

Parish of St. Luke Farnworth with Cronton Mission Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council January to December 2018

		
<p>Christingle Service</p>	<p>All Age Worship Service</p>	<p>Drop In centre at Cronton</p>
		
<p>Remembrance Service</p>	<p>Rose Queen and her retinue</p>	<p>Café Style Service at Cronton Mission</p>

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St. Luke's church Ministry in 2018 and Vision for 2019

by St Luke's Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer

2018 was a year of change for the East Widnes Team (EWT). In September after 4 years with EWT, Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow left to become Vicar of St. Cuthbert's church and Howard, her husband became Vicar of Stoneycroft All Saints Church. So Laura and Howard were licensed to the same Deanery. A rare thing indeed. We wish Laura, Howard and Alexander well as they start a new journey with God. Reverend Ian Hopkins had joined us as an Interim minister in July 2017 on a part time basis and now supports us fulltime to oversee EWT, in addition to working with the South Widnes Team. There was a re-shaping of the EWT as St John's church partnered with St Paul's in a new project called 'Transform Widnes', a church initiative deliberately focused on the so-called 'missing generations' in our churches (20-40s). Reverend Lyn, our Team Vicar focused on St Ambrose, whilst continuing to provide support at St Luke's, with marriages, funerals and baptisms and occasional services. We were advertising for a Team Rector to focus on St Luke's and Cronton Mission and oversee St Ambrose church.

In 2019 our prayers were answered and the following announcement was made on Sunday 3rd March 2019 'Rev Robert Lyon Pearson will be the next Priest in Charge of the East Widnes Team. Bob has been vicar at St Matthews Highfield in Wigan since 2002 in a church which has much in common with our ministry. He has previously served in parishes in Warrington and Liverpool. In fact, when he comes to join the people of Widnes he will have been a vicar in the three W's of our diocese, Warrington, Wigan and now Widnes. Prior to church ministry, he worked in Banking and in an international trading business. He is married to Alison and they have four adult children, two daughters and two sons; as well as two grandchildren, Luke and Evelyn – and a lovely scouse mother-in-law known as Nanna Bez! He enjoys music and the occasional round of erratic golf. He sends his love and looks forward to working with us in this next chapter of our mission journey. He asks you all to join with him in prayer as he makes plans for a sad farewell to the people he currently serves and for a smooth transition to the new ministry with you that he feels called to'. We look forward to working with Reverend Bob to further develop the mission and ministry at St. Luke's church and Cronton Mission as well as across the East Widnes Team.

Another change happened at the Summer Fair. This year it was joint venture with St Luke's Scout and Guide Group. Everyone commented that it was a wonderful community event. There was two hours of non-stop entertainment for people to sit, relax and enjoy and they did. The event raised £4755.50 which was split equally between church and the Scout and Guide Group. We look forward to another joint Summer Fair in 2019.

Our Clergy and Readers

Reverend Ian, our interim vicar has provided a sensitive and reliable priestly ministry according to the traditions of our church to support and guide us during 2018. PCC and our congregation will be saddened to bid him farewell. Our readers Sue Smither and Clare Liptrott have led a variety of services at St. Luke's church. Clare is the leader of Toddler Church and Messy Church. Sue leads funerals and assists at baptisms. Together they lead the monthly All Age Worship service in which St. Luke's Scout and Guide Group play a major part. Both Sue and Clare lead Morning Prayer. On occasions Barry Ingram, our churchwarden has led Morning Prayer. PCC is indebted to Reverend Ian, Reverend Lyn, Sue, Clare and Barry for the part they have played to ensure the smooth running and pastoral care of the church, whilst there was no Team Rector in post.

Our church and churchyard

As in 2017 we do not have a contingency fund. Funds need to be raised for the day to day running and ministry of the church and we need to keep focused on Stewardship. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) was introduced in 2017 and several people have set up Direct Debits to a Diocesan held fund which means the Gift Aid reaches our account more quickly. More people adopting PGS would ensure more efficient planning of our income. Archdeacon Roger has granted a temporary faculty so that the font can be re-located in April 2019. The faculty for the installation of toilets and a kitchenette was submitted in 2018, but as yet has not been granted so our plans to

hold more events at the back of church, in the absence of a church hall, is on hold. PCC is indebted to the 'Monday morning' gardeners who work in the churchyard and despite it being an uphill battle to contain the weeds and the brambles, parishioners and visitors comment on how well the churchyard is kept. PCC thanks the volunteers who clean the church on Wednesdays and at other times for occasional services. Also the flower arrangers led by Lesley Runcorn. The church is always welcoming.

Our schools and colleges

Our work with the schools and colleges continues to deepen and grow. The Farnworth Ethos group was supported by Reverend Laura, until she left and Lay Reader Sue Smither. Ann Mather, a member of the congregation is a Governor. Clergy led weekly Collective Worship on Mondays at Farnworth School. Sue Smither trains the school choir who have taken part in services and events in church, which is much appreciated. At Lunts Heath School Reverend Laura was the link with the school until she left. Lay reader Sue Smither has hosted visits to church by the children. Cronton Sixth Form College now has their own theatre but still performed a 'Phantom of the Opera' concert in church and church promotes their events.

Our families

As you can see from the cover children are important to church. Our Child Friendly Church award is to be renewed in 2019 and the team of Lynn Keeling, Margaret Campbell, Lesley Runcorn, Dorothy Lightfoot and Sue Smither will work with Sue Mitchell, Diocesan Children and Families Missioner to develop further the facilities for children. Parents accompany children to Toddler Church and Messy Church and enjoy the fellowship, friendship and activities as much as the children. Sunday school children delight the congregation when they perform at the end of Holy Communion services. The dedicated Open the Book actors continue to perform for the school children at Farnworth to present bible stories in an exciting and interactive manner. All baptisms families received a home visit to discuss baptism, and the families have been invited to Toddler church.

Our ministry

To encourage the local community to come into church to find out about our worship and our events Games Galore was started Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm in November with 6 people attending. The Grosvenor ladies very kindly host this initiative. Numbers still hover between 8/9 but the noise level in Cuerdley Chapel is heightened by the laughter and chatter you would think there were twice as many. There is a selection of board games and we would love more people to come along and enjoy the fellowship and fun we experience at St Luke's every Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments are provided. In 2019 Open Church on Wednesdays was renamed 'Open Door' in an attempt to emphasise that the church is open for more than quiet reflection, prayer and tours. In the morning there will be a coffee morning and the Stitch and Knit group headed by Audrey Davis and Joyce Marshall will be at work restoring an ancient church banner. The All Soul's Service in November was well attended. This gentle service included a time for personal reflection to remember loved ones whom we have lost and still sorely miss, be that in recent times or some time ago. This year the school children were involved in the Posada which concluded with baby Jesus being brought to the Christingle service by Poppy Leech, an attendee at Toddler Church. There were 2 Christingle services on Christmas Eve. Nearly 600 people attended, with the 3pm service being the more popular. Thanks recorded to all who helped at the Christingles and the ladies who made Christingles. A total of £600 was raised for the Children's Society. Two Christingle services is now the tradition on Christmas Eve, as so many people want to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Vision for 2019

- To work with Reverend Bob to grow in faith ourselves and help others to grow too
- To recognise the service of people by formally commissioning all volunteers
- To explore ideas for worship to meet the needs of our congregation (0 to 100 ages)
- To renew our Child Friendly Church award

Cronton Mission Report 2018 and Vision for 2019

by Local Missional Leader and Reader - Lesley Wright

Worship

Towards the end of the year we reintroduced a service on the third Sunday of the month and are very grateful to Revd. Ian for his support with this and the rejection of the proposal to cease Sunday worship at Cronton. We have altered the cycle of services in order to encourage families who have attended monthly to increase their attendance. We now follow: Café – Morning Prayer – Café – Holy Communion.

Café church is popular with young families and we usually have in the region of 24 adults and 12 children. Adults engage in the 'discussion' or task with variable enthusiasm but do reflect back that they are listening. We use the opportunity to explain liturgy as well as scripture so that they understand the traditional services. We have a few families that come to Morning Prayer and Communion as well as café church and this is heartening. Whilst they 'need' to attend once a month to achieve a signature on school admission forms, very few only attend once a month, at least twice a month is most common. Additionally, a number of families who have not attended for months are returning at intervals – always apologetic, it is important we reflect back an understanding that 'life happens, come when you can – it is always great to see you'. We currently only have one home communicant – Caroline Savage, now 91 years young.

Church Identity

Our different services reflect traditional and modern [fresh expressions] styles of worship. Whilst families clearly prefer café style, our traditionalists come every week and enjoy café church too. Feedback from regular attenders at the Drop-in show that 'getting out and talking to people' on a Monday morning is a valued part of the week for people who would otherwise have no reason to go out. Support for each other during the week shows that community spirit is still alive and well and news of others is shared in a caring and pro-active way. Foodbank donations are still collected weekly at the Drop-in and we continue to combine donations of village drop-in, Cronton School/Mission and Holy Family church donations – we are 'better together'.

Cronton Mission had our usual stall at the Cronton Village Gala and families came over to catch up and chat with us. We had a stall at the school's Christmas Fair and whilst we did not raise a great deal of money it was a good opportunity to talk to people. We have acquired banners for the Drop-in and for Church so that passers-by know what is 'going on' in the village. We hope this will help raise our profile as there is no visible evidence of a church. Our links with the school still need to be extended and this will be a priority in 2019

Bible Study

We will hold a Lent study group this year and, if successful, we will restart our Bible study group.

Fabric and Maintenance

The hall at Cronton C of E Primary school continues to be used for worship and we are also grateful for the help of Alan Hill in setting up the seating each Sunday. There has been no increase in our financial contribution for which we are extremely grateful; this is normally reviewed on an annual basis. Cronton School building is used for worship, committee meetings and fund raising events. Public liability insurance has been approved with St. Luke's.

Relationships between the School and Mission

Our relationship with school is excellent; Mrs Thomson and her staff are very positive and supportive of the Mission and of the Sunday services we share with school. Retired church members continue to support the half termly school Communion services, and the joint school and church services and fundraising events continue to support links between us. Mrs Thomson is keen to develop our role in school on Mondays, developing Ethos group and extending our work with other children beyond this.

Leadership

We appreciate everyone's contribution to the running of our church and services – volunteers give generously of their time and money to keep the Mission active and welcoming.

We are encouraging the congregation to get involved in the running of the services, starting with 'help yourself to refreshments'. Families are wonderful at putting the chairs and tables away – a great relief for the older ones among us.

Our Vision for 2019

- To involve children in services, including Ethos group
- To continue to support and develop the Drop-in centre
- To encourage Ethos group and Confirmation children to attend church
- To extend our links with school; continue to work with the school to encourage children and families to attend Cronton Mission
- To increase awareness of Cronton Mission in the local community at every opportunity

Our Mission Statement

“We strive to live by faith, to be known by love and to connect people to Jesus and one another”.



Our Vision

God's love

is

Learn from each other in the Team

Outreach to all in our community

Vitalise our own personal growth and discipleship

Encourage belonging, especially for families and children

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PCC members	2018	Date Elected	Term of office
Reverend Laura Leatherbarrow	Acting Team Rector until 1st Sept		
Reverend Lyn McIver	Team Vicar ex-officio		
Reverend Ian Hopkins	Interim Vicar ex-officio	2018	1 year
Barry Horabin	Warden from 2016 ex-officio	2018	1 year
Barry Ingram	Warden from 2014 ex-officio	2018	1 year
George Telfer	Warden from 2014 ex-officio	2018	1 year
Pat Johnson	Warden from 2018 ex-officio	2018	1 year
Lesley Wright (Cronton)	Local Missional Leader ex-officio	2018	1 year
Sue Smither	Lay Reader ex-officio	2018	1 year
Clare Liptrott	Lay Reader ex-officio	2018	1 year
Pat Johnson	Deanery Synod ex-officio	2017	3 years
Lesley Runcorn	Deanery Synod ex-officio	2017	3 years
Irene Brindle (Cronton)	Deanery Synod ex-officio	2017	3 years
Sue Smither	Deanery Synod ex-officio	2017	3 years
Yvonne Horabin	Treasurer	2016	3 years
Alma Marshall		2016	3 years
Margaret Campbell	Safe guarding Officer	2018	1 year
Vacancy		2016	3 years
Lynn Keeling	Sunday School Leader	2020	3 years
Sandra Lacey	Secretary	2020	2 years
Mark Fry		2020	2 years
Ian Taylor	Asst Treasurer	2020	2 years
Mark Argent	Deputy Warden	2021	3 years
Gail Beswick		2021	3 years
Dorothy Lightfoot		2021	3 years
Rob Leech	Website Administrator	2021	3 years

Team Council		Date Appointed	Term of office	End of term
Yvonne Horabin	Team Treasurer	2018		
Sue Smither		2018	2	2020
Lesley Runcorn		2018	3	2021
Irene Brindle		2018	3	2021

St Luke's church	Officers in addition to above list		
Lay Chair	Barry Ingram	Verger	George Telfer
Health & Safety	George Telfer	Wedding Verger	Margaret Campbell
H&S Advisor	Graham McGregor	Wedding Verger	Yvonne Horabin
Project Manager	Barry Horabin	Cathedral Representative	Lesley Runcorn
Foodbank	Lesley Howell	Flower Arrangers Leader	Lesley Runcorn
Chair of Friends	Barry Horabin	Electoral Roll Officer	Sandra Lacey

Service	Team	SIDES PEOPLE	Service	Team	SIDES PEOPLE
8am	1	Ken Jennions	8am	1	Sandra Stone
8am	2	Yvonne Horabin	6pm	1	Lesley Howell
1030am & 6pm	1	Alma Marshall	1030am	1	Rob Leech
1030am	1	Colleen Harper	1030am	1	Vacancy
1030am	2	Lynne Taylor	1030am	2	Sandra Vanezis
1030am	2	Vacancy	1030am	2	Vacancy
1030am	3 & 5	Gail Beswick	1030am	3 & 5	Bill Salmon

1030am	3 & 5	Brenda Taylor	1030am	3 & 5	Ian Taylor
1030am	4	Iris Davenport	1030am	4	Allan Murdoch
1030am	4	Tony Tallon	1030am	4	Olga Wilde

Cronton Mission	Committee	Members	
Lesley Wright LML	PCC member	Rota Monitor	Chair
Cherrill Edge	Secretary	Barry Ingram	Vice Chair
Denis Bray	Treasurer	Kerri Yates	Safe guarding officer
Irene Brindle	Deanery Synod	Irene Brindle	Team Council
Anne Allison	Debbie Doyle	Gerry Nash	Joyce Brereton
Cronton Mission	Sidespeople		
Deborah Doyle	Cherrill Edge	Denis Bray	Anne Allison
Joyce Brereton	Gerry Nash	Vitti Osborne	

St. Luke's church - Achievements in 2018 and Objectives for 2019

1	<p>Welcome and Belonging</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To submit a faculty re moving the font and installation of toilets and a kitchenette. AD Roger has granted a temporary faculty for the re location of the font, which will be moved in 2019. Unfortunately there has been no progress with the faculty for toilets and kitchenette as architects from the Diocese have different opinions on the way forward. This situation has been very frustrating for Project manager Barry Horabin, and the PCC would like to thank Barry for his time and energy spent on this faculty. 2. To find 2 or 3 volunteers to establish a missional community on Upton Rocks, then approach the Joshua Centre for further funding. This has not been actioned owing to lack of volunteers and absence of a Team Rector. 3. To use the back of church for more events. Two quizzes have been held at the back of church but until a toilet is installed it is not practical for people to have to walk to the Bridewell, accompanied by a church member, to use the bathroom. New ventures are Stitch & Knit, Coffee Morning and Games Galore on Wednesdays. 4. To run Advent windows. The Posada was organised instead of Advent windows. <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review and revise the Welcome leaflet. 2. To explore if ROC (Redeeming Our Community) can help to provide additional activities on Wednesdays. ROC celebrates all the good things happening in the community, discusses sharing resources, explores meeting needs by working together, summarises input from a 2 hour ROC conversation to form an Action Group, which is to be led by Rev Linda Dawkin. To provide our PCSO with details of our events for publication on police social media to reach more people in the community 3. To rename 'Open Church' to 'Open Door' and promote and develop the activities for Wednesdays and apply to Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee for a grant to purchase 'pull up' boards to promote events.
2	<p>Worship</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To encourage people to use social media for aspects of church life. The website has been redesigned and the PCC would like to thank Rob Leech who keeps the website up to date. 2. To provide interaction worship in the local community. This has not been actioned owing to lack of volunteers and the absence of a Team Rector. 3. To use the screen more for information for people coming into the church and for Open Church on Wednesdays. Unfortunately there have been Wi-Fi problems but the material has been produced and will be shown in 2019. <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to develop the website.

	2. To have conversations with the new Team Rector to explore worship to meet the needs of our congregation whose ages range from 0 to 100.
3	<p>Nurture, Discipleship and Vocation</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide times for reflection. Time to remember service and quiet times in church provided the opportunity for reflection. 2. To offer Team Lent and Advent study courses as well as Pentecost. Plus, the possibility of September course. A warden led bible study in Lent. 3. To continue to offer Confirmation training. This was provided by the Team Vicar and a lay reader for children and adults.
	<p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide Bible study on Wednesdays in Lent, this will become a regular event. 2. To provide an Advent course.
4	<p>Leadership, Service and Evangelism</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <p>Leadership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To engage a priest for St Luke's church. Ongoing. 2. To apply to St Mellitus for an ordinand for St Lukes and a curate for St Lukes. Not actioned as a Team Rector was not appointed in 2018. 3. To encourage lay leadership across the church. For people to really explore their gifts and be encouraged and empowered to play their part in being a 'Bigger Church to make a Bigger difference'. Ongoing. 4. To apply for a Curate once Priest in Charge is insitu. Not actioned as a Team Rector was not appointed in 2018. <p>Service</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to grow faith in Lunt's Heath school established by Rev Laura. Ongoing. A Lay Reader is providing the link between church and school. 2. To encourage the local community to hold events for charity free of charge in church. Concerts by Cronton Sixth Form College and Liverpool Festival Choir were held. <p>Evangelism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To encourage growth at Toddler Church established by Rev Laura and continue with Messy Church. Lay Reader Clare Liptrott leads both these groups. Ongoing. Toddler Church is monthly and Messy Church takes place each term. 2. To continue the 'extra' faith to Uniformed organisation established by Lay Reader Clare. Ongoing. The groups take part in the monthly All Age Worship services. 3 To engage the people we meet out of church with our Faith. To share the love of God with all. This is a very personal action which is not measurable.
	<p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership - To have leadership from a new Team Rector so all can grow in faith. 2. Service - To recognise the service of people by formally commissioning all volunteers 3. Evangelism - To encourage more young people to attend Fresh Expressions by using Text Marketer to text groups.
5	<p>Pastoral care</p> <p>Achievements for 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase number of baptismal visits by lay people. All families receive a personal visit by a member of the clergy or a Lay reader. 2. To engage with bereavement team. This has not been actioned. It was realised that trained bereavement people were needed.
	<p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide and promote facilities such as a weekly coffee morning on Wednesdays for lonely people in the community. 2. To offer post bereavement visits by clergy and lay readers.

Cronton Mission Achievements in 2018 & Objectives for 2019

1	<p>Welcome and Belonging</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a website - Cronton Mission information is included on revised St Luke's website and on the school website 2. Contribute regularly to the school newsletter – this was not achieved. Recently we have started posting the News from Cronton article on the website as a first step. <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To involve families in social [fellowship] activities throughout the year 2. To contribute to the school newsletter at regular intervals
2	<p>Worship</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate alternative timing for a family service – feedback from families did not support this idea so every Sunday at 10.30, this is predictable and easy to remember 2. Increase the number of services to four per month with the support of the team - started in November 2018. LML conducts three per month and clergy provide the fourth Sunday in the month for Holy Communion <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the involvement of children and Ethos group in Sunday services
3	<p>Nurture, Discipleship and Vocation</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LML to work with school to develop links with confirmands – LML supports Revd. Lyn 2. LML to develop closer links with the Ethos group – This has been deferred until Summer term 2019 3. Resume regular Bible study group – not achieved due to capacity issue 4. Introduce a 'prayer' badge to recognise children praying daily - not achieved due to capacity issue <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To re-establish Lent study group 2. To continue to run Ethos group in school (LML)
4	<p>Leadership, Service and Evangelism</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce the booklet about committee and sides-people - not achieved due to capacity issue and illness amongst the committee 2. Enlist support from outside to develop the role of Sunday school teachers - not achieved due to capacity issue [availability of teachers during the week] 3. Look into 'Open the Book' coming to CSW – We removed this objective given ill health amongst the committee 4. Investigate links with youth for Christ for our children in Y7 and above – Youth for Christ worker has left <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to support the Drop-in centre 2. To change the format of Sunday school activities suitable for the age of the children
5	<p>Pastoral care</p> <p>Achievements in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop skills needed to promote pastoral care – ongoing; members are seeking and offering support and the feeling of 'family' is growing 2. Produce Baptism books for families – we have Baptism bags [from St Luke's] 3. Continue to promote Foodbank in the village as well as school and church – response is variable, but the drop-in collection point is now well established and regularly used <p>Objectives for 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work on a 'there for each' theme to services at intervals throughout the year

Structure, Management and Governance

St Luke's PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956.

Other related trusts: There are no other related trusts.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are registered on the Electoral Roll and therefore eligible to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates two subcommittees: The Standing Committee and Friends of St Luke. PCC members receive Health and Safety training and are CRB checked. Other training includes trustee responsibilities, risk assessment and safe guarding procedures.

The first and most important function of the PCC

Is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Church is called to be pastoral

to look after individual people

to be evangelistic

to tell people the Good News and invite them to accept it;

to be sociable

to help the poorer members of society, and those suffering from racial, economic and other forms of injustice

to be ecumenical

to encourage good relations with other denominations.

The PCC has reviewed its policy for safeguarding. The PCC operates under a mature system of controls and procedures developed over many years of operation. Finance and operational issues are routinely monitored as part of regular PCC meetings.

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

An annual budget is prepared to monitor short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to the PCC quarterly. The investments held by the PCC are reviewed by the Standing Committee. All assets are insured and levels reviewed and approved by the PCC. Plans have been agreed with Farnworth School for services to be held in the school hall in the event of the Church becoming unusable for a limited period. Geographically there is little or no experiences of terrorist activity in any Churches and the risk rating of any problems in this subject area is very low, but as a place of worship open and welcoming to many visitors vigilance is paramount at all times.

Reserves Policy - No charity can operate for any length of time without reserves. There are no available reserves, so a major effort will be needed to re-build reserves to a working level, say a minimum of six months costs (minimum £50,000) and to re-build a contingency for future maintenance costs.

Electoral Roll There will be a new roll in 2019

April 2013 New roll	April 2014	April 2015	April 2016	April 2017	April 2018
165	170 (+9 -4)	167 (+0 -3)	167 (+0 +0)	166 (+5 -6)	171 (+9 -4)

St. Luke's church Financial Review Yvonne Horabin

The funds of the church are, in the main, made up of three sections:

1. Endowment Fund

Generally only the interest is available for the PCC's use, not the capital. We have however cashed in one of the investments of £16193.84 to fund initial Architects costs of £16,200 for the proposed toilets in church. Balance at year end £146,236.05

2. Restricted and Designated funds

This is for monies for specific purposes, i.e. Major Repairs, Bridewell etc.

3. General Fund

This covers the income and expenditure of the day to day running costs of the church. The Fund balances @ 31/12/1018 were Investment Fund £146,236.05, Restricted Funds £50941.15, Designated Funds £8215.45 and General Fund a deficit of £4,328.43

Cronton Mission Financial Review Denis Bray

All of the figures below are included with the main income and expenditure

Total receipts were £5984.08, which consisted of :

Collections of cash and through the envelope scheme - £2923.97

Standing orders - £1680

Fundraising - £260.23

Eligible tax reclaim - £1144.75

Total payments were £860.84, which consisted of :

Direct petty cash - £234.84 for upkeep of services

School energy contribution - £500

Readers licence - £50

CCLI , copyright cost for use of CD recordings - £76

Charitable Giving Group Dorothy Lightfoot, Lesley Runcorn, Sue Smither and Yvonne Horabin Unfortunately the following donations were recommended but not paid owing to lack of funds and the increase in our deficit. These donations will be reviewed and payments made in 2019 if funds allow.

NATIONAL £1,500 Claire House children's hospice
£1,500 Whitechapel Centre Liverpool (Refugees)

INTERNATIONAL £2,000 to Christian Aid (Sudan Appeal)

The following donations were made:

Children's Society - £600 from collections at Christingle services to support their work. This donation is paid directly to the Children's Society. If you would like a collecting tin please contact Dorothy Lightfoot 0151 423 4507

Christian Aid - £351.46 to support their work. Money raised thanks to a small dedicated team of collectors led by Barry Ingram who distribute and collect envelopes in Christian Aid week. If you can help with distribution and collection of envelopes to your street please contact Barry Ingram 0151 423 2492. This money was paid directly to Christian Aid.

Ignite - £60 per year by standing order to support this valuable work with young people

Widnes Street Pastors - £240

St Luke's Scouts and Guide Group Roof Appeal - £920 of which £500 was from the 'Talents' initiative

The church was the venue for fundraising events for other charities organised by Liverpool Festival Choir and Cronton Sixth Form College, for which no charge was made for the use of the church.

As well as the congregation's regular food donations to Foodbank (thanks to Barry Ingram for taking items to Foodbank) and the Widnes Changing Lives House (thanks to Dorothy Lightfoot for being the Link person) on a regular basis, appeals for specific items were published through the Weekly Pew Sheet. Farnworth School PTA supported Foodbank at their Harvest service.

Vision for 2019

- To review Charitable Giving on a regular basis, as funds allow
- To continue to support local charities with donations as and when there are specific appeals
- To let other organisations use the church free of charge for charity events

Fabric of St. Luke's church Barry Horabin

2018 started well with the fitting of new doors to the Bridewell funded by the release of some investment money which was designated solely for the maintenance of the building. This has now provided us with a more serviceable and secure entrance to the building.

Our next project was to insert toilets and a kitchenette at the base of the tower which would provide toilet and baby changing facilities within the church for the benefit of the congregation and visitors. Plans were drawn up and presented to the Diocese in February 2018 along with a Faculty application. It was hoped to have had the building work completed in time for Easter 2019. Unfortunately the Planning Department at the Diocese decided more discussion was required and continued to discuss the project without consulting ourselves. After continued requests for information they decided they would like to visit the site and in November 2018 the whole of the Diocesan Board descended on the church and argued amongst themselves for two hours after which I called an end to the meeting and requested we meet again when our architects would be available to discuss the options. After another lengthy delay the Diocese said they would only communicate by E Mail which is where we are to date.

One concession I did manage to get from the Archdeacon was to remove the font to the front of the church prior to the Faculty being agreed so that work could be undertaken to free the back of the church for community use. We are now waiting for the contractors to decide on a start date which could be completed before Easter 2019.

This has been a frustrating time for all involved as it has led to delays in this important addition to the church.

Vision for 2019

- To have the faculty for the provision of toilets and a kitchenette agreed
- To undertake the restoration of the Bold Chapel and Nave roofs
- To undertake the restoration of the Tower

Friends of St Luke's Yvonne Horabin

We are continually grateful to the people who support the Friends group with their monthly donations by standing order. These regular donations amounted to £1591 and are used to support the current restoration projects. Other donations to Friends were from our Virgin Giving page of £292.60 and collection box in the Tavern of £50.32

The main work of the Friends group is to support the various fund raising events and fairs.

The first joint Summer Fair with St. Luke's Scout and Guide group was held in June and was a huge success. £6143.37 was raised, less costs of £1387.87 giving a net figure of £4755.50 and shared equally between the two groups. PCC would like to thank Alan Deans for his time and energy organising this event. A Spring Raffle and Quiz night raised £1133, which HSBC matched £ for £ (up to £1000) as part of their support for charities so a total of £2133 for church funds. Other events included Phantom of the Opera concert by Cronton Sixth form college £275, School Christmas Fair £494.98, Quiz Night £536.08, Greenall's Brass Band £261, 'Talents' initiative £869.93 of which £500 was given to St Luke's Scout and Guide Group to support their Roof Appeal and Liverpool festival Choir £335.30. Heritage Open Day was held twice on 8th and 15th September. Lots of people came to view the church and do the walk around the village. Even though not a fund raising event £248.37 was raised for church funds.

In 2019 there will be a Spring raffle and Quiz night for which HSBC will match £ for £ (up to £1000) as part of their support for charities. PCC is indebted to Gayle Lacey C.O.O. HSBC Commercial for supporting our charity again. There will also be concerts by the Liverpool Festival Choir, Greenall's Brass Band and Warrington West Band. After the success of the first joint Summer Fair the second one is planned for June 29th 2019.

Health and Safety George Telfer

Over the last 12 months we have continued to update our risk assessments on all church properties. All church polices are up to date, and are updated annually by our H&S consultant Graham McGregor. In this coming year we will be looking to introduce some training for our volunteers.

All gardeners have received copies of Risk assessments of ground maintenance procedures, which include:

- * Manual handling
- * Hazardous Substances,

- * Operating machinery,
- * Vibration from hand held machinery,
- * Debris from grounds maintenance operations
- * Slippery or uneven work surfaces or obstructions
- * Contaminated waste / sharps
- * Noise from leave blowers, hedge trimmers
- * Allergic reaction
- * Electricity
- * Environmental factors e.g. heat, cold, sunshine, humidity
- * Protective clothing (PPE)
- * Lone Working
- * First Aid

The PCC recognises the importance of the safety of all volunteers, who undertake working activities within the church environment – Church, Bridewell and Church grave yard
Volunteers

Our team of volunteers continue to provide a first class service to St Luke's every Monday morning working on an ever increasing battle with brambles and nettles; they work all year round and are never put off by the weather. The team work on the graveyard from 9.30am to 12.30.

The work consists of grass strimming with hand held machinery, planting of bulbs and flowers along the borders, trimming bushes and trees as well as removing and picking up rubbish.

A concrete pavement slab path was laid by Arthur Turner. This has been really helpful for when we have burials in the church grounds.

The team has done a wonderful job over many years at St Luke's and it is nice to give some well-deserved recognition. Our team consists of me and 15 volunteers, Barry Horabin, Andrew and Linda Strickland, Heather Guthrie, Alan Deans, Arthur Turner, Dot Kelsall, Hazel Easton, Lilian Woodstock, Mark Potts, Les Lightfoot, Iris Davenport, Ian Taylor, Val Hennessey and Geoff Poole. We have had to carry out a safety check on all head stones in the church yard; this is an ongoing procedure which will be part of our annual risk assessment in order to protect both congregations and visitors to St Luke's. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of the Churchwardens, who are totally committed to all aspects of Health & Safety. Instructions are given by those with the responsibility for Health & Safety. All accidents including injuries however slight are documented and reported to the Health and Safety Advisor. It is the duty of the injured person to ensure details are entered into the Accident Book. It is the duty of the Site Manager / Verger is to ensure that there is adhered to and similarly, dangerous occurrences or accidents not resulting in injury should also be reported so that a reoccurrence may be prevented.

St. Luke's Church will not tolerate intimidating situations, threats, potential violence or acts of violence to any employee or volunteer and recognises and accepts the responsibility to provide safe working conditions, and believes that the promotion of Health and Safety measures is a mutual objective for management, employees, volunteers, trainees and Visitors.

To that end, St. Luke's Church will take steps, so far as reasonably practicable to provide a safe place to work, with safe access and egress.

a healthy working environment.

information, instruction, training and supervision to enable all volunteers and employees to avoid hazards and contribute positively to their own and others health and safety

Whilst the church accepts that the general legal responsibility for the Health and Safety rests with them. It is also recognised that it is everyone's legal duty, as laid down by section 7, of the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, to take care of their own and other peoples safety, and to operate with the church officers to enable it to carry out its responsibilities

In particular staffs have a duty to:

Work safely, efficiently and without endangering the Health and Safety of themselves, their colleagues, the general public or any other person whom has a right of access to the church premises at any time.

Adhere to Safety procedures laid down by St. Luke's Church, and to conform to all the instructions given by those responsible for Health & Safety

Plan for 2019

- To continue to review risk assessments.
- To review training needs.
- To complete audit and approved By H&S consultant.
- To review evacuation procedures.
- To set up sub group for H&S issues.
- To ensure all equipment is serviced and maintain

Safeguarding Margaret Campbell 0151 424 6039 Children & Vulnerable Adults Coordinator

Safeguarding is a Christian imperative and a responsibility that we must undertake with thoughtfulness, commitment and care. Safeguarding is of vital importance. As a church we need to be welcoming, but also a safe place. PCC is responsible for ensuring and promoting the best possible safeguarding culture and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. In particular, the church expects anyone who becomes aware, of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to any member of the congregation to immediately raise this with Members of the Clergy and/or the Safeguarding Coordinator.

Throughout 2018 the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has been actioned through The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS), an independent Christian Safeguarding Charity. The situation for DBS checks remains the same with PCC being responsible, to ensure that all activities involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults, are well managed and supervised. Utilising Liverpool Diocese Safer recruitment practice is an essential part of the Church of England's approach to safeguarding. Within the parish it is important to recruit the right people to work with children and young people. New volunteers, before they are eligible to volunteer and work with children, young adults and vulnerable adults, must have attended regularly at **Sunday Services for six months**, and are required to attend an interview, fill in an application form, with two referees and to complete a Self-Declaration Form.

In 2018 ongoing training sessions have been held throughout the diocese, the training session invited volunteer workers who are involved with children and vulnerable adults to update their knowledge and skills in safeguarding recruitment and the key signs of physical and mental abuse. The sessions proved very useful, for the role and responsibilities that they have.

Objectives for 2019

- To review Safeguarding Policies and Procedures and also the Church action plan to ensure that they fulfill diocesan policy and guidelines.
- To ensure that the 9 Steps for Safer Recruitment for new volunteers are in place and adhered to as in the Safer Church policy
- To review volunteer role descriptions, vacancy adverts, and interview criteria.
- To provide training session to enable participants to feel confident and to deal appropriately in safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults within the context of the church.

General Data Protection Margaret Campbell 0151 424 6039 Controller

In 2018 St Luke's and Cronton Mission Parochial Parish Council (PCC) has appointed Margaret Campbell to be the above post.

The PCC has agreed a data protection policy in line with new regulations and Diocesan guidance. At the present time all appropriate data is being collected from the congregation, PCC, Toddler Church and Messy Church and permission for photographs of church events, all weddings, funeral and baptisms. All data is stored in a safe place, a locked cabinet in St Luke's vestry.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - The Data Protection Act 2018 controls how your personal information is used by organisations, businesses or the government.

Everyone responsible for using personal data has to follow strict rules called 'data protection principles'. They must make sure that the information is.

- Used fairly, lawfully and transparently
- Used for a specified, explicit purpose
- Used in a way that is adequate, relevant and limited to only what is necessary

- Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- Kept for no longer than is necessary
- Handled in a way that ensures appropriate security, including protection against unlawful or unauthorised processing, access, loss destruction or damage

Your rights Under the Data Protection Act 2018 - you have the right to find out information the government and other organisations store about you. These include the right to:

- Be informed about how your data is being used
- Access personal data
- Have incorrect data updated
- Have data erased
- Stop or restrict the processing of you data
- Data portability (allowing you to get and reuse your data for different services)
- Object to how your data is processed in certain circumstances

Pastoral care and service in our community Sue Smither

Reverend Lyn Mclver, Reverend Ian Hopkins and Lay Reader Sue Smither made home visits to families to provide Pastoral Support for Baptism and provision for follow-up visits when requested or if deemed necessary.

Clergy and Lay Reader, Sue Smither, visited bereaved families to minister to families and help plan funeral services and they also offered post funeral care.

The Pastoral Team (currently clergy, Sue Smither, Barry Ingram and Christine Turner) provided Home Communion to the housebound and parishioners, who live in Residential Care, some of whom now live out of our Parish but are still keen to maintain their links with St Luke's.

Collections for Food Bank were well supported, as were congregation donations of toiletries, bedding and other items which were taken on a regular basis to the Widnes Changing Lives House by Dorothy Lightfoot.

Vision for 2019

- To meet regularly for confidential feedback and importantly to support each other.
- To ensure that all volunteers meet the Safe Guarding requirements including the Diocesan Nine Steps to Safer Recruitment and attend appropriate training
- To ensure that the team is meeting the needs of the congregation
- To continue to support Food Bank and the Changing Lives House

Team Toddler Church Clare Liptrott

Toddler Church is for families with pre-school age children, the service takes place on the second Sunday in every month from 4pm till 5pm. Jack, the puppet dog, loves to help lead the worship, especially story time and singing and playing the instruments but his favourite part is getting involved with the craft activities, although he also quite likes 'toast time' too - an opportunity for everyone to share freshly buttered toast and a drink before saying goodbye till next time.

Reverend Laura set up Toddler Church in March 2016 and continued to lead this important worship with a valuable team of volunteers until she left to take on a new Parish in September 2018. We thank Reverend Laura for planting this seed and nurturing it as it has grown. Toddler Church has continued with Lay Reader, Clare Liptrott, and the small but faithful team of volunteers, who also deserve thanks for their dedication to this important work.

A few of our Toddler Church children started school in September 2018 but they still continue to be part of our Toddler Church family which is lovely as the younger children look up to them and follow their lead as they all learn about Jesus together.

The adults who attend are also being fed spiritually in a light way and everyone has grown closer as a family in Christ.

Themes at Toddler Church have included 'The Parable of the Mustard Seed', which led us to make paper trees that 'grew taller' and on which we could stick colourful birds; Remembrance, which led us to decorating paper crosses with finger print poppies; and the Nativity story which led us to make paper plate angels followed by Christmas celebrations with party food.

Vision for 2019

- To continue to engage with and build on this worshiping community.
- To re-initiate communication with families via text messaging (in line with GDPR).
- To display posters and flyers to increase awareness within the wider community.
- To endeavour to recruit further volunteers as volunteers are crucial to the venture, so if you feel this maybe something for you to try, please come and long and see what Toddler Church is all about.

Messy Church Clare Liptrott

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults who don't already belong to another form of church. Each Messy church is based on a different biblical theme and involves worship and a bible story plus messy craft activities that support further exploration of the theme. Each Messy Church session ends with everyone sharing food together.

In 2018 Messy Church continued with many of our regular Messy Church congregation returning plus new children and families joining us. In 2017 we had explored with our congregation about what day of the week and time was best to hold Messy Church and so in 2018 Messy Church was held on Saturdays at 3-4.30pm (except for Good Friday which is always on a Friday at 10am). In February we explored 'The Parables of the Talents' and then on Good Friday worship involved the children and families moving round the church on a journey towards the cross. In June we held Messy Church at Moon Meadow Scout and Guide HQ where we explored Pentecost and then in November we returned to church to think about Remembrance and although this is a serious topic it did not mean that the usual fun and playfulness of Messy Church disappeared - some of the deepest things we learn happen when we are laughing and creating together.

Our younger children also continue to enjoy sharing our worship as 'Little Stars', with all our services having activities available for this younger age group.

Of course none of this would be possible without the volunteers that come along to support the worship and lead crafts and organise refreshments. In 2018 as well as our church volunteers we were also very grateful to welcome volunteer support from some of our uniformed group leaders. All our Messy Church volunteers deserve thanks for their continued dedication to this important work – thank you!

Vision for 2019

- To continue to engage with and build on this worshiping community
- To re-initiate communication with families via text messaging (in line with GDPR)
- To display posters and flyers to increase awareness within the wider community and across the schools and our uniformed organisations
- To endeavour to recruit more volunteers as volunteers are crucial to the venture, so if you feel this maybe something for you to try, please come and long and see what Messy Church is all about.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at St. Luke's church Lynn Keeling

We have 12 on roll at the moment ten girls and two boys. Age range is from 4 years old to 11 years. The children learn about God's love and how He cares for them and they learn about their church community and how they are an important part of it.

They have taken part in church services such as Mothering Sunday, the Easter service, Harvest, Advent and of course the Christmas Nativity. There is an annual awards ceremony when the children are presented with a book and this is followed by a Teddy Bear Picnic.

The children support fundraising for the church and also support the Field day by continuing the lovely tradition of having a Rose Queen and Retinue. Sophie has been our Rose Queen for 2018 and has done a lovely job, thank you. Our new Rose Queen for 2019 is Olivia who has been coming to Sunday school since she was just 4years old. I know she will take on her duties with pride.

We have held 2 quizzes to help raise the funds needed to buy items for the Rose Queen and retinue and prizes for the games at the Field Day. One of the quizzes was price matched by Gayle

Lacey, COO for HSBC bank so over £2000 was raised to go into to church funds. Thanks to Gayle and all involved.

The weekly collection goes straight into church as part of the offertory and is taken by one of the children who are chosen each week as our "special" person and they also read a prayer.

Any money needed to buy items for Sunday school comes directly from church funds. We always try and give the children good quality resources and it is also used to fund Christmas Gifts, food for the Christmas party, the Teddy Bears Picnic and the Attendance awards.

Most weeks we use the scheme of work set out in the Pebbles and Rocks books.

We have such a lovely group of young people at Sunday school, they are a joy, and it is a privilege to be with them each Sunday.

Sunday school is very lucky to be supported each week by Lesley Lomax as Assistant Leader as well as Amanda Mines and Helen Pitt, grateful thanks goes to them for their continued help and support as well as friendship.

Our hopes for 2019

- To encourage more children to come to Sunday School, so our numbers grow.
- To actively raise the profile of Sunday School and its wonderful children in our church community.
- To continue to help and nurture our young people to grow in faith and to help them form a personal relationship with God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at Cronton Mission Rachel Burbury and Kerrie Yates

We hold Sunday School on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. The ages of children who attend range from 3 to 7 with occasionally slightly older children. We usually learn about the reading being discussed in Church that week and do crafts/arts to help the children to understand the lesson and then they have something to take home as a reminder. We often play games and are always thrilled to see how keen the older children are to assist the younger ones. Rachel is stepping down as a Sunday School Teacher to spend more time with her children. PCC thanks Rachel for the many years she has devoted to Sunday School. If you could help Kerrie at Sunday School please call in at Cronton Mission on a Sunday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Our hopes for 2019

- To encourage other parents to be involved in Sunday School either as leaders or as support
- To encourage children to do activities that they can discuss at home and help families grow in God's presence outside the formal Sunday Church arena
- To continue to nurture our young people to grow in faith and form a personal relationship with God

OPEN THE BOOK Sue Smither

In 2018 the St Luke's Open the Book team was made up of Lead member Sue Smither and Team members Gail Beswick, Barry Ingram, Pat Johnson, Lynne Taylor and George Telfer. They went into Farnworth CE School to present stories from the Bible using dialogue, simple costumes and props. The OTB Assemblies were presented to KS1 children and occasionally to KS2 assemblies. Children are invited to dress in simple tabards and join us as actors.

The current OTB Team have all undergone the school's DBS Vetting to comply with recent changes in the Open the Book Guidelines. Open the Book supports the school in reinforcing their termly Fruits of the Spirit values. Scripts are rewritten to include action and repetition so that ALL children are engaged in the story. The pupils continue to impress the Team with their growing knowledge and understanding of New and Old Testament Bible stories. Mrs Stillings and her staff always welcome us and I would want to express our thanks to them and of course the children.

Vision for 2019

- To offer more OTB presentations to KS2 children.
- To develop the scripts so that there is more children participation in the stories.

IGNITE

Ignite, the Deanery Youth Church was led by the Area Dean Reverend Canon Janice Collier until she left to take up a post at Whitney, Gloucestershire. Currently Ignite is led by Lay Reader Clare Moss who has a specific roll for Ignite Youth Church Ministry and also leader Alison Jones. Young people, aged 11 to 17 years old from the churches in the East Widnes Team are invited and encouraged to attend to this group. The Confirmation Club children are given specific information on IGNITE. Ignite meet in various venues over the Deanery on Sunday evenings between 6pm and 8.30pm.

Vision for 2019

- To invite IGNITE to lead an All Age Worship Service
- To encourage the children who are confirmed this year to attend IGNITE.

Farnworth C of E school Sue Smither

I continued to go into Farnworth School throughout 2018 to liaise between Church and School. I delivered whole Collective Worship Assemblies and led the Open the Book Team from St Luke's. The School Choir continued to flourish, even though we met at 8am on Wednesday mornings, the only time when the KS2 Hall was free.

The whole school came to St Luke's for Festival Celebration Services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas; the children from the Ethos group helped lead those services. The Y6 pupils attended a Leaving Service and the Foundation Stage children a Welcome Service; there was Holy Communion with Children services for Y6 and Y5 classes.

Five children from Y6 were confirmed in May at a wonderful service supported by parents, friends and Mrs Stillings.

In 2018 the school was once again oversubscribed and is full to capacity with 420 pupils on roll. According to the 2018 Ofsted Report: 'The school's Christian ethos and strong values underpin everything...The school is a friendly and welcoming community. Pupils' work is celebrated in displays on walls and corridors across the school, building their motivation. Pupils say that they enjoy coming to school, and this is shown in their above-average attendance. The culture of safeguarding is strong'.

It was both a privilege and a pleasure to maintain such strong links with the school, with Mrs Stillings, her very committed and talented staff and the wonderful pupils.

Vision for 2019

- To continue to build on the links between church and the school
- To encourage classes to come to midweek services

Ann Mather Governor

I am now a clerk for the Pay and Personnel Committee. I also attended an interview during a Keeping on Track SIAMS inspection and participated in an Inset for the school's SLT and governors which was held at the Catalyst Museum in October.

Cronton C of E School Reverend Lyn

Cronton School continues to be recognised as a school of excellence and has now become a part of the Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust as a forerunner under the leadership of Mrs Thomson and Father Richard Peers. The school has a long history of excellence, outstanding in the Diocesan SIAMS the church equivalent of Ofsted. Parents are kept informed of developments through the schools website and the weekly newsletter. There is good relationship between Cronton Mission which meets in the school hall on Sundays and the school / church community grounded on faith, with strong and firm foundations. 2018 has yet again seen a successful year for both the staff and children. As one of the family of schools in the Diocese of Liverpool Cronton CE has a good reputation for nurturing and developing young people for the resilience and character needed for life. Head teacher Sylvia Thomson says 'the school provides high quality education to help our pupils to achieve their potential'.

People from St Luke's church and the Mission continue to serve on the governing body and on subgroups as link governors based on curriculum areas supported by Debbie Doyle, Chair of Governors alongside Revd Lyn McIver.

Worship planning based on Christian Values is developed each half term that begins with collective worship on Monday morning led by Revd Lyn, termly Holy Communion, and with classroom teaching on topics such as Holy Communion and pilgrimages which is then continued by the staff members throughout the school week. Visiting preachers of other faiths contribute to the Christian life of the school.

The school Ethos group children have flourished in their understanding of faith, supported by teaching assistant and /mission member Anne Ellison. The children have focused on writing prayers and leading worship including acting out and interpreting stories from the Bible based on the Christian values.

The partnership with the African Children (ACE) at the Arise School continues and is strengthened year on year. The Arise school is moving towards be self-sustaining having developed greatly over past years. Celebration events were held including a time line presentation of the school's life in the village, such as Remembrance Sunday at the memorial garden, lighting of the Christmas tree and economical carol service in the Holy Family Church.

With the reorganisation of the churches within the East Widnes Team and the recent appointment of a Priest in charge for EWT, Revd Lyn will relinquish her role as Cronton School Chaplain at Easter. A role she has enjoyed for the past five years. Revd Lyn will move to supporting schools in Halton View area of Widnes as part of her responsibilities for St Ambrose Church. The time spent in school has been a formative and wonderful time for her and she appreciated the continued support of Mrs Thomson, staff and parents and most importantly the children. The positive and loving experience will always stay with her as part of her ongoing ministry. Lesley Wright in her role as Local Missional Leader for Cronton Mission will take on the role of Chaplain in the future.

Lunts Heath C.P. School Sue Smither

During 2018 two classes from Luntsheath CP School came to church as part of their RE work. The children were interested to learn some of the history of the church but their main focus was on the 'furniture', and the function of it. They looked at the main altar and compared that to the Elizabethan table in Bold Chapel. They tried out the pews and choir stalls and were interested to hear about the old family box pews and how the doors had been recycled. Some children tried standing in front of the lectern to read from the Bible and they climbed up into the pulpit and realised what a vantage point it was to see all that was going on in the body of the church. Lastly they compared the old font and the small portable font. The children were really engaged throughout the visit.

There were two Lunts Heath Christmas Presentations in 2018, each to a church packed with parents and friends, both KS1 and KS2 children told versions of the Christmas story with readings interspersed with traditional and modern carols and there were special items from the choir.

Vision for 2019

- To continue to build on the good relationship we have with the school
- To offer seasonal Collective Worship.

SCOUTING Sandra Markey Group Scout Leader, 12th Widnes St Luke's Scout & Guide Group. Since the launch of Moon Meadow Raise the Roof Campaign in November 2017 at our usual, and always well supported Singa – Longa – Santa event, we have managed to raise in the region of £75,000, well done to those concerned with all the hard work that entails. We also have £1,442.16p in the Co-op community fund. If you are a member and have a card for the co-op, you too can join us with this fundraising effort each time you shop there. 2018 saw a collaboration between the church and our group for the annual fair at Farnworth School, where we raised money whilst having an enjoyable time, always a bonus. Some of our leadership team have been helping at Messy Church too, and we as a scout & guide group occasionally help at the morning service.

Beavers, age range 6 to 8 years, the youngest, at present at least, members of the scouting family have been to the pantomime. There have been sleep-overs and visits from the police, all good though, about lots of different things which affect our community. The beavers are a lively and curious group of youngsters, always ready to engage in what is on offer from their leadership

team. They also went to their annual District camp, and joined the yearly group camp, where the weather made for a great time for all units involved. Busy Beavers!

Cubs, age range 8 to 10 ½ years, are busy gaining badges so that we can have a coffee and badge presentation evening, where the cubs watch their parents play the same games they do, always a fun night and we raised over £100 for the roof. They have been on group camp, a sleepover at the catalyst, fantastic but oh so cold during in the night! Burns night trying haggis and making bagpipes, taekwondo presentations by a young leader, learning about disability with a presentation from a person with a computerised hand, the questions on that were illuminating! And the swimming gala, very busy cubs.

Scouts, age range 10 ½ to 14 years. Two scouts have successfully interviewed and been accepted for a place on Eurojam 2020, not an easy task so very well done to both, and now on to fundraising for that. They, the scout unit, have been on group camp, annual cold camp (it lived up to the name). They enjoy planning and cooking meals outdoors, sometimes successful but not always. Pioneering and many other activities outdoors leading to more badges, scouts of all ages love badges! Night hikes with the district and there is also have a new leader, Pippa. Busy scouts.

Explorers, age range 14 to 18 years, their parents should be proud of these young people, I am certainly proud to be associated with them. One scout has interviewed and been accepted for jamboree 2019, very well done, and not an easy task. Two have also been successful in gaining a place on Eurojam 2020, well done to them too. They are taking part in a Skills for Life programme, and so far, have completed the following: ironed clothes, wired a plug, some sewing and boiling an egg, all very important, if mundane parts of life. A group of them joined our scout troop at cold camp. Busy explorers even though year 11's have an important school year too, they always manage to combine the two successfully.

As Group Scout Leader, I must thank all those leaders and very important helper outers, who make St Luke's group what it is today, successful. And of course, our Executive committee, who work tirelessly to maintain and control the building and fundraising, and who are now joined by a group of mums from scouting who are dedicated to help raise funds for the roof, the New Friends of Moon Meadow. Their events have so far been very enjoyable and successful. Lastly without the youngsters, who make life very interesting indeed, we would not have such a huge and happy scouting family at St Luke's. sanmark18@aol.com 07818217077

SCOUTING and GUIDING UNIT MEETING DETAILS

Monday 5pm to 6.15pm 17th Rainbows (age 5 to 7 years) Emma Cooke 07917152501

Monday 6.30pm to 8pm 16th Brownies (age 7 to 10.5 years) Clare Moss 07954149497

Tuesday 6.30pm to 8pm 17th Brownies (age 7 to 10.5 years) Michelle Simpson 01514202278

Wednesday 6pm to 7pm 12th Beavers (age 6 to 8 years) Caroline Myers 01514202278

Wednesday 6.30pm to 8pm 12th Cubs (age 8 to 10.5 years) Linda Carroll 01514202861

Wednesday 7.15pm to 9pm 12th Scouts (age 10.5 to 14 years) Stephen Liptrott 07966516112

Thursday District Explorer Scouts 7.15pm (age 14 to 18 years) Michelle Eager 07742226228

Friday 5.45pm to 7pm 16th Rainbows (age 5 to 7 years): Michelle Harper 01514202645

Mothers' Union (MU) Colleen Harper

St Luke's Branch currently has 22 full members and two indoor members, having lost Edna Hockey and Eileen Lynn in 2018, sadly. The Group usually meet in the Bridewell on the second Wednesday of each month, except August, unless the Speaker needs projection facilities, in which case we have been able to use the Church.

The year started with a third instalment from Rev Janice Collier on her Christian Journey. We miss Rev Janice, who was a good supporter of MU. Other "Christian" presentations included those by Rev Mal Martin on Prison Chaplaincy and our Holy Communion and New Member Service in September, kindly and wonderfully led by Rev Ian. Informative events included a talk on the Magistracy, Bounty Boxes (a supporting initiative for those in new or changed situations), the Wonky Garden and the work of Christian Aid, with donations being presented to the latter two. Craft work included Paper Shapes made from old books and painting. Our social evenings in July and December were great fun and joyful, with thanks to Daniel Rathbone for his musical

accompaniment to our Christmas carols. Our day out in July was to Inglenook Farm, where we learned of their essential oil production and charity work in Somalia before tucking into a delicious afternoon tea!

An equally entertaining programme of events has been scheduled for 2019, again a mixture of learning, craft and fun in a Christian prayer setting. Members also assist with Toddler Church, Messy Church, providing Home Communion, and assisting at the Children's Support Centre and providing contributions to the Widnes Foodbank and Women's Refuge. All members, supporters and everyone from St Luke's are invited to the installation of Colleen as Area President for Widnes Deanery at the Church on Wednesday, 11 September 2019.

MU is a wonderful international Christian membership movement, actively supporting families and communities in need of support in the UK and worldwide since 1876. If anyone would like to become a member or become a "Friend", please contact Colleen on 0151 424 4351 or simply join us at one of our meetings. Come for a taster session to see if you like it - you will be made very welcome, male or female!

Deanery Synod Pat Johnson

Synod met 5 times during 2018. The matter of appointing a Youth For Christ worker was high on the agenda as advertising during 2017 had proved difficult in that response was poor. Two candidates selected one appointed Caley Weaver however second person declined opportunity. Caley had produced a newsletter and it was available on request.

The northern Bishops visit to Liverpool Diocese planned for March 2019 was also a high priority and a working party was set up to formulate a plan for our Deanery outlining our part in this visit. Transform Widnes is coming together under the guidance of Greg Sharples, St. Paul's.

In May 2018 Janice Collier Area Dean and priest in charge at St Mary's Hale announced she was leaving and moving to Diocese of Oxford. A token of appreciation presented by lay chair Lorna McLeod was given and thanks extended to Janice for work done as Area Dean and of course her work with IGNITE.

An extra meeting held in June was specifically to discuss the YFC project. Unfortunately the position for a further YFC worker has been advertised twice and no response forthcoming. Once Transform Widnes is up and running they will have their own Youth Worker and it is hoped the YFC worker in Widnes would work in conjunction with this person. In September there was an update on the work of the Street Pastors. Statistics, here in Widnes, from Police and health professionals show they have made a difference. The group is always grateful for monetary donations as well as blankets for the homeless. Please speak to Sue Smither or Lesley Runcorn, in this regard if you have any blankets/sleeping bags you would like to donate.

Greg Sharples reported that Transform North West was held at St Helens Parish Church on 22nd September with the team launch and licensing. Greg was licensed to St John's church at 11am on 30th September. Representatives from Widnes attended the Bishop In Mission 2019 meeting where plans were formulated with regards to the visits to the Borough.

After the departure of Rev. Janice Collier Rev. Ian Hopkins became interim minister helping both East Widnes Team and South Widnes Team.

At the November meeting there was much discussion on the Diocese looking at a new way of determining the Parish Share. Progress was being made regarding the forthcoming Bishops In Mission 2019 and more information will be given to the parishes.

Vision for 2019

- To continue supporting the Transform Widnes project
- To ensure the clergy and leaders work more collaboratively across the Deanery.
- To ensure the 6 stipends in the Deanery review their roles

Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee Sue Smither

The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee promote mission and growth in the Deanery. If all parishes pay 100% of their Parish Share the Deanery receives £27,000 p.a. which must be used for Mission and Growth in the Deanery

One third of this (£9,000) is allocated to support the Area Dean in her role. The remaining £18,000 is to be used to promote Mission and Growth within the Deanery's churches. Churches can apply to the DMP Committee for grants towards funding mission initiatives in their individual parishes. In 2018 Reverend Laura, on behalf of St Luke's, successfully applied for funding for material to support those preparing for Confirmation.

Vision for 2019

- To consider further opportunities to apply for Grants from the DMP Committee to promote Mission and Growth at St Luke's
- To apply for funding for the Confirmation Club, Toddler Church and Open Door.

East Widnes Team Council

The Team Council was made up of the Team Rector, the Team Vicar along with 3 elected members from each PCC, 2 representatives from Cronton Mission Church Committee and a Treasurer who may be a Team Council member or an additional member. It was agreed that members should serve for no more than 3 years.

In 2018 the Team Council did not meet, but when necessary clergy. Readers, wardens and treasurers met to discuss the way forward for the Team.

Foodbank Lesley Howell

St Luke's Church, Farnworth School, Cronton Mission and Cronton School have continued to actively support Widnes Foodbank in 2018, through food donations from the congregation (6241 kg since we opened in 2012), regular prayer during Sunday services and financial support. The roles of managing the warehouse and member of the strategy group are still held by Lesley Howell from St Luke's and other members of the congregation volunteer at the warehouse, as drivers and for Tesco collection days. Although the Foodbank strategy group has been successful in managing the Foodbank over the last year since our volunteer co-ordinator left, it has been quite a load for all the members of the group and although most are retired they all have other commitments, so the recruitment of a part-time co-ordinator is being considered, initially as a volunteer role but may be employed if no one volunteers.

Between 1 January 2018 and 31st December 2018, the Foodbank fulfilled 1524 vouchers giving 3122 people (including 1091 children) in crisis three days' supply of food. That is 61 vouchers and 568 people more than the previous year, but that is a slower rate of increase than 2016 to 2017 so we are grateful for that.

Our main distribution centre is Crossing Point on Lugsdale Road which opens on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning plus St Mary's Westbank is open on Thursday morning and St Paul's is open on Friday afternoon. We are discussing opening Crossing Point on Tuesday morning once we have built up sufficient experienced volunteers to run the session.

Central heating is now up and running at the warehouse which will mean the volunteers are working in more comfortable and healthy conditions, repairs to the roof, gutters and fascia at the warehouse were also completed last summer.

Vision for 2019

- To continue to keep efficient provision of emergency food for all clients referred by our agencies.
- To recruit and train new volunteers frequently now as some of our original volunteers have decided to retire due to age or ill health, whilst our younger people are finding full time jobs and leaving us. We are especially short of drivers at the moment but we only need volunteers during the mornings and Friday afternoons.

Worship Attendance Pat Johnson and Barry Ingram (wardens)

St Luke's	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sunday 8am average	12	15	16	16
Sunday 10.30am average	58	60	65	62
Sunday 6.00pm average	15	11	14	21

Wednesday 930am average	16	12	17	16
Baptisms	51	48 + 2 adults	38	56
Baptism monthly average	200 adults 40 children	200 adults 50 children	210 adults 38 children	118 adults 35 children
Confirmation (inc Cronton)	2 adults 6 children	2 adults 18 children	2 adults	7 children
Funerals Church	32	57	27	27
Funerals crematorium	12	28	13	11
Weddings	16	13	10	11
Christingle	348 adults 236 children	385 adults 248 children	429 adults 219 children	569 Inc. children
Christmas Eve Midnight	82 adults	122 adults	76 Adults	103
Christmas Day 1030am	40 adults 3 Children	46 adults 3 children	47 adults 3 children	43 adults 1 child
9 Lessons & Carols	106 adults 10 children	109 adults 25 children	89 adults 17 children	88 adults 26 children
Cronton	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sunday 1030am average	23 adults 12 children	20 adults 9 children	24 adults 10 children	33 adults 14 children
Christingle	25 Adults 20 Children	52 adults 48 children	21 adults 20 children	26 adults 23 children
School Nativity	Not recorded	Not recorded	127adults 104 children	105 adults 95 children
Christmas Day	No Service	No service	No service	31 adults 13 children
Baptisms	3	1	4	2
School Eucharist	83 adults 120 children	105 adults 120 children	100 adults 120 children	100 adults 120 children

Giving and Stewardship Barry Ingram

Due to the increase in regular giving pledged last year and the increase in our Gift Aid tax claim our deficit has been reduced. However we have lost some of our stewardship members and this means we face a shortfall in income of approximately £200 per week. If all our regular givers increased their giving by £1 or £2 per week this would increase our Gift Aid tax claim, which would reduce the deficit. If you would like information on giving please contact Barry Ingram, Giving and Stewardship Officer.

Gift Aid	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Tax reclaim St Luke's Cronton	142 23	115 28	101 17	86 11	69 9
Regular Gift Aid	£12,023.61	£11,311.25	£15,644.00	£8706.50	£6999.84
Yellow Gift Aid	£ 528.24	£ 667.75	£ 708.00	£602.00	£709.21
Total	£12,551.85	£11,979.00	£ 16352.00	£9309.00	£7709.05
Stewardship scheme	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
St Luke's	65	58	47	46	45
Cronton	19	15	14	11	8
Total number	84	73	61	57	53

Value	£22,746.44	£20,577.00	£15,667.13	£14,636.75	£13,151.98
Standing Orders	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
General Fund	53	52	56	48	40
Fabric Fund	24	13	9	8	6
Value	£25,723.00	£26,091.00	£26,460.00	£21,973.00	£16,451

Tax Efficient Giving

WEEKLY GIVING	Up to £1	£1 to £1.99	£2 to £2.99	£3 to £3.99	£4 to £4.99	£5 to £9.99	£10 to £14.99	£15 to £19.99	£20 and Above	total
Envelopes	7	5	6	7	2	15	2	0	2	46
SO	2	2	5	3	8	9	7	3	3	42
Fabric fund	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	7
Total	9	8	14	11	10	24	10	4	5	95

Other Regular Giving

WEEKLY	Up to £1	£1 to £1.99	£2 to £2.99	£3 to £3.99	£4 to £4.99	£5 to £9.99	£10 to £14.99	£15 to £19.99	£20 and Above	total
Envelopes	0	4	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	10
SO	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	6
Fabric fund	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	4	3	0	5	4	0	1	0	17

Part of the reduction in these figures is reflected in the increase in membership of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Total Givers to PGS in 2018 was 14 received £6600.40 tax refunded £1605.40.

Church groups

Bell Ringers

Tuesday practice 6.30pm in Church

Nigel Goulding 0151 495 3894

Churchyard working party

Monday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

George Telfer 01514234640 and Barry Horabin 01514249887

Choir

Thursday practice adults 7pm in Church

Director of Music Paul Delaney contact via Team Administrator

Church Cleaning group

Wednesdays and as required

Yvonne Horabin 0151 424 9887 If you can help with church cleaning please contact Yvonne

Flower Arranging team

Wednesday & Friday mornings Brenda Bullock and Carolyn Davies. If you would like to help please contact Lesley

Lesley Runcorn 0151 423 1759

Parish Review team

Yvonne Horabin and Margaret Burke

Philip Lacey 07710030973

farnworthreview@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like to receive the Parish Review £5 per annum please contact Philip.

Church Events

Aladdin's Cave

Second Saturday each month 10am - 1pm in the Bridewell. Sale of nearly new and used clothing, household goods & bric-a-brac.

Booksale

Barry Ingram 0151 423 2492

First Saturday each month 11am - 3pm in the Bridewell.

Bridewell Bookings

Barry Ingram 0151 423 2492

The Bridewell is available for use for small groups. Charges are £20 for first two hours and £5 per hour thereafter.

Mothers' Union M.U.

Colleen Harper 0151 424 4351

Second Wednesday 7.30pm Leaders Christine Turner, Jackie Whitehead and Colleen Harper. Jackie and Colleen are representatives at Widnes Deanery meetings.

Open Door

Barry Ingram 0151 423 2492

Wednesdays 10am to 4pm. Visit to enjoy the beauty of our church. Coffee Morning and Stitch and Sew 10.15am to 12 noon and Games Galore 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a steward please contact Barry.

This report was approved at a meeting of PCC members on 1st April 2019. If you spot any mistakes please email sandralacey47@yahoo.co.uk so amendments can be made before it goes in the public domain.