is now in use storing holy oils, ashes from Ash Wednesday and reserved sacrament as appropriate.

Financial affairs of Parish

Richard had previously circulated his report for the meeting's consideration but particularly wished to voice his heartfelt appreciation to the following:

- Janet Brown for her recording duties
- Anne Stringer who manages all the collections and banking
- Previous treasurers Cheryl and Sally for their helpful advice during the handover period
- John Rickman who has looked after the financial management of the Church magazine prior to his recent retirement
- Veronica, Christine and Hilary for all their support during such a difficult year
- Barry Matthews for his diligent appraisal of Church accounts
- The congregation for ongoing financial support throughout Pandemic.

Richard drew the meeting's attention to the deficit recorded in the accounts and advised the VAT return relating to the kitchen development and the Gift Aid returns are all anticipated to be received soon.

The Parish Share, and how that impacts on our finances, is being addressed on a Deanery basis. The Deanery is currently collating data deficits and falling reserves from parishes within the Deanery, with a view to seek support from the Diocese regarding monies subsequently collected.

Richard volunteered to answer any questions relating to his report and as none were forthcoming, Christine voiced her appreciation of all the hard work Richard has undertaken on our behalf during a particularly difficult year.

General Parochial Reports

St John's Churchyard - as it is a legal requirement, we are currently paying £1,000 per annum for a Portaloo for the Payback Team. Christine was pleased to report that they appear to be back working after the winter break and the Churchyard is looking tidy.

Work relating to the agreed pollarding of trees has yet to be completed; the PCC had agreed that as the proposed work is desirable, rather than of an essential nature, we could afford to wait until more money was available in the budget to support this.

Children's ministry

On behalf of the meeting, Christine voiced sincere thanks to Bev for all she's done to sustain the children and families during the Pandemic, particularly the on-line services and activity packs for both RICH and Praise and Play during lock-downs.

Macclesfield Deanery Synod

Richard reported that owing to the Pandemic, one meeting took place via Zoom in order to safeguard synod members.

Church Magazine

John Rickman retired from long service as both administrator and manager of the Church Magazine. The finances relating to the magazine were always held separately; following John's retirement, the surplus £2,000 has been moved to PCC funds. The magazine now moves forward under Anne Coomes' editorship with great hopes as it extends to the wider community. Richard and Anne are currently looking at approaching more local businesses to boost advertising potential.

Vicars' report

Christine particularly wished to voice her appreciation to:

- Bev for all the work she has done during lockdown and for running the RICH Group for the last 7 years.
- Anne Coomes for taking on the role of editor of the Parish Magazine and for producing an excellent Parish Profile.
Liz Thomas for agreeing to manage the Parish website
- Hilary for her constant smile, warm welcome, endless cups of tea and coffee and dedicated work as Church warden

Richard thanked Christine for all her hard work throughout the year, especially the additional duties undertaken since Veronica's retirement

Election of lay representatives to the PCC (to fill vacancies that naturally have arisen at the end of their three year renewable tenure):

The following people were willing to serve and were duly elected by this meeting:

Member	Proposer	Secunder
Simon Thomas	Christine Osbaldiston	Hilary Young
Sally Garnett	Jackie Pengelly	Jenny Riley

Appointment of auditor

Richard proposed that Barry Matthews should continue to provide such excellent service auditing the accounts, seconded by Brian Reader and unanimously carried by meeting.

Any other business

As there were no other issues to discuss, the meeting closed at 11.54 am.

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

The Electoral roll is the basis for church representation and permits church members to attend the APCM and stand for the PCC and act as a sidesperson. The numbers are also used as a basis for the permitted numbers of lay members on the PCC and the number of Deanery Synod representatives.

The new revised roll will be reported at the APCM

SAFEGUARDING

We as a parish are committed to the Safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies. Our Safeguarding Office is Alison Grimshaw.

During the past year we have been careful to follow all government guidelines in order to keep people safe during the pandemic. Covid risk assessments have been completed for all activities that have now returned in person.

CHURCH FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS REPORT

Jackie Pengelly - Churchwarden

The kitchen is now complete and the snagging issues have been addressed. Payments to the contractors is now completed.

The new doors into the main entrance were fitted in time for Reverend Nancy Goodrich's induction.

The PAT testing was carried out in March this year.

The fire extinguishers have been serviced in 2022 and this will now be done annually.

The Quinquennial Inspection was done in July 2021. It has been recommended to have a full electrical inspection, and this will be carried out by Allan Davies on 21st April 2022.

There are minor recommendations that will require attention within the next 18-24 months. This has been noted by the churchwardens.

The Icon depicting St Oswald's has now been hung on the North wall.

We have compiled a new Inventory, including photographs, of all valuables in the Church building.

On a personal note the churchwardens would like to thank our vicar Nancy, for all the support she has given us since she arrived in July 2021.



PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chris Ward

Four meetings were held during 2021: in February and April (both on zoom); August and November. The first two meetings were chaired by Churchwarden Christine Osbaldiston and the last by our newly appointed Vicar, Nancy Goodrich.

Two meetings have been held so far this year (2022) in January and March.

The main topics for discussion have been:

Finance including approval of Annual accounts for 2021

- Re-opening for church services after lockdown
- Appointment of a new vicar
- St Johns Churchyard
- Children, Young people and families
- Covid precautions during church services
- Safeguarding
- Quinquennial Inspection Report
- Plans for a new church website
- St Oswald's fabric including completion of the new kitchen

FINANCE REPORT

From Richard Raymond, HON Treasurer

My thanks this year once again go to Ann Stringer who faithfully deals with all our cash collections by counting them and banking the monies. This is an unseen task and I am very grateful for her continuing efforts with this. Also, Barry Matthews has audited our accounts and found them to be an accurate and true statement of our financial position and I thank him for this diligent appraisal.

Over the year we have once again recorded a deficit. Our general spending on running the church and our contribution to the diocese who pay our vicar exceeded the amount that we raised through planned giving, donations, and other fundraising by nearly £9000. It is obvious that we need to address this.

There are some receipts which will improve these figures as we have a couple of outstanding Gift Aid claims and also there are some monies from magazine advertising to collect.

Our capital accounts have shown a more stable position with the restricted funds receiving and spending monies within reasonable limits. The kitchen fund at the end of the year remained with enough in to pay the penultimate invoice to the contractor just leaving us to pay the retention monies. There will be a claim to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme for a refund of VAT to add to this fund.

As we all know from the national press, energy prices have risen significantly, and the church is not immune from these. We continue to review our usage and to negotiate the best rates that we can in these difficult times.

There are no signs that 2022 will be an easier financial year but I remain reasonably confident that together, with the support of the congregation, we will manage to deal with the challenges.

GENERAL PAROCHIAL REPORTS

ST JOHNS CHURCHYARD

Jackie Pengelly

The churchyard is inspected on a regular basis.

The payback team continues to maintain the churchyard and are doing an excellent job.

Unfortunately, rubbish continues to be a problem but the payback team are not allowed to remove it.

In February, we were informed by Alan Byron from Tullis Russell that in the very strong winds in there had been a landslide and wall collapse. This left 2 or 3 trees with exposed roots which looked to be at risk of collapse onto the Tullis Russell site.

The churchwarden's met with Alan to discuss the problem and it was agreed initially that Tullis Russell would investigate and carry out any remedial work at their expense.

Subsequent investigation, the tree surgeon reported that there was a combination of the badger sett undermining the trees and the storm washing part of the sett away under the trees. He is meant to be coming back with a way forward and confirmation of which trees are unsafe. Initial reports were that three were at risk of falling and also added that there would be complications of working over a live badger sett which would need a licence. The added complications may involve the church in some of the expense.

CHOIR REPORT

Anthea Wilkinson

I would like to start by thanking all the choir members for their continued support through what have been tricky times, many thanks too to Jennie, Martin and Jennifer our dedicated organists who continue to enrich our worship with their playing.

This year we abandoned our Thursday evening practice in favour of meeting in church at 9.45 on Sunday morning to run through the hymns which I think we all find works well, turning out on a dark, cold and wet Thursday throughout winter didn't appeal!

We were also very pleased to welcome some additional voices to augment the choir for Easter. This gave people who are not able to commit to every weekly service the chance to join for a special service as well as a chance to see what being in choir involves with a view to joining on a more permanent basis. We welcomed Simon, Dorothy and Elaine and hope they enjoyed the experience enough to repeat it in the future. Anyone who would like to join us on a similar basis please get in touch.

Covid and other ailments have kept people away on occasion but nonetheless we have carried on with Ken, Chris, Brian, Jean, Lorraine, Sue and Maggie leading services whenever possible.

CHUB REPORT

Derek Gascoigne

After two blank years we finally got under way with a well- attended Friendship Lunch at Hollin House Hotel in October 2021.

April 2022 saw us on our first outing to the Holy and Undivided Trinity Church in Edale. This was followed by an excellent lunch at the Hanging Gate pub in Chapel-en-le-Frith.

We are now hoping to have two more outings in June and September to be followed by the annual Friendship Lunch in October.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Anne Coomes

Our church website was built by Dave Williams a number of years ago, and he has spent many thousands of hours keeping it updated and adding to it various functions such as the hymns, the dozens of photographs, and the records of St John's graveyard.

In January 2021 Liz Thomas agreed to take on the job of uploading material to the website, but in order to do this, she needed to continue to rely on Dave Williams throughout last year. This is because, as Dave built it himself, there is no one else who can access it in the way in which he can.

And so throughout 2021, Dave very generously continued to run the website for us in the background, making sure all the security updates were added, and that the site worked properly.

Late last year it was decided that, obviously, it is unfair to expect Dave to continue this amount of work for the church. And so the PCC decided that the time had come for us to have a new website, which a group of people at the church could manage, and which could be more easily accessed. Dave has graciously offered us his total support in this move, for which we are most grateful.

We are currently in the process of planning our new website. More details soon!

PARISH MAGAZINE

Anne Coomes

Dave Williams completed his editorship of the church magazine in January 2021. A new team, comprising of Christine Osbaldiston, Ann Stringer, Richard Raymond and Anne Coomes took over with the February 2021 issue.

Christine and Ann have acted in an overseeing role, while Anne has compiled the magazine each month, and Richard has managed all the advertising. The team has worked well together, and they were glad to welcome Nancy to their happy group as a third 'overseer' when she arrived last summer.

The decision was made, early on, to print the magazine in colour, and to pay for the publishing costs by a mixture of sales and advertising, with some support from church funds.

Richard has moved the magazine's finances into the rest of the church finances, and has given a breakdown of how they work in his annual report as treasurer.

The aim of the magazine is two-fold, to keep the congregation in touch with each other, and also to provide an on-going Christian witness to our wider readership and the community.

St Oswald's Bollington

Receipts and Payments Accounts
1.1.2021 - 31.12.2021

GENERAL RECEIPTS

	£
Planned giving	37,562.00
Friends	5,831.00
Service collections	6,069.19
Other donations	3,334.64
Gift Aid	9,135.14
Magazine income	2,837.33
Fundraising	7,353.34
Other income	25.00
Fees	5,106.16

Sub-total GENERAL RECEIPTS (A) £77,253.80

GENERAL PAYMENTS

	£
Diocesan contribution	68,582.44
Ministry costs	5,424.91
Church repairs	32.00
Church running costs	5,831.79
Church administration	1,213.65
Church activities	1,546.72
Magazine costs	2,069.20
Mission giving	1,466.16

Sub-total GENERAL PAYMENTS (C) £86,166.87

Receipts less Payments (A-C) (£8,913.07)

FUND RECEIPTS

	£
2016 JB Legacy	0.00
Churchyard	2,621.00
Kitchen	13,559.72
Organ	551.06
Pastoral relief	0.00
RICH funds	0.00

Sub-total FUND RECEIPTS (B) £16,731.78

FUND PAYMENTS

	£
2016 JB Legacy	620.00
Churchyard	2,658.00
Kitchen	0.00
Organ	130.00
Pastoral relief	0.00
RICH funds	138.67

Sub-total FUND PAYMENTS (D) £3,546.67

TOTAL RECEIPTS (A+B) £93,985.58

TOTAL PAYMENTS (C+D) £89,713.54

BANK

	£
Opening balance - 1 January	22,814.24
Total receipts	93,985.58
Total payments	89,713.54
Closing balance - 31 December	£27,086.28

FUNDS

	£
Unrestricted	8,605.96
2016 JB legacy	0.00
Churchyard	5,817.34
Kitchen	5,545.15
Organ	1,056.71
Pastoral relief	5,500.00
RICH	561.12
Total in Funds	£27,086.28

ASSETS

	£
NatWest Bank PLC	27,086.28
Other	0.00
Total Assets	£27,086.28



Richard Raymond - Hon Treasurer
Dated 28.1.2022

Barry Matthews
Auditor
Barry Matthews

Date 13/2/2022

St Oswald's, Bollington

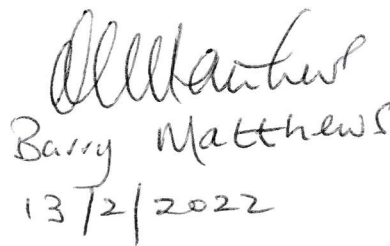
Balance of Funds

	Opening balance on 1.1.2021	Received during period	Spent during period	Total at 31.12.2021
Unrestricted	£17,519.03	£77,253.80	£86,166.87	£8,605.96
2016 JB legacy	£620.00	£0.00	£620.00	£0.00
Churchyard	£5,854.34	£2,621.00	£2,658.00	£5,817.34
Kitchen	-£8,014.57	£13,559.72	£0.00	£5,545.15
Organ	£635.65	£551.06	£130.00	£1,056.71
Pastoral relief	£5,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,500.00
RICH	£699.79	£0.00	£138.67	£561.12
Totals	£22,814.24	£93,985.58	£89,713.54	£27,086.28



Richard Raymond - Hon Treasurer
Dated 28.1.2022

Auditor



Date

13/2/2022