



Aim and purposes

All Saints' Church Higher Walton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Hannah Boyd, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of All Saints' Higher Walton and the free standing modular unit in the grounds of the church.

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 community at All Saints'. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.
- when planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Church Commission's guidance on public benefit.
- we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:
 - worship and 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
- during the vacancy the running of the Church fell on the PCC and our Churchwardens Janet Blackledge and Geoff Woods

Induction and Institution

On Sunday 1st September our new vicar the Rev'd Hannah Boyd was instituted and inducted in a service that started at All Saints, Higher Walton for the institution before moving to Holy Trinity, Hoghton for the induction part of the service. Both Bishop Julian and Archdeacon Mark Ireland led parts of the service as well as rev'd Marc Woolverson the area dean. It was a wonderful occasion, a joy to see both churches full of church members, Hannah's family and friends and many colleagues and friends from the deanery and wider afield.

Worship and Prayer

- The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.
- during the Vacancy we reverted to a single service at 10.00am modified to reflect All Age and Traditional styles.

- the 10.00am service included Holy Communion on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays and on the 1st and 4th Sunday there was a shortened service of Holy Communion at 8.00am
- where there is a 5th Sunday then there was a single 10.00am service with Holy Communion
- we are grateful to all members of our Ministry Team who led services and preached during the vacancy, and all visiting preachers who have enriched our worship.
- since the arrival of our new vicar in September 2019, and in the light of Rev'd Hannah also being vicar at Holy Trinity, Hoghton some changes have had to be made to the way our services are structured and organised. We are very grateful for everyone's support during this time of transition and adjustment.
- we are now settled into a pattern of worship, where BCP Holy Communion is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 8am. The first Sunday at 9.15am is our family service while our second Sunday is Holy Communion with a more traditional feel to it. We are very grateful for Stephen Boyd playing the organ for us at this service.
- on the third Sunday of the month we have Holy Communion where our children and young people join us and on the fourth Sunday we have a Service of the Word led by various members of the ministry team to enable Rev'd Hannah to give her support to the newly established Family Service at Holy Trinity, Hoghton
- we have also enjoyed two united Holy Communion services with our sister parish Holy Trinity, Hoghton and it is good to see relationships beginning to develop and flourish between the two parishes, while we still maintain our unique identity.
- we currently have three evening house groups meeting during the week for fellowship, Bible study and prayer.

CHURCH OFFICIALS

MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar: Rev'd Hannah Boyd
 Retired Priest with PTO: Rev'd David Woodhouse

PARAOCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (2019-2020)

Church wardens: Mrs Janet Blackledge
 Mr Geoff Woods

Deanery Synod representatives:

Mrs Janet Blackledge
 Mrs Margaret Arton

PCC Members: (end of 3-year term in brackets)

Mrs Irene Ingham (2020)
 Mr David van Boyd (2020)
 Mr Keith Houston (2020)
 Mrs Sandra Houghton (2021)
 Mr Stewart Kennedy (2021)
 Mr Gareth Maddock (2021)

Dr Brad Eccles (2022)
Mrs June Hart (2022)
Mr Stephen Houghton (2022)

PCC Officials:

Chairperson Rev'd Hannah Boyd
Lay Vice chairperson Mr Stewart Kennedy
Secretary Mr Gareth Maddock
Treasurer Mr Stephen Houghton
Electoral Roll Officer Mrs Barbara Niven
Safeguarding Officers Mrs Marilyn Gibson & Mrs June Westby

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

At the time of the APCM (5th April 2020) the electoral roll is made up of 74 names

Church attendance 2019

Average adult attendance 55
Average child attendance 14

Occasional offices 2019

Baptisms	5
Confirmations	9
Mariages	4
Funerals held in church	6
Burials (funeral elsewhere)	1
Interment of Ashes (funeral elsewhere)	6

Clergy Report

It has been a wonderful first six months in post, thank you so much to everyone for your warmth and welcome, for your support, your enthusiasm and your willingness to work with me and to look ahead to the future. Thank you so much to all those volunteers who gave so willingly of their time and effort to help us transform the vicarage into our family home. It was really appreciated and made a great difference to our start here and indeed to ongoing ministry ever since, we love to welcome all of you to the vicarage for whatever reason so please come and see us. I want to publicly thank all those who worked so hard during the vacancy to ensure that everything continued running smoothly and for all those who have helped make this a really positive start.

There is much to be thankful for, we have an incredible congregation with many gifted people, people are using their gifts, money and time and are serving in a whole variety of ways. There are many who are committed to deepening their discipleship and embracing all that faith has to offer. We have a faithful small group of people who carry out regular visiting on behalf of the church, an enthusiastic and prayerful worship group who lead us so well in our sung worship alongside a whole variety of people who are involved in contributing to our worship in many ways. There has been a real increase in our worshipping numbers on Sunday mornings, work at Higher Walton school has got off to a brilliant start and the relationship is being strengthened there. It has been great to begin to work on things with Holy Trinity, Hoghton and the live nativity and Posada are two examples of ways that relationship has worked well so far.

There are of course challenges facing us and these are issues we need to be prayerful about; how best to support and nurture the faith of our teenagers, developing an outward focus so we are more concerned for the people who live in Higher Walton and surrounding areas and are seeking to reach out to them with the good news of the gospel in relevant and engaging ways.

The limitations of our building and its lack of facilities is something that will require much prayer, vision, financial commitment and time in the coming years. Our finances also remain an issue of concern, in order to grow the church and seek to be able to do more we need to grow the resources and team available to us and all of this will require an increase in our regular weekly and monthly giving. But we believe and trust in a faithful God 'who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,' (Ephesians 3:20 so we look forward to the future with hope and expectation.

Rev'd Hannah

- the Lent course was the Diocesan course 'Generosity, Gift and Grace' and sessions were held at All Saints' Church hosted by representatives from both our churches
- a Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving was held on 3 November to give thanks and remember loved ones
- one of Hannah's new initiatives was to welcome 'Las Posadas' to the parishes. 'Mary and Joseph' and assorted animals (knitted variety) spent an evening at different houses in both parishes and each host/hostess wrote a short comment about their stay in the home
- another new outreach event, a Live Nativity' saw 20 school children walk round the All Saints' neighbourhood, starting at Higher Walton School and then visiting various stages of the Christmas story at designated gazebo areas to learn about the true story of Christmas and finishing up at Church for crafting and refreshments

Vision 2026

- Rev'd Hannah upon her arrival set our vision as being based on Acts 2:42: 'they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'
- All of this will help us to fulfil the Vision 2026 goal of being a healthy church transforming our community. In the diocese as a whole the diocesan vision focused on discipleship during 2019.

Deanery Synod (from M Arton)

- the members of the PCC now on the Leyland Deanery Synod are Janet Blackledge and Margaret Arton . At least one of them attended every meeting
- there have been 2 meetings in the past year providing information and discussion about wider church issues in both the Blackburn diocese and the Church of England.

The Church and its buildings

- the Reordering Committee meets on a regular basis to plan and co-ordinate major works and refurbishments and ongoing repairs to the fabric of the church.
- there has been no major work to the church this year, but both ends of the Greenhouse have been reclad and repainted and necessary roof repairs undertaken
- the work with the damaged gravestones is ongoing
- the Greenhouse continues to be very well used.
- the Hoghton Players have continued to use the Greenhouse for their rehearsals and again made generous donations in appreciation of this facility
- the roof repairs and more recently the poor drainage system remain our priorities

Youth & Children

- we are a Child Friendly Status Church - Stephen Niven is the appointed Children's and Youth work coordinator
- Sunday Club and Future Youth - this is now looked after by Angela Hiles
- Saturday Club - continues with Dawn Hindley, June Westby and Joyce Butterworth at the helm
- Future Youth met on Sundays but on an irregular basis due to lack of leaders
- Steps to Heaven Dance Group - continues to be well supported, with Rachael Hiles leading
- Ignite - Stewart and Denise Kennedy have again been the mainstays of this event. The attendees continued to enjoy all the activities and tuck shop available and they were the first group to try the sausages and burgers on our new barbeque. Unfortunately due to a lack of leaders and a drop in attendance the decision was taken to suspend Ignite in December.
- Summer Holiday Club - the seventh Summer Holiday Club was held on 12-14 August again at Higher Walton Primary School. The Away Day was at soggy Brockholes Nature Reserve
- the theme being "God's Green Gang" where we looked at caring for God's world
- attendance was over 30 children each day.
- Dianne Williams again provided an entertaining art session, Sarah Owens a stimulating drama workshop
- the children really enjoyed a visit from the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary with the accompanying hedgehog proving the star attraction

- as before a generous donation allowed us to give each child a book as a reminder of their time at Holiday Club
- lots of good activities with fun, friendship, team work and learning more about our wonderful God.
- thanks yet again for the support of the PCC, generous donations, Higher Walton Primary School and of course the wonderful team that makes this event possible each year.

Pastoral Care

- Marilyn Woods and Irene Ingham continue to celebrate communion with those people who cannot attend Church, either at their homes or in the care homes.
- Marilyn Woods has instigated Ministry for Visiting, a team of volunteers to visit all who are sick or unable to get out for any other reason to keep them in touch with Church life.
- thanks to all for co-ordinating distribution of the Harvest Bounty and all those who helped with the deliveries.
- through this year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal, our gifts will help Friends of Mulanje Orphans (FOMO) bring hope to vulnerable children in Malawi, and help Christian Aid empower women in Honduras to take the lead in tackling climate change.

Social and Fundraising

- the Summer Garden Party was held on 6 July in the Church Car Park and was officially opened by Sandra Whittle
- Katie Hiles was crowned as our Rose Queen. Her Rosebuds were Libby Nemes, Nicole Peters, Erin Kurtz and Alfred Wright
- musical entertainment was provided by Tony James
- again the event was sponsored by Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors
- this event raised £1776
- our second Christmas Market was held at the end of November which attracted a variety of local businesses selling their own goods
- refreshments were provided by the church team and were well received
- the decorated church impressed a lot of visitors many of whom were new to our church
- a very successful event which raised £1640.59
- another two entertaining Quiz Nights held at Net's Bar, including hotpot supper, were well supported and raised £570 for church funds
- Shrove Tuesday saw our new Pancake Event. A good turnout and the pancakes went down very well
- we joined the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event on 27 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Well attended and supported, it raised a spectacular £520
- our Harvest celebration was the Ceilidh held on 5 October at St Aidan's Church Hall Bamber Bridge. Enjoyed by all with an excellent range of food from the Jacob's Join. Music provided by Folks Ceilidh Band. £184 raised for church funds. Dance instruction led by Stephen & Barbara Niven

- from April on the first Saturday of the month our Gardening Club was continued. A small band of volunteers kept the grounds in good condition right through to October. Bacon and sausage butties were the lunch time reward. We are grateful but need more help in 2020
- our Men's Night Out in December was a meal at The Oak in Hoghton. A good attendance with representation from both churches

Mission and Outreach

- 7th April saw the Rt Rev Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn officiate in the confirmation of Joanne Delaney, Stephen Dickinson, Wendy Eccles, Jessica Delaney, Katie Dickinson, Emily Eccles, Joseph Eccles and Emily Maddock. Lily Illingworth-Turner was confirmed on 28 April at St Peter's Salesbury
- the Coffee Mornings have continued on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly
- they have a core of regulars attending plus a team of helpers providing tea and coffee plus the ever popular toast
- the small church library is growing in popularity
- Ascension Day saw a joint celebration of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Hoghton
- the Reverend David Woodhouse organised the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event
- a variety of prayer stations were displayed
- different individuals led a short time of prayer each day
- enjoyed by many visitors including Higher Walton Primary School
- Carol Singing , we again braved the elements to spread the Good News of Christmas around the community:
 - Sunday 15 December at Arrowsmith Lodge
 - Monday 16 December around Gregson Lane
 - Tuesday 17 December around Hoghton (supporting our friends from Holy Trinity Hoghton)
 - Wednesday 18 December around Higher Walton
 - Thursday 19 December joining 'Lancashire Sings Christmas' broadcast via Radio Lancashire and held at The Oak pub in Hoghton
 - A total of £426.85 raised was divided equally between Tearfund and the Children's Society.
- thanks to all those who took part and to those (Irene and Alison) who provided a warming and much needed supper each night.
- for the seventh year we joined with Crossgate Church in their Christmas in a Box initiative providing food and festive goodies to an approximate value of £50 per hamper for those in need within the community
- a magnificent 25 hampers were overflowing with food and gifts by our contributing families / groups
- there were 3 boxes within the postcode area of the parish

- these were gratefully received by Crossgate Church and we were able to help with their distribution to the needy families
- thank you so much for all involved as your generosity really makes a difference
- our Food Bank has continued to support the Salvation Army in Preston
- deliveries are made monthly and we received a letter of thanks for our contributions to this much needed project
- the gifts donated at our Toy Service were also delivered to the Salvation Army
- our informative and interesting newsletter continues to be produced by David Quick to whom we are grateful
- the newsletter is available online and a paper version is produced for distribution in both churches
- our website and Facebook page are both active
- Mothering Sunday repeated the distribution of individual primulas
- thanks to Cornalls for providing these
- Maundy Thursday Supper was held at Holy Trinity Hoghton
- the Archdeacon's Visitation was held on 2 May at St Pauls Adlington when our churchwardens, Geoff Woods and Janet Blackledge were installed

School Relationship

- we continue to enjoy a strong relationship with Higher Walton Church of England Primary School.
- the school have been to All Saints' Church for their Education Sunday on 16 June, the School Leavers' service, their entertaining Christmas Service, and Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.
- the Revd David Woodhouse and Stephen Niven have led assemblies during the vacancy
- our Foundation Governors are now Geoff Woods who was appointed Chair of Governors from September (term of office to 31 March 2022) and Revd Hannah Boyd from 1 September 2019. Brenda Newton completed her term of office to 31 August 2019. Additionally, Denise Sanderson, who had been the School Adviser to our school, continued as our third Foundation Governor (term of office to 31 August 2022).
- Stephen Houghton continues as the LEA Governor and remains as Chair of the Resources Committee
- Terry Whitehead became a co-opted governor in September
- Rev'd Hannah now leads weekly assemblies and also runs a weekly lunchtime club for the spiritual leaders, training them up to lead acts of worship
- we continue to develop our relationship with Coupe Green school, who also featured at our Education Sunday service.
- Open the Book - a resource from the Bible Society for use in Primary Schools.
- all 3 local Primary schools have been contacted and have enjoyed the presentations

- David Quick has registered as Team Leader.
- several members of the congregation have volunteered and have been actively involved but there is still room for more.

Cluster Relationship

- our cluster includes Holy Trinity Hoghton and Brindle St. James.
- we again joined with St.James and Holy Trinity for the annual Good Friday Walk.
- the Advent Cluster service was held at St James Brindle

Financial Review

- as in 2018 several PCC members attended the Diocese to discuss our Parish Share commitment. A reduced negotiated figure of £38090 was agreed and we are delighted to confirm this commitment was met in full
- total income was £66252 of which only £1537 was restricted
- total expenditure £65716 of which only £2968 restricted (most of the restricted spend was final payments for the central heating)
- this left year end cash and bank account £5800, plus restricted £52451 also in bank account
- there was no Gift Day this year - this will be rescheduled for early 2020
- the PCC aim for an unrestricted reserves policy of a minimum of £2500
- we are a Registered Charity no.1153190 and each PCC member has been individually registered as a trustee. Our Final Accounts to 31 December 2018 have been registered with the Charity Commission within the statutory timescale.

The Church Team

- we would like to thank all those who work so hard to make our Church what it is. In particular we must mention our Churchwardens Geoff Woods and Janet Blackledge who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf, particularly with the extra work involving the Vacancy
- thanks again to Lilian Orrell for the counting and banking of the cash
- again thanks to Denise Kennedy for undertaking her role as Gift Aid coordinator so professionally
- Janet Blackledge continues to do a wonderful job putting together the visuals etc for the services, and thanks to her team of operators for their support
- thanks to the teams of communion assistants and sides persons in fulfilling their roles
- and finally, Fr. Eddie Carr, well known to us at All Saints, has been appointed as Associate Priest at St Alban the Martyr, Holborn, London. Eddie has been Curate at St Paul's Adlington since January 2017. We had the pleasure of receiving him as a visiting celebrant and preacher on 21st July; one week after his gruelling 146 mile triathlon which earned him the title of 'Iron Priest'

Monday Group *(from Janet Bradley)*

- The Monday Group continues to meet monthly in Higher Walton Community Centre with average attendance of 20 ladies. During 2019 we had nine talks and met in January and July at Pinocchios for a meal.

The group has been led by Mrs June Hart who, due to her ill health, resigned in December 2019. June was presented with flowers as an appreciation and thanks for the effort she has put into the group and fellowship. Mrs Jean Houston will now take over leadership and she will be supported by Mrs Margaret Arton.

The annual subscription of £10 remains with £2 paid at each meeting. This covers the rental of the Community Centre and the cost of the speakers, which varied during the year from £40 to £70. The funds were in credit by £215.98, as at the end of December 2019. Both Janet Bradley and Linda Lamb continue to be treasurers.

The cost of the speakers has been increasing so for the group to continue in its current format, more members are needed to provide the finances to cover the outgoings.

Puppet Group

- continue to meet and took an active part in our Christingle Service and other services

Handbells / Tower Bells

- we have a very enthusiastic and supportive team of handbell ringers who meet regularly in Church on Thursday evenings. New recruits welcome
- pleased to report that as well as visiting ringers, a team from All Saints' comprising Donna Jones, Angela Hiles, Ian Westby and Stephen Niven rang the Tower Bells at the induction of Reverend Hannah Boyd and at our Carol Service

Thanks to Donna Jones for all her help and encouragement and the bell ringers from Holy Trinity, Hoghton. Thanks also to Shirley Rayner-Porter and family for winding the church clock.

Over 80's Parties

- Summer party – held on Saturday 13 July. We had 21 guests on the day and took out 9 teas. Entertainment by a group of musicians from Beetham
- Christmas Party - held on Saturday 7 December . We had 20 guests on the day and took out 12 teas. Entertainment Duncan, Keith and Martin (Celtic Fringe)
- thank you to everyone who contributed to make the parties such an enjoyable occasion and to the Higher Walton Community Centre Committee for yet again providing free use of the Community Centre.

Fairtrade and Tearfund

- All Saints' Church is a designated "Fairtrade Church" During the year we have:
- used fair traded products wherever possible when providing refreshments for various events and after the Sunday services.
- supported the Fairtrade stall at the back of church on the first Sunday of each month and the Traidcraft gift catalogues at Easter and Christmas.
- Barbara Niven is the Tearfund representative for our Church
- any profits from the Fairtrade stall are given to support the work of Tearfund
- half of the Carol Singing money £252.71 was sent to support the work of Tearfund
- a donation of £324.70 was sent to Tearfund in aid of the Cyclone Idai Appeal. This included £100 authorised by the PCC

Our Band

- Joanne, Denise, Sandra, Margaret and Stephen Niven lead the singing with Evie Smith joining on occasion when not on the keyboard
- however there is still a lack of musicians - please come and join us if you have such talent
- with changing circumstances and services there has been a mix of songs and hymns, and whilst this takes time we are learning a lot
- Stephen Boyd has augmented the group's musical direction as well as his playing the keyboard and at times our church organ

The Children's Society

- All Saints' Church is part of the "Walton le Dale Fund Raising Committee" along with St. Aidans, St. Saviours and St. Leonards. Audrey Quinn is the Chairperson, Barbara Niven is the Secretary and Stephen Niven is the Treasurer.
- the committee will have raised a total of over £3000 for the work of The Children's Society during 2019 through various events and church services.
- Carol Singing by All Saints' and Holy Trinity Hoghton raised £505.41
- the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and Christingle Candles contributed £ 504.09
- a big thank you to all those who helped with the Carol Singing and Christingle events and supported the work of The Children's Society in any way.

Structure, governance and management

- the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At All Saints' the membership of the PCC consisted of our vicar (from September), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church.
- all those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
- PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members have the opportunity to receive initial training as to the workings of the PCC
- attendance by members at PCC meetings was 81%
- given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of groups each dealing with a particular aspect of the parish life.
- these groups, which include mission and outreach, social, finance and capital projects, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly for further discussion as necessary.

Administrative information

- All Saints' Church is situated on Blackburn Road, Higher Walton, Preston. It is part of the Leyland Deanery within the Diocese of Blackburn of the Church of England. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission.
- all PCC members have been individually registered as Trustees of the Charity
- PCC attendance during the year was 81%