

The Parish of Bollington Annual Reports



2022/23

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF BOLLINGTON IN THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER 2022/23

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

Vicar: Rev. Nancy Goodrich
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Churchwardens: Christine Osbaldiston
Jackie Pengelly

Inspecting Architect: Mark Pearce
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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	Jennifer Riley	2020	2023
Anne Coomes	Reader	Simon Thomas	2021	2024
Christine Osbaldiston	Churchwarden	Christopher Ward	2022	2025
Jackie Pengelly	Churchwarden	Alison Grimshaw	2020	2023
Anthea Wilkinson	Deanery Synod 2020	Elaine Houghton	2022	2025
Anne Coomes	Deanery Synod 2020	Angela Williams	2022	2025
Christopher Ward	Deanery Synod 2020	Richard Raymond	2020	2023

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS, 23rd April 2023

For the Election of Two Churchwardens

1. Apologies
2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 8th May 2022
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2023/2024

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, 23rd April 2023

1. Apologies
2. The Minutes of the last APCM held on Sunday 8th May 2022
3. The Electoral Roll
4. Safeguarding
5. Church Fabric & Furnishings Reports
6. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and the Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022
7. General Parochial Reports to be received.
8. The Vicar's Report to the Parish
9. Election of Tellers and of Lay Representatives to the PCC.
10. 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. Macclesfield Archdeaconry dates below.

DATE	DEANERIES	VENUE
Thursday 1 June	Congleton/Nantwich	St Chad Wybunbury
Tuesday 13 June	Cheadle/Macclesfield	St Peter Prestbury

Monday 26 June	Bowdon/ Knutsford	St Margaret Dunham Massey
Wednesday 28 June	Mottram, Stockport & Chadkirk	St George Stockport

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 8th May, 2022 in St. Oswald's Church Bollington

Present: Rev Nancy Goodrich (Vicar), Brian Reader, Jean Reader, Anne Coomes, Richard Raymond, Christine Osbaldiston, Michael Burdekin, Jennifer Burdekin, Jenny Thorpe, Barbara Jackson, Oliver Ward, Cherry Smith, Jackie Pengelly, Joan Kendrick, Derek Gascoigne, Ann Stringer, Nigel Goodrich, Sue Matthews, Jenny Riley, Terry Smith, Angela Williams, Chris Ward.

Apologies:

Simon Thomas, Elaine Houghton, Anthea Wilkinson, Linda Iverson, Maggie O'Donnell.

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.

Election of Church Wardens

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

Member	Proposer	Seconder
Jackie Pengelly	Angela Williams	Christopher Ward
Christine Osbaldiston	Angela Williams	Christopher Ward

A resolution to override the six year rule was passed allowing Christine to stand again for another year.

In the absence of any other nominations the above were approved to serve during the coming year.

The churchwardens were thanked for their work during the past year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on 8th May 2022.

Held on completion of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Present: Rev Nancy Goodrich (Vicar), Brian Reader, Jean Reader, Anne Coomes, Richard Raymond, Christine Osbaldiston, Michael Burdekin, Jennifer Burdekin, Jenny Thorpe, Barbara Jackson, Oliver Ward, Elaine Ward, Cherry Smith, Jackie Pengelly, Joan Kendrick, Derek Gascoigne, Ann Stringer, Nigel Goodrich, Sue Matthews, Jenny Riley, Terry Smith, Angela Williams, Irene Mills, Ray Mills, Joe Lee, Chris Ward.

Apologies: Simon Thomas, Elaine Houghton, Anthea Wilkinson, Linda Iverson, Maggie O'Donnell

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

Electoral Roll

Jackie reported that as of today, there are 110 recorded on the Roll, 22 of whom are non-residents of the Parish.

Church fabric and furnishings report

The full electrical check recommended in the Quinquennial Report has been done. All is OK.

Financial affairs of Parish

The Treasurer referred to the Annual Accounts printed in the Annual Report emphasising our Diocesan Contribution of £68,582,505 of which 50% is paid for from Our Planned Giving Scheme. The annual loss on General Payments and receipts is approximately £9,000. An expected increase in heating and lighting costs in the coming year is expected to be around £1,200.

Richard thanked Ann Stringer for counting the cash and proposed a vote of thanks to Barry Matthews for auditing the accounts. The Accounts were accepted.

The Vicar thanked Richard for managing the accounts at a challenging time and that we need to change our mindset as the church is a charity, including the possibility of legacies.

The following items are reported in the Annual Report made available to members ahead of the meeting.

General Parochial Reports

St John's Churchyard

Choir Report

CHUB report

Church Website

Parish Magazine

Vicars' report: The vicar provided a separate printed report in the form of a sermon asking us to think about what God is calling us to do. She thanked all for the welcome she and Nigel had received in the Parish.

Election of lay representatives to the PCC

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

Member	Proposer	Secunder
Elaine Houghton	Christopher Ward	Jackie Pengelly
Christopher Ward	Jackie Pengelly	Derek Gascoigne
Angela Williams	Christine Osbaldiston	Jackie Pengelly

The following were thanked as they stood down from the PCC: Julie Brunt, Beverley Nixon, Sally Garnett and Sue Berry.

Appointment of auditor

Richard proposed that Barry Matthews should continue to provide such excellent service auditing the accounts. This was approved by the meeting.

Question/ Matters of Parochial Interest

The Vicar asked for opinions on the giving of Holy Communion in relation to Covid restrictions.

The safety of the kitchen hatch should be looked at.

A short PCC meeting was held immediately after the APCM to appoint Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year.

The appointments were made as follows:

Treasurer: Richard Raymond

Secretary Christopher Ward.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral roll is the basis for church representation and representatives and permits church members to attend the APCM, 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

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 Christine Osbaldiston.

A new safeguarding policy was approved by the PCC at their November meeting, this can be viewed on the church website.

Jackie and Christine have recently attended a Churchwardens Safeguarding course.

CHURCH FABRIC AND FURNISHINGS REPORT

Jackie Pengelly - Churchwarden

Earlier this year we had a visit from Mark Pearce who is our architect. He finally came to sign off the completed kitchen.

The Fire Extinguishers continue to be serviced on a yearly basis. To date no faults have been found.

The Boiler has been serviced and required a couple of new parts along with a new time clock.

A full electrical inspection was carried out by Alan Davies who reported everything was in order.

Repairs and repainting of the front door and attention to the inner door will be carried out in May this year.

The Churchwardens will be visiting Chester to take some of our registers and other church books to be archived.

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chris Ward

Seven meetings of the PCC were held during the year 2022/2023

The main topics for discussion have been:

- Financial situation and approval of Annual accounts for 2022.
- Children, Young people and families including "Messy Church".
- Covid precautions during communion
- New Safeguarding Policy
- Launch of new church website and plans for a large TV screen.
- St Oswald's fabric and garden maintenance
- Everyday Faith and other Diocesan initiatives
- Church social events

FINANCE REPORT

From Richard Raymond, Hon Treasurer

Following on from last year's loss of £9000, it is good to report that we managed a surplus of £6000 in 2022. This brought our unrestricted funds up to £14,541.

Our general expenditure remains much the same as in the previous year with the exception that our energy bills have risen. However, the noticeable item of expenditure that reduced was the Parish Share that we pay to Chester Diocese. The PCC took the decision after discussions with the Diocese to reduce what we pay each month and over the year we saved £20,000 by doing this.

As there was a drop in planned giving, along with decreased amounts from fundraising, our receipts were also down. We ran a successful Harvest Appeal and the response to this was very supportive. However the full effects of paying less Parish Share do not reflect in the final figures.

The summary for the year is that we took decisions to stabilise the finances of the church in the short term but we still have to find ways of securing a long term solution to enable us to pay all our costs in full.

Once again, I should like to thank all those people who assist me in my role. I am very grateful to those parishioners who lend support on the PCC or do the Sunday counting and banking or check the year end figures.

GENERAL PAROCHIAL REPORTS

ST JOHNS CHURCHYARD

Jackie Pengelly

Individually the Churchwarden's go to check on the grave yard and the columbarium on a regular basis.

It has been observed that a large branch at the entrance to the churchyard is looking unsafe and plans are ongoing to have the branch removed.

The rose bush in the columbarium has been pruned and is looking lovely.

We have had reports of plants and various items being removed from the columbarium. This has been discussed at PCC and a decision was made to place a notice asking if anyone experiences this to report it to the Vicar or Churchwardens. The situation can then be monitored.

Unfortunately people who visit the columbarium leave their rubbish which has become a problem as the Payback Team who do a really good job maintaining the churchyard and columbarium on a regular basis are not allowed to take rubbish away.

We have poster asking for people to take rubbish with them. We are planning to put up more posters reminding them of this.

On the whole both the churchyard and columbarium are looking well care for.

Children's Ministry

Christine Osbaldiston

All Age Worship

The All Age Worship service at 10.30am on the first Sunday of every month is proving to be very popular. This short, informal service with interactive prayer activities appeals to all ages and is well attended.

Messy Church

Messy Church is new to St Oswald's, it is Church with a difference involving crafts and activities, worship for all ages followed by food. The first one was held on Good Friday 2022 and we have held four more during the last year. We have a valuable team who help to organise the crafts and activities, these have included anything from making biblical scenes out of Lego to planting seeds, decorating biscuits, painting and building a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows.

Praise and Play

Our Tuesday morning toddler group for preschool children continues to grow under the guidance of Nancy, Jackie and Christine, helped by Jennifer Rowley and Lesley Fearnley. At the end of the Summer Term we held a Teddy Bears picnic at which, those children starting school in September were presented with a book. Just before Christmas the children took part in the Elf run and raised £127.60 for the East Cheshire Hospice and at Christmas we had a visit from Santa. Some of the children's art work can be seen on the children's notice board in church.

It is encouraging that since September Praise and Play has a new generation of babies and toddlers with lots of 2 year olds and under coming regularly.

CHURCH MAGAZINE

Anne Coomes

The magazine has done well this past year. It is distributed to 120 homes across Bollington, which gives us a valuable on-going 'presence' in our community.

Our beautiful front covers are still created for us each month by our very own in-house illustrator, Ann Stringer. Thank you, Ann!

Our editorial team now consists of Nancy Goodrich, Brian Reader, Chris Ward, and Anne Coomes, with occasional contributions from other members of the church, such as Richard Jones and Derrick Gascoigne. More writers are always welcome!

We want to give special thanks this Spring to Roy Arnold, who has recently retired from his popular column that reflected on Ann Stringer's front cover each month. Roy's spiritual insight's have been deeply appreciated over the years, and he will be much missed.

The good news is that Roy has handed that column over to Brian Reader, who is also now doing a great job in explaining the spiritual meaning to Ann's beautiful graphics. Thank you, Brian!

Our production team consists of Christine Osbaldiston and Jackie Pengelly, who act in an overseeing role; Ann Stringer, who as well as being our artist, also manages the Book of Remembrance entries; and Anne Coomes, who compiles and edits the magazine each month.

Our printing methods have changed in the past year. Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis meant that we could no longer afford the full-colour printers at CPO. So last year we moved to IAM Print, up at the Adelphi Mill, and have established an excellent relationship with the staff there, Pam and Mick. They are always helpful and make Christine's life easier by printing the magazine in double-quick time each month.

Our distributors of the magazine are still Christine and Sue Whitehurst. They deserve a thank you for distributing the magazine to our army of deliverers who in turn deserve a big thank you for delivering the magazine to our readers.

Finally, advertising. This is overseen by Richard Raymond, and brings in good income. We are still considering the ratio between editorial and advertising - what will be the most sustainable proportion for each in the magazine. We hope to make more progress on this during 2023.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Anne Coomes

If you have not seen the new website yet, it is worth a visit. Just go to: <https://stoswaldbollington.org.uk>

Last Spring and Summer the PCC were busy planning it. A working committee consisting of Richard Raymond, Christine Osbaldiston, Jackie Pengelly and Anne Coomes was asked to come up with ideas.

They chose Tim Sparks to design, build and maintain the website. Tim works in IT and website maintenance, is based in Macclesfield, and worships at Holy Trinity Hurdsfield. He is also the IT Support for Parish Pump Ltd, and so has had years of contact with local church communicators.

The new website was written by Nancy Goodrich and Anne Coomes, and then launched on Advent Sunday last December. It is managed in two sections. Nancy Goodrich and Anne Coomes oversee the 'pages' on the site, and Jackie Pengelly and Christine Osbaldiston manage all the calendar events and children's pages – which takes some doing!

A big thank you to all who are involved in keeping the site interesting, relevant and, above all, up-to-date.

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

Anne Coomes

It is believed that this may be the first report we have ever offered on the church noticeboard.

At present it is in some need of loving improvements. The vicar's name has been added on in a temporary manner, and the glass over the posters is very foggy. This does not help our 'public' engagement with the community!

Obviously, the PCC would like to see a new board put into place, but it is currently holding back because of the steep costs involved. We hope to make some progress on it this year.

In the meantime, some posters have been purchased from CPO which highlight the church year, and it is hoped that at least these will be of some interest to passers-by.

St Oswald's Bollington

Receipts and Payments Accounts
1.1.2022 - 31.12.2022

GENERAL RECEIPTS

	£
Planned giving	30,491.00
Friends	5,088.00
Service collections	7,818.22
Other donations	6,576.56
Gift Aid	11,969.86
Magazine income	774.35
Fundraising	1,413.20
Other income	1,317.02
Fees	8,854.00

Sub-total GENERAL RECEIPTS (A) £74,302.21

GENERAL PAYMENTS

	£
Diocesan contribution	48,349.88
Ministry costs	4,695.44
Church repairs	1,131.71
Church running costs	7,532.52
Church administration	1,355.24
Church activities	2,690.74
Magazine costs	2,301.80
Mission giving	310.20

Sub-total GENERAL PAYMENTS (C) £68,367.53

Receipts less Payments (A-C) £5,934.68

FUND RECEIPTS

	£
Churchyard	55.00
Kitchen	529.00
Organ	0.00
Pastoral relief	0.00
RICH funds	0.00

Sub-total FUND RECEIPTS (B) £584.00

FUND PAYMENTS

	£
Churchyard	2,034.25
Kitchen	5,926.86
Organ	140.00
Pastoral relief	360.00
RICH funds	561.12

Sub-total FUND PAYMENTS (D) £9,022.23

TOTAL RECEIPTS (A+B) £74,886.21

TOTAL PAYMENTS (C+D) £77,389.76

BANK

	£
Opening balance - 1 January	27,086.28
Total receipts	74,886.21
Total payments	77,389.76
Closing balance - 31 December	£24,582.73

FUNDS

	£
Unrestricted	14,540.64
Churchyard	3,838.09
Kitchen	147.29
Organ	916.71
Pastoral relief	5,140.00
RICH	0.00
Total in Funds	£24,582.73

ASSETS

	£
NatWest Bank PLC	24,582.73
Other	0.00
Total Assets	£24,582.73



Richard Raymond - Hon Treasurer
Dated 3.2.23



Barry Matthews - Hon Auditor
Dated 4.2.23

St Oswald's, Bollington

Balance of Funds

	Opening balance on 1.1.2022	Received during period	Spent during period	Total at 31.12.2022
Unrestricted	£8,605.96	£74,302.21	£68,367.53	£14,540.64
Churchyard	£5,817.34	£55.00	£2,034.25	£3,838.09
Kitchen	£5,545.15	£529.00	£5,926.86	£147.29
Organ	£1,056.71	£0.00	£140.00	£916.71
Pastoral relief	£5,500.00	£0.00	£360.00	£5,140.00
RICH	£561.12	£0.00	£561.12	£0.00
Totals	£27,086.28	£74,886.21	£77,389.76	£24,582.73



Richard Raymond - Hon Treasurer
Dated 3.2.23



Barry Matthews - Hon Auditor
Dated 4.2.23