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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2019  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
PARISHONERS AND APCM  
SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**



*Priest in charge: Rev Vinny Whitworth*

*Associate Priest: Rev Malcolm Bristow*

## **St Bede's APCM – Vicar's Report 2020**

We currently live in very strange times. Normally I write my APCM report in March and review the previous year. Yet 2020 has been a year like no other; our church building was closed for 4 months, and as I write this APCM report in October it would be remiss not to begin to reflect on this year also.

It has been 18 months since I began my role as Priest in Charge of St Bede at the beginning of 2019. Together since then we've shared a rollercoaster journey with lots of joys and a few challenges; not least the challenge of Covid-19. Yet what remains constant for us as disciples, as followers of Jesus, no matter what we face in our lives, is the continuing call to serve Jesus. As Jesus says in Matthew 25: 40 *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"*.

In 2019, as a church we began reviewing our vision as a church. As we seek to serve Jesus; we need to keep asking ourselves what is it that Jesus is calling us to do here as we live for Jesus in our community, in our town and in our world. We had a wonderful away morning at Barrow Bridge in September 2019 with our friends from St Andrews where we began the process of reviewing our vision and Mission Action Plan. Since then we have continued to meet and pray; however Covid-19 and lockdown has slowed down the process somewhat. However our vision review remains an important process that we need to continue as we look to the future.

That said, we have not been resting on our laurels as a church as we review our vision, and these last 18 months have also been an exciting time where we have grasped new opportunities to serve Jesus. We have deepened our relationship and link with our church school, St Bedes Academy, who now regularly use the church for their collective worship. We were also joined by St Bedes Academy for our Harvest celebration last year. I am very encouraged that many of our church members faithfully serve on the Trustees and Local Governing Board of the school and a special thanks goes to Tony Whitehead for his work in building links between our church and school.

Last year we also developed stronger links with Urban Outreach as we collected 890 jars of Cranberry Sauce for their Christmas Dinner on Jesus campaign, where 1300 people across Bolton were presented with a free Christmas hamper. Through the many social and fundraising events held through the year we raised money to support the work of our church and our charity partner for 2019 Unique. Again a huge thank you to the fundraising group for their work. Sharron and her amazing team continued to lead our Luncheon Club last year, where older members of our community can meet together in a warm and caring environment.

We also had our first exciting Alpha Course last year, a group of 12 people who wanted to explore the Christian faith more deeply. All these things highlight the fact that God is at work here at St Bede as we faithfully continue to serve Jesus by serving our local community and beyond. As a result we are a growing community and it has been a joy to welcome new people over recent months as part of our church family.

Even though 2020 and the arrival of Covid-19 has brought unprecedented challenges, we have continued to find new ways of serving Jesus! We began online services and Zoom prayer meetings and we deepened our links with our church school by providing lunches each week to members of our church community who were isolated or shielding. Our new screen and projector system in church has also greatly enhanced our worship.

I am drawn back to a verse I shared at our Vision Morning last year, from Ephesians 3 v 20-21 *"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for*

*ever and ever. Amen*". As we look to the future, and as we seek to continue to serve Jesus, I believe God is able to do immeasurably more through His power that is at work in us at St Bede's.

It is a real encouragement to see the ministry team at St Bede growing. Tony Whitehead began his training to be a reader in 2019. Malcolm and Pat continue to minister amongst us after Malcolm's retirement and sabbatical. We are indebted to Elaine Almond our administrator, and our 2 ALMs Gill Blackburn and Carol Hardman. Our Children's Ministry Leaders Team is growing which is vital for the future of our church. My hope and prayer is that our ministry team would continue to grow as Jesus leads us further out into our community and world as we seek to serve and live for Him.

As I said at the beginning, we live in a strange and uncertain world at the moment. However as we fix our eyes on Jesus and seek to serve and live for Him, we can be certain that God will continue to guide and bless all that we do here at St Bede and may we look forward with excitement to what God will do through us next. For His glory. Amen.

**Rev'd Vincent Whitworth**  
**(Priest in Charge, St Bede, Bolton-Le-Moors)**  
**October 2020**

## **Treasurers Report – January to December 2019**

We ended the financial year with a surplus of £2,899

This added to our surplus of the previous year amounting to £4,683 will enable us to purchase a new projector and screen in early 2020 once agreement has been received from the Diocese of Manchester

We managed to pay our full Parish Share of £22,500 (the first time we have achieved this for quite a number of years)

Our income streams help up well throughout the year even though Parishoner numbers took a dip at times

The Gift Aid Lite Scheme , administered by Steve Manchester, again brought us in extra funding from HMRC. Many thanks to him and to you our tax payers and supporters

The Christmas Fayre was again very successful as were the various events help throughout the year, organised by our hard working Events Committee. Many thanks to them for their ideas and all their hard work throughout the year

We now have a new Vicar which we share with St Andrews at Over Hulton and are now responsible with them for covering regular administration costs

Malcolm Bristow left to go on a sabbatical and contributions are shown in the Accounts for presents and a meal/Thank You event – this includes both income and expenditure items

Gas and Electricity costs continue to increase but we are on relatively low priced contracts so we should be able to keep costs under control

The Diocese have now taken full control of the Vicarage and its associated costs including water which they have now taken responsibility for

Thanks to all of you for helping us keep costs down and for giving so generously of your time, talents and of course - money

**Elaine and David Almond**  
**PCC Treasurers**

## **BOLTON ST BEDE 2019 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

	<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>	
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	
<b>BALANCES B/FWD 1.1.19</b>				
Petty Cash A/C	19		19	
St Bede PCC Current A/C 02869759 A	21,194		16,512	
St Bede PCC Current A/C 02869759 B	-		-	
St Bede PCC Current A/C 02869759 C	-		-	
Business 30 Day Notice A/C 06003802	1,812		1,811	
Business 30 Day Notice A/C 06091388	439	<u>          </u>	439	<u>          </u>
Memorial A/C 020414802850	565	<b><u>24,029</u></b>	565	<b><u>19,346</u></b>
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Gift Aid / Regular Giving - Tax Efficient	17,433		17,171	
Gift Aid / Regular Giving - Non Tax Efficient	1,135		320	
Cash Collection	7,393		7,910	
Parish Share-Inland Revenue	4,974	<b>30,935</b>	5,221	<b>30,622</b>
<b>Other Voluntary Income</b>				
Building Fund Donations	401		1,180	
Other Donations	288	<b>689</b>	1,357	<b>2,537</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Funds</b>				
Hall Lettings	310		400	
Publications/Advertising	-		-	
Fund Raising	4,250		3,463	
Christmas Fair	1,503		1,612	
Coffee Money	299	<b>6,362</b>	321	<b>5,796</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>				
PCC Fees	1,479		1,870	

MDBF Assigned Fees	1,890		1,737	<b>3,607</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Interest	1	<b>1</b>	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Sundry Income</b>				
Lostock 1/2 Share	-		-	
Other Income	1,386	<b>1,386</b>	456	<b>456</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>42,742</u></b>		<b><u>43,019</u></b>

## **PAYMENTS**

### **Charitable Activities**

Diocesan Quota	17,526		18,079	
Parish Share Inland Revenue	4,974	<b>22,500</b>	5,221	<b>23,300</b>
MDBF Assigned Fees	1,890		1,737	
Incumbent Expenses (including Vicarage)	1,530		-	
Curate/Reader Expenses	-		-	
Insurance	3,041		2,954	
Water	245		296	
Gas	2,584		2,323	
Electricity	819		688	
Oil	-		-	
Expenses for Fund Raising	73		59	
Photocopier	108		48	
Printing and Stationery and Postage	-		-	
Deanery Administration	20		20	
Church Maintenance	1,689		3,155	

Buildings Maintenance	-	-		
Upkeep of Services	638		705	
Churchyard Maintenance	-		-	
Wages Cleaner	960		940	
Wages Verger	-		-	
Wages Organist	800	<b>14,397</b>	775	<b>13,700</b>
<b>Sundries</b>				
Other	2,946	<b>2,946</b>	1,336	<b>1,336</b>
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>39,843</b>		<b>38,336</b>
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<b>BALANCES C/FWD 31.12.19</b>				
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Memorial A/C 020414802850	565	<b>26,928</b>	565	<b>24,029</b>
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		<b>26,928</b>		<b>24,029</b>
Surplus / (Deficit) In Period		<b>2,899</b>		<b>4,683</b>
Opening Current Account Balance		21,194		16,512
Surplus / (Deficit) In Period		2,899		4,683
		-		-
Movement From Other Accounts		1		1
Present Current Account Balance		24,092		21,194

## Report from Independent Examiner – accounts 2019

### Bolton-le-Moor St Bede PCC, Morris Green, Bolton

I have audited the accounts of Bolton-le-Moors St Bede Church of Morris Green, Bolton and from the working papers and supporting documents provided for the financial year 2019, I have concluded that they provide a true and fair view of the affairs of that organisation.

During my audit I checked all the documents and workings and asked the relevant questions of the officers involved. I received both timely and satisfactory answers to all questions asked.

I checked the income and expenditure transactions, checking with all the relevant backing documentation provided. I reconciled these back to the bank account statements, cheque listings, reconciliations and the balance sheet.

All documents and accounts are correctly filed and organised which helped me complete the audit in a straight forward and timely manner.

The PCC operates its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. Detailed records are kept for both income and expenditure, and a cash book used for weekly income collections, which ties in with the banking slips.

Monthly bank reconciliations are completed once the bank statements are received. Invoices are kept which can be tied back to the bank statements provided.

Banking of the cash, into Lloyds Bank, and cheques are counted and checked by the Church Wardens.

The key financial controls for this type of organisation appear more than adequate, organised and recorded correctly. Everything seems to be in good order.

Helen Weir MAAT – 08.03.2020

**ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT FOR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**The electoral roll has been revised in line with the Church Representation Rules stating that the roll be updated in time for the APCM.**

**2 new applications and 1 deletion have been approved**

**The number on the new electoral roll is 66 in total.**

**The Diocesan Secretary will be notified of this fact after this meeting.**

**Elaine Almond**

**Parish Administrator / Electoral Roll Officer**

## **St Bede's Parish Church Bolton Le Moors - Secretary's Report – APCM Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

St Bede's PCC held meetings in May, July, September and November 2019 and in January and March of this year. Due to COVID19 and the cancellation of the March APCM the PCC continued to meet via zoom in June and September 2020.

2019 began with the very welcome licensing on 25<sup>th</sup> February of Rev Vinny Whitworth as Priest In Charge here at St Bede's which also meant the PCC had a new Chairperson to lead us.

In May we held our Stewardship Campaign and Gift Day which gave a much needed boost to our funds.

At the first meeting of the new PCC in May Elaine Almond took over the secretarial role from Jean Philips who had done a great job as secretary for a number of years. Dave and Elaine Almond were voted in again as Treasurers and Gill Blackburn was voted in as vice chair. Also agreed at the meeting was that St Bede's take part in Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Week.

At the meeting in July discussion was had about the Parish Share and Agreement meeting that was to take place the following day. PCC agreed that a sum of £22,500 be proposed as our offer to the diocese as affordable parish share for 2019. Also at this meeting Carol Hardman agreed to continue as St Bede's representative on the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee

The Parish Share and Agreement meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July with the Diocese to discuss our Parish Share as we have been unable for a number of years to fulfil our total obligation. Vinny along with the church wardens and the treasurer attended the meeting on behalf of the PCC. A 3 year agreement was reached and the proposed £22,500 was accepted by the diocese, which gave us a reduction on the amount to be paid in 2019 and I can report that this was paid in full.

At the September meeting we had a presentation from Paul Bailey the Digital Giving Officer from the diocese who talked about different methods of giving including using a sum up device which would allow card payments to be made for donations or for fund raising. Paul left lots of literature for PCC members to read. Other items agreed at this meeting were that St Bede's should continue to be a fairtrade church, that St Bede's be involved with the Urban Outreach project 'Christmas Dinner on Jesus' and that a faculty be submitted to support the installation of a projector and screen. PCC were also updated on the consultation process for the proposed deanery changes. Correspondence was received from our charity partner Unique to thank the church for their donations and a letter from St Bede's Ladies group enclosing a very welcome donation to church funds.

At the November meeting it was agreed to purchase a tree to plant in the church grounds as a memorial to Kyle Buckley, this was subsequently planted earlier this year. It was reported that an on-going issue we have had with the water bills, due to the church and vicarage sharing a water meter, had been resolved with the diocese now taking on responsibility for payment of the bills, with St Bede's paying their share of the bill to the diocese. There was discussion about the recently held away day and it was agreed that a vision group be established which would be open to all members of the congregation. Following the presentation from Paul Bailey at the previous meeting it was agreed that we would trial a sum-up device.

As you can see the PCC had a busy 2019 making key decisions about the running and maintenance of St Bede's in order to keep the church open and flourishing as an integral part of the Morris Green community and supporting the wider community. A big thank you to all PCC members for their continued hard work and support.

**Elaine Almond PCC Secretary**

## **Fabric Report 2019**

In the year 2019 essential repairs were completed when needed. Generally, I believe the Church building is in good order.

It was decided not to proceed at this time with the improvement to the toilets and to look more into whether other improvements around the entrance of Church and the Community room area could be possible, rather than just sorting the toilets on their own. Watch this space, but of course Covid 19 came in 2020 and no other work towards this has been done. I am sure when our Vision Group are able get together again more thought will go into this.

You will no doubt remember that we were moving on with the installation of the projector. It had been thought this could be done in 2019 but due to difficulties with the Faculty this was not completed until 2020.

There are a number of works that need to be carried out under the Quinquennial Report and the Wardens and Vicar hope to look into these soon, funds permitting.

We are indebted as ever to Martin for maintaining our lovely gardens throughout the year. Also for keeping on top of health and safety and so again carrying out jobs without hesitation and so quickly they are done before we know there is a problem. Grateful thanks Martin.

Also a big thanks to Dean who again completes many repairs and jobs as soon as he can without hesitation. Grateful thanks Dean.

Jean and I are thankful for Colin often stepping in to allow workmen into Church when we are at work.

Thanks to many in Church who support us in our Role as Wardens. Thanks to Sharron who will step up when one of us is unable to be at Church and especially many thanks to the Sidesmen and Sideswomen each Sunday greeting the congregation and helping with the count after the service.

### **Church Wardens**

**Gillian Blackburn**

**Jean Phillips**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF ST BEDE'S LUNCHEON CLUB**

The Luncheon Club continues to thrive with an average of 25/27 members regularly attending each month. There was a significant drop in numbers at the end of 2019 but new members have joined and the numbers are steadily rising. The meals continue to be very good value for money with a hot main course with home cooked flavour and variety of different vegetables and well-made desserts, a soft drink and tea or coffee. The current price charged to members is £6.20 which leaves us a small profit margin which goes towards beverages, birthday cards and cakes, a small gift for each member and wine and crackers at Christmas.

There has been an issue with the lateness of delivery of the meals by the current caterer being half an hour late some months. I have looked at other caterers but cannot find any other caterer who is willing to provide a good quality, healthy 2 course meal for the price we are paying. Members have agreed to move the time back to 1.00pm for delivery of meal with diners arriving at 12.30pm. We hope this will resolve the issue as we do not want to lose this caterer without being able to have an equally good replacement.

The luncheon club can no longer afford to pay £30 per month towards Church expenses, so the PCC have kindly agreed to forgo the charge as the luncheon club is considered as part of the outreach work of the Church and part of its mission. We are very grateful for this but will continue to make a donation to Church funds whenever we are in a financial position to do so.

Once again, the Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all members and it was a joy to be served by the enthusiastic youngsters from the St Bede's primary school and to listen to the school choir's beautiful singing of Christmas songs and Carols. We are most grateful to the school pupils and staff for supporting us in this way each year.

Without all the volunteers who tirelessly help, in particular David and Elaine Almond who do all the washing up and Norman Howard who acts as our Treasurer keeping meticulous accounts, there would be no luncheon club. I would like to record our grateful thanks to all our volunteers.

We are always happy to accept help from anyone who would like to join as a volunteer and we are still happily accepting new members who will be made most welcome.

**Sharron Howard.**  
**Luncheon club organiser**

ST. BEDE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2020

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 2pm until 3.30pm.

We have an average of 9 - 10 members who attended regularly.

The first meeting in April 2019 the Group went for lunch to Rivington Barn Horwich, and were entertained along with groups of other people by "The Houghton Weavers".

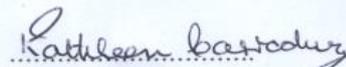
We all had a very enjoyable time. With us being such a small group. We cannot afford to pay for speakers, so we usually play Housey Housey, dominos or have a quiz. This year instead of mince pies and Christmas Carols we went to the Tavern on the Hill for a Christmas Lunch, we all enjoyed the meal and the good company.

We donate towards the flowers for Mothering Sunday, Easter, and Christmas, as well as money towards the heating for the church at the Christmas Fayre. We also donate £100 per year for the use of the Community room each month.

Although we are a small group, we share fellowship and entertainment and chat, along with home made cakes and a cuppa. Where else can you get all that along with a raffle prize included for £3?

Anyone wanting to join us are most welcome.

Kathleen Carrodus,



Treasurer.

## **ST BEDE'S CHURCH – MORRIS GREEN, BOLTON LE MOORS**

### **PARISH POLICY ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.

It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional, neglectful, financial and spiritual abuse or exploitation of children and young people and to report any such abuse discovered or suspected.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

The church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese of Manchester in the handbook 'Safeguarding Children 2017' .

Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice Guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people in our Church's life, the PCC has appointed Mrs Judith Kelleway to be the Lead Recruiter and Carol Hardman as our Safeguarding Co-ordinator

The PCC also affirm the place of children and young people in our church's life by agreeing that 'Children and young people are part of (or belong to) our church today. They have much to give as well as receive. We will listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feeling of children and young people'.

## **Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church of St Bede, Morris Green, Bolton-le-moors**

This Policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

- ` We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- ` As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- ` We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- ` We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- ` The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- ` It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to respect any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- ` We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- ` The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- ` The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- ` Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by those recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Carol Hardman to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent: Rev'd Vinny Whitworth

Churchwarden: Gill Blackburn

Churchwarden: Jean Phillips

October 2020

## **Children's Ministry Report for APCM 18/10/20**

The Children's Groups at St Bede's Church are Shining Pebbles (for children aged between 3 and 7 years - nursery to year 3) and Church Rocks! (for children aged 8 years upwards - from Year 4). Prior to Covid-19 lockdown, groups were held twice a month, during the Holy Communion (red book) services. This year, the time in group has been shortened slightly to allow for refreshments to be served after the church service. The children enter the group at 10.00 am and are returned to the main church service at 11.00 am whereby they integrate with the congregation and discuss the work they have done in group. The children are then reunited with parents/carers, in order to adhere to safeguarding policies. Safeguarding is taken very seriously at St Bede's and all adult leaders have up-to-date DBS checks.

Due to restrictions on space and in order to comply with safeguarding, both groups join together in the community room. The groups are lead by Rachael Storey, Carol Hardman, Sharon Singleton and Jill Brooks. One of the long-standing leaders, Sue Corkin, retired from the children's work earlier this year. In order to comply with safeguarding regulations, we ensure that there are at least 2 leaders present for each session.

Every session starts with a welcome and a register of attendance is kept, followed by a song (often involving actions and dance). Activities undertaken by the children include games and creative craft activities. Each session includes bible scripture (often based on the Gospel reading) followed by teaching and discussion, which often leads to enquiring questions from the children. Every session includes prayer and reflection as we feel that this is an essential part of Children's ministry and offers the children a chance to bring situations and people in their own lives before God, sometimes in a creative way.

The children from both groups successfully delivered the Celebration for Christmas Service in December. They are also regularly involved in church worship, particularly the All-Age Worship services where they have the opportunity to perform songs and actions they have learned during the group sessions.

During the Covid-19 lockdown and closure of worship services, the Children's group continued to meet together on Zoom meetings, which gave the children a chance for fellowship with their peers, as well as the sessions being engaging and interactive, whilst maintaining biblical references and teaching, together with opportunities for prayer. Safeguarding regulations were adhered to during these sessions.

The aim of St Bede's Children's Ministry is to provide an effective ministry to children in an environment which is safe and where they are encouraged to develop a relationship with Jesus and to receive him into their lives and accept him as saviour, in order that they continue this relationship into adulthood.

**Carol Hardman**  
**ALM in Worship**

## **Fund Raising Report 2019**

We had a very successful year with events bringing in much needed funds for our Church.

Our first event was an Afternoon Tea in February.

March was a fun event that the children enjoyed –Spring Bunny Night.

April brought the Easter Egg Bingo for which we were grateful for all the donated eggs. The quantity helped make the evening good fun and made good money.

In May we held our Family Quiz at the Ellesmere Club where there was more room and was a popular choice.

June brought two Afternoon Tea's, the first one in the format we always have, but the other was 'dressed up' a bit and we included fruit and ice cream for an advertised 'Strawberry Tea' which was as popular as always.

Our Summer Fayre and Fun Day was a big event with stalls, entertainment and of course, plenty of different food. All the hard work was well worth it in August.

Our September fund-raiser was a 'Brunch' with bacon, barmes, toast, crumpets and Danish pastries all enjoyed by those who came.

Once October came round thoughts were with the Harvest for which we had a quiz (with trophy for the winner). This was again at the Ellesmere Club where there is more space. Also in October there was a Christmas Body Shop Evening with cheese and wine supper that the ladies 'spent up' at.

November saw the hard work to produce our biggest Fund Raiser – the annual Christmas Fayre of course and this year making £1,503.

December was busy when Kirsty organised a very successful Fashion Show at the Over Hulton Conservative Club. This was a joint event between St Bede's and the Unique Charity. It made £1,104 with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the charity.

Other fund raisers that weren't individual events:

Lenten Film Box Fill that donates half proceeds to our charity of the year.

The St Swithin's Appeal that did well as it rained quite a bit in the 40 days of St Swithin and raised £310.

Donations in lieu of Christmas Cards - a greetings instead on the Newsletter was successfully done again by Carol.

The Group would like to thank all those who worked hard to raise the £5,313 which helps keep our Church door open. Also many thanks to all who supported events – and to Tony for the advertising posters.

**Freda Turner**

**On behalf of the Social and Fundraising Committee**

## **APCM UPDATE 2019/2020**

### **SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

Our social media platforms are an extension of our church services and allow us to bring meaningful and valuable content to the 278 people that currently 'like' and follow our page.

Via Facebook we share a mixture of church service details, prayers of the day, fundraising and event details, weekly newsletters as well as informative information to benefit the local community.

Top posts of 2019:

- Have a blessed Easter - reached 3,444, 83 post clicks, 580 reacted to the post.
- Join us for today's Christmas Fayre - reached 403, 19 post clicks, 14 reacted to the post.
- Reverend bows out after 32 years - reached 330, 87 post clicks, 181 reacted to the post.

Top posts of 2020 (so far):

- CS Lewis 1942 post - reached an astonishing 17,921, 1,567 people reacted to the post with 737 post clicks.
- Kyle Buckley's tree service post - reached 1,770, 160 people reacted to the post with 160 post clicks.
- Little girl gone missing on Ellesmere Rd - reached 1,483, 43 reacted to the post with 121 post clicks.

What is interesting to note is that our social presence is allowing us to reach people outside of the church congregation and our average post reaches are on the increase. Not only are people in the local community engaging with our posts regarding church but we have become a trusted source of local information.

Other stats:

- The CofE Prayer of the Day is posted daily with around 40 people engaging with this every day.
- 22 people are currently on our mailing list to receive the Newsletter and this is issued weekly.
- We have engaged with Church House in regards to using Social Media more effectively

### **BRANDING UPDATE**

Since the launch of our own brand, the St Bede logo is now recognisable across the community. The logo is used on our weekly newsletter, at the top of agendas and rotas, used at St Bede Primary Academy and we even have our own branded letterhead for official use. The logo is also used on the Projector at the start of all our services within Church.

### **EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE**

To date we have raised £70.34 with 15 supporters.

We have been paid for the 1st quarter (around £20) and will be paid on a quarterly basis.

This method of donation is the only avenue at the moment to reach the outside world so there will be more and more campaigns between now and Christmas to utilise the Christmas online shopping spree. Please direct people you know to the Facebook page and the easyfundraising website

### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

There is still a lot of work to do with the website and we are in constant touch with the Academy who administer this for us, to look at improvements and better ways to use the website.

We have had 7,782 views since the new website was launched with our highest number of visitors in 1 day being 50.

**Kirsty Critchley & Tony Whitehead**

## **Health & Safety Report**

Health and Safety Anti climbing paint has been applied to the drain pipes and waste pipe up the the vestry roof again this year Vandalism seems to be a thing of the year attacks on the cellar door down the steps and the noticeboard being demolished. The gas meter door has been vandalised, stolen, replaced and vandalised again. During the period of the lockdown I was able to keep the lawn maintained as part of daily exercise. On a lighter note we managed to plant a tree for Kyle Buckley and attach a memorial plaque permanently.

**Martin Horrocks**

**Health & safety Officer**