



Aim and purposes

- All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent who, until taking early retirement in September, was the Reverend Simon John Hunt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- the PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church of All Saints' Higher Walton and the free-standing modular building located in the vicarage grounds.
- we thank Simon and Margaret for their work and ministry at All Saints' over the past 19 years and wish them well and with every blessing for the future.

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 falls on the PCC and our Churchwardens Janet Blackledge and Geoff Woods

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.
- **until Simon's departure**, the services covering the four (occasionally five) Sundays in each month were varied in style to reflect Contemporary All-Age Worship at 9.15am (involving music

from the band, dancing and at times puppetry, with the songs, prayers and responses shown via a computer onto the overhead screen), Modern (Series One Common Worship) and Traditional (Book of Common Prayer), both at 11.00am

- one service every Sunday is a celebration of Holy Communion. Twice a month, where neither 9.15am nor 11.00am services include Holy Communion, there is a traditional Holy Communion at 8.00am, one of these being on the first Sunday, where there is also a single "Good News at Ten" service at 10.00am which aims to strike a balance between contemporary and modern Common Worship.
- **since Simon's departure** we have reverted to a single service at 10.00am modified to reflect All Age and Traditional styles.
- the 10.00am service includes Holy Communion on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays and on the 1st and 4th Sunday there will be a shortened service of Holy Communion at 8.00am
- where there is a 5th Sunday then this will be a single 10.00am service with Holy Communion
- we are grateful to all members of our Ministry Team who have led services and preached during the year, particularly since Simon's departure, and all visiting preachers who have enriched our worship. The Ministry Team, including Reverend David Woodhouse, meet regularly and will continue to plan our worship and the spiritual life of the church and facilitate the aims of our Vision Statement, during the time of the Vacancy.
- we currently have two evening Fellowship Groups and two afternoon Groups meeting regularly to develop discipleship through Bible study or sharing DVD study courses. The Fellowship Groups enable us to grow in faith and enjoy true Christian fellowship.
- the Lent course was the Diocesan course 'Being Witnesses' and sessions were held in the various house group locations. This course was followed up by another 'Hearing God's Word' held at the Vicarage
- the Church Electoral Roll had 89 parishioners registered of whom 22 are non-resident
- next year we are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll
- Barbara Niven is the Electoral Roll Officer
- average attendance during the year was 54 adults
- as well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.
- we have celebrated 13 baptisms.
- we held 2 weddings.
- sadly we held 20 funerals in our Church

Deanery Synod

- 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
- speakers included Reverend Dave Banbury with an update on Vision 2026 and the DVD courses they have been producing, Reverend Simon Cox on churches working together, and The Right Reverend Jill Duff introduced herself as the new suffragan Bishop of Lancaster
- their attendance remains an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church

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 or Greenhouse this year
- 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

Youth & Children

- we are a Child Friendly Status Church
- Sunday Club and Future Youth - Karen Boyes relinquished her role during the year, and our thanks to her for all her hard work and commitment. This is now looked after by Angela Hiles
- Saturday Club - continues with Dawn Hindley, June Westby and Joyce Butterworth at the helm
- Steps to Heaven Dance Group - continues to be well supported, with Rachael Hiles leading following Faith Hiles' departure to University
- Youth Club Ignite - Continues to be well attended, albeit with numbers down on last year, providing a fun and safe place for our teenagers to meet on Friday nights.
- our youngsters enjoy numerous games and have had a Film Night, Summer and Christmas discos
- God's love is alive and in action through fellowship, support and not least our very own tailor-made 'God Slots'
- Summer Holiday Club - the sixth Summer Holiday Club was held on 20-22 August again at Higher Walton Primary School. The usual Away Day was cancelled due to the weather, so all three days were in school.
- the theme being "Being Part of a Team" based on Matthew Ch. 4 v 18-22 "Jesus choosing the first Apostles" and Nehemiah Ch.3 v 1-32 "Nehemiah using teamwork to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem "
- attendance was over 30 children each day.
- Dianne Williams again provided an entertaining art session, Sarah Owens a stimulating drama workshop and James Niven organised the energetic outdoor activities

- 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.
- a service of Celebration held on Sunday 2nd September which was again well attended.
- 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. The Bishops Harvest Appeal was for projects in Sierra Leone and Brazil

Social and Fundraising

- the Summer Garden Party was held on 30th June at Higher Walton Primary School, and was officially opened by Denise Kennedy
- Abigail Hindley was crowned Rose Queen. Her attending rosebuds were Stella and Maisie Lewis-Heron. The crown bearer was Rohan Niven
- musical entertainment was provided by Tony James
- again the event was sponsored by Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors
- our Christmas Fair which was held in church
- thanks to the local businesses for their donations
- Tony James again provided musical entertainment
- we held a new event on the preceding Saturday, a Christmas Market 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
- another entertaining Quiz Night at Net's Bar, including pie and peas supper, was well supported
- a new event was the Afternoon Tea 'With A Chance to Dance'
- once again Tony James entertained us and although only a few people ventured onto the dance floor, those attending enjoyed a pleasant tea and a good chat
- Shrove Tuesday saw our new Pancake Event. A good turnout and the pancakes went down very well
- we supported the Good Friday Walk around Brindle, as well as the Children's Society Walk later in the year

- from April on the first Saturday of the month our Gardening Club was launched. 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 2019

Mission and Outreach

- 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 (from their new four slot toaster)
- the small church library is growing in popularity
- Margaret Hunt again organised the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event
- a variety of prayer stations were displayed including a working model by David Woodhouse
- 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 16th December at Arrowsmith Lodge.
 - Tuesday 18th December around Coupe Green and Mansfield Drive area
 - Thursday 20th December around Higher Walton Village and Bannister Hall estate.
 - A total of £ 485 raised was divided equally between Tearfund and the Children's Society.
- thanks to all those who took part and to those (Irene, Alison and Heather) who provided a warming and much needed supper each night.
- for the sixth 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 23 hampers were overflowing with food and gifts by our contributing families / groups
- there were 5 boxes within the postcode area of the parish
- these were gratefully received by Crossgate Church and we have requested next year we 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
- our informative and interesting newsletter continues to be produced by David Quick to whom we are grateful
- we must also thank David for his time as PCC secretary and the total professionalism he brought to the role

- the newsletter is available online and a paper version is produced for distribution in church
- our website and Facebook page are both active
- Mothering Sunday repeated the distribution of individual primulas
- thanks to Cornalls for providing these
- our Acts 435 had a quiet year with only one application but again generous donations fulfilled the request in full
- the recipient was delighted with her new washing machine
- this needs to be profiled again
- Maundy Thursday Supper was held at Holy Trinity Hoghton
- the Archdeacon's Visitation was held at St Saviours Bamber Bridge when our churchwardens, Geoff Woods and Janet Blackledge were installed
- 11 November was the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and we commemorated the event with an excellent service of Remembrance (thank you Reverend David Woodhouse) followed by a Peace Party via Jacob's Join
- at the Guides and Brownies Carol Service, Kathryn Ingham was presented with an award recognising her 30 years service to Guiding

Vision 2026

- Vision for All Saints continues to focus on our 3 priorities:
 - discipleship
 - getting to know people
 - servicing our community
- Our vision statement based on these three priorities is '[All Saints' will be a church maturing in faith, growing in fellowship and serving our community'](#)
- Diocesan Vision 2026 will focus in 2019 on discipleship

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, the School Leavers' service, their entertaining Christmas Service, and Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.
- our Foundation Governors are now Geoff Woods who was appointed Chair of Governors from September (term of office to 31 March 2022) and Brenda Newton (term of office to 31 August 2019). Additionally, Denise Sanderson, who had been the School Adviser to our school, joined as our third Foundation Governor (term of office to 31 August 2019).
- Stephen Houghton continues as the LEA Governor and remains as Chair of the Resources Committee.
- 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. During the Vacancy should enable the church to maintain a presence in the local schools:
 - all 3 local Primary schools have been contacted and are happy to participate.
 - David Quick has registered as Team Leader.
 - several members of the congregation have volunteered to be involved but still room for more.
- we hope to roll out to the schools in the first quarter of 2019

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 2017 several PCC members attended the Diocese to discuss our Parish Share commitment. A reduced negotiated figure of £38000 was agreed and we are delighted to confirm this commitment was met in full
- restricted funds increased by £34k and the only significant spending was payment to Cowans Architects for their advice and planning
- general funds as at 31 December 2018 were £3826 plus restricted funds of £53882
- gift day was on two separate Sundays either side of Remembrance Sunday. Total received was £6221 (after tax reclaimed)
- 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 2017 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
- again thanks to those people who continue to contribute to the flowers in church, and to Irene Ingham and her occasional helpers for the beautiful arrangements and displays which add so much to the ambience of the church

Monday Group *(from Janet Bradley)*

- the Monday Group continues to meet monthly on the third Monday evening of each month in Higher Walton Community Centre. It is regularly attended by around 20 ladies. June Hart continues to lead the group and Janet Bradley arranges the monthly speakers.
- there were a variety of talks during 2018. They ranged from a talk on egg craft, plant pot craft, a massage demonstration, a history talk on the Guild Hall and a local history talk. The highlight of the year was when Yasmine travelled down to us from Grasmere Gingerbread to tell us about the history of their gingerbread and provided samples for us to try.
- the group met for a meal at Pinocchios' in January and July
- the ladies continue to support other events held at Church. The Monday Group held their chocolate stall at both the Summer Fair and Christmas Fair, the profits from which went to the Church. The ladies also helped at the Christmas Market and other events in Church.
- the group remains financially stable and self-funded. Subs are £10 per year with an additional subscription of £2 for each meeting. Speakers range from £40 to £60. Linda Lamb and Janet Bradley remain joint treasurers.
- looking forward, new members are always welcome. This is essential in order to maintain the income to pay for the speakers.

Puppet Group

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

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:
 - on Sunday 11th November A Service of Remembrance to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.
 - on Sunday 16th December before the evening 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 14th July. We had 21 guests on the day and took out 6 teas. Entertainment by Duncan and Keith "Celtic Fringe".
- Christmas Party - held on Saturday 8th December . We had 27 guests on the day and took out 9 teas. Entertainment and music quiz by our very own Margaret and Tony.
- 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.
- letter received from Traidcraft in September stating that because of their recent trading losses it would need to consider its current trading format early in the New Year.
- Barbara Niven is the Tearfund representative for our Church:
- any profits from the Fairtrade stall are given to support the work of Tearfund.
- specific collections for Tearfund during the year as part of its membership of The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), including £181.55 sent for the Indonesian Tsunami Appeal
- half of the Carol Singing money being £242.50 was sent to support the work of Tearfund

Our Band

- we welcomed 5 new singers this year
- however there is still a lack of musicians - please come and join us if you have such talent
- an additional lead individual would also be appreciated
- with changing circumstances and services there has been a mix of songs and hymns, and whilst this takes time we are learning a lot

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 nearly £4,000 for the work of The Children's Society during 2018 through various events and church services.
- All Saints' Carol Singing raised £ 242.50 towards this total
- the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve contributed £ 560 towards this total.
- 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 (until October), 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 74%
- 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 members who have served at any time from 1 January 2018 until the date this report was approved are:

Rev Simon Hunt - Chairman (ex-officio) until September 2018

Mr Geoff Woods - Chairman and Vicar's Warden
Mr Stephen Houghton - Treasurer
Mr David Quick - Secretary resigned 4/2018
Mr Keith Houston
Mrs Janet Blackledge - People's Warden
Mr David van Boyd - Verger
Mrs June Hart
Mrs Sandra Houghton
Miss Olive Hull
Mr Stewart Kennedy Vice Chairman
Mr Marcus Nelson
Mrs Irene Ingham
Mrs Margaret Arton
Mr Gareth Maddock from April 2018