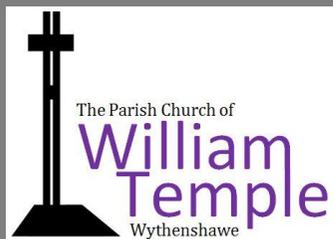


# Annual Report 2014

of William Temple Parochial Church Council  
together with supporting documents and reports



## **Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

### **for the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of William Temple, Wythenshawe**

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

#### **Aims and Purposes**

The object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC co-operates with the incumbent, the Reverend Stephen Edwards, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

During 2014 the PCC continued developing its mission action plan to coordinate the work of the parish church and support its mission and ministry. This work will come together during the events surrounding 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 2015. The PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

##### Worship, Prayer & Spirituality

- the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday worship, preparation for and officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals, celebration of festivals and the nurture and teaching of faith

##### Social & Community Outreach

- opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, the support and involvement in community activities, social and fundraising events

##### Pastoral Care

- visiting the sick and the housebound, prayer with and for those in need, support for those in need

##### Mission & Evangelism

- financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement with local needs

##### The Wider Church

- the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

To meet this objectives it is important that the PCC maintain the fabric of the church building, which is seen as an amazing resource for our Christian outreach.

## **Achievements and Performance**

At each PCC meeting reports were heard from the Treasurer (financial), and the Churchwardens (fabric) and representatives of the Team Council, Deanery Synod, as appropriate. All matters concerning the management and welfare of the church raised as agenda items were fully discussed and resolved as appropriate.

### *Worship, Prayer & Spirituality*

The Parish Eucharist is celebrated at 10.45am each Sunday, there is also a midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12 noon. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 40. During 2014 there were 54 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 16 of whom were not resident within the parish; no names were added during the year and 3 were removed. The Electoral Roll Officer is Ms Brenda Heywood.

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. During 2014 we have celebrated 23 Baptisms and 3 Weddings; 14 Funerals were held in Church and 9 in a local crematorium.

There are monthly opportunities for people to meet together to explore issues around faith and life, and during Lent a weekly course during 2014 looked at Matthew's Gospel. A number of special services were held, including a celebration of the life of Archbishop William Temple to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

## *Social & Community Outreach*

September 2014 saw our first event during the Heritage Weekend, a national project to encourage people to visit and engage with local places of interest. We held an open day with opportunity for people to draw a stick figure of themselves and 'plant' it in the church grounds: over 30 people took part. During the year there have been numerous social and fundraising events, including the annual fair – this year held in the autumn. Coffee Mornings were held on a monthly basis with baptismal families often attending to meet the clergy and other parishioners. The PCC seeks to make the church building available as a resource to the wider community and we have welcomed various local schools into the building for class visits, Experience Easter and for Christmas services. In March 2014, Praxis North West held a regional training day on worship and liturgy.

## *Pastoral Care*

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Members of the clergy and congregation members from this parish have visited church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. Every effort is made to ensure that pastoral care and prayer is available to those who need it. We are grateful for the many people who assist with visiting, prayer and support.

## *Mission & Evangelism*

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. During the year the church donated £926.41 to various charities and mission agencies and the PCC acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of church members. The Faith & Life group looked in detail at how mission giving might be better focussed in the future and during 2015 the PCC will discuss and adopt a new mission giving plan.

Locally the PCC chose to support the door ministry at the Vicarage for those who are in urgent need of food. The food projects across the Team churches were coordinated during the year and as a result we were able to offer Christmas

lunches, hampers and other support for around 150 families as a Team of churches. The Mothers' Union is a valued part of the pastoral, social and missionary life of our parish. Members meet monthly for fellowship and worship and through fundraising and practical contribution continue to support projects both locally and overseas.

### *The Wider Church*

The parish has two representatives on Deanery Synod and a report of business is given to the PCC regularly and is included in an appendix to this report. During the year a new forum was established for encouraging ecumenical networking, communication and ministry across Wythenshawe (known as the Jonah Group) and a number of events were held during the year, most importantly an Easter witness and a Christmas carol event – both in the town centre.

### *Other PCC Business*

As well as the achievements note above, the PCC also discussed the following items during the course of 2014:

Mission Action Planning, preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building, mission giving policy, baptismal follow up, involving families, church heating system, the Team community development worker, stewardship (including a visit from the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor), Eucharistic Assistants, repairs to exterior church woodwork, grant applications for funding the heating and opening up the building. We welcomed our new assistant curate, Rev'd Adam Dickson, in June 2014.

### *Volunteers*

The activities of the PCC which are outlined in this report depend largely on volunteers. It is important to mention the contribution of volunteers to the life, ministry and mission of the Parish as a whole and particularly the PCC. Without this 'workforce' many of the objectives and activities of the PCC would not be possible. The PCC notes with gratitude and appreciation the contribution of volunteers at all levels of parish life.

## Financial Review

The accounts for 2014 have been passed by the PCC and have been audited and confirmed by Peter Short the Independent Examiner that everything is in order.

1. Working balance carried forward this year is £16,627.17 of which £14,371.06 is restricted and therefore cannot be used for the normal day to day running of the church, leaving us with an operating balance of £2,256.11 at the start of the year. The increase of £5000 in the restricted fund was a grant towards the replacement of the heating system.

2. Direct giving, collections along with Gift Aid tax reclaimed totaled £17,307.91.

3. Christian Aid Appeals raised £76.45. Collections were also held for CMS Lent Boxes, Children's Society, the Ebola Appeal and Gaza Appeal. Donations were also made to the Snowdrop Unit at Wythenshawe Hospital, Francis House and Cancer Research, in accordance with families wishes following funerals and weddings in church.

4. All bills have been met, utility bills have decreased due to the heating only being switched on the night before a service takes place.

5. Parish Share of £15,256 was paid in full, however, the Parish Share for next year is £15,806, an increase of £550.00.

6. The sit on lawnmower was stolen during December, however confirmation has been received that the insurance company will cover the cost of a replacement.

7. The PCC would like to thank all our parishioners and visitors for their support especially during the cold months.

Jean Powell  
Hon PCC Treasurer.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At William Temple Church the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the assistant curate, churchwardens, deanery synod representatives (all of the above are ex-officio) and members elected by those who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met eight times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%. The Standing Committee consists of the parish priest, wardens, secretary and treasurer and lay vice-chair. This group, required by law, meets to guide the agenda for PCC and deal with day to day issues. The PCC develops parish policy in a variety of areas to support and maintain best practice. A key policy area is Safeguarding (including Child Protection) and the PCC reviews the policy annually. During the year the discussion took place around updated training and a review of those with DBS (previously CRB) checks in our parish. The PCC reappointed Ms Brenda Heywood as Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer for 2014. A policy Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults has also been adopted.

### *The Wider Team*

The Parish of William Temple is part of the Wythenshawe Anglican Team along with the parishes of St Luke Benchill, St Martin with St Francis Wythenshawe, and St Richard of Chichester Wythenshawe (Peel Hall). During 2014 the Parish of St Michael and All Angels' Lawton Moor also became part of our Team through sharing a new parish priest with St Martin's. The Team Council coordinates Team activities and works towards a coordinated mission and ministry across the Wythenshawe Benefice. As well as this planning, previous activities have included joint worship, prayer and quiet days, and social events. The Team ministers meet weekly for prayer and support. In June 2014 we welcomed the Rev'd Adam Dickson as Assistant Curate in the Wythenshawe Team. Adam lives at St Francis' House and, as Stephen is his Training Incumbent, Adam's primary

focus of ministry surrounds the parish of William Temple Church. Currently the Team consists of the Team Rector, three Team Vicars, one stipendiary Curate, one OLM curate, a retired priest and three Readers. The Team Rector is based at William Temple Church.

During 2014 a successful funding application enabled us to employ a Community Development Worker (CDW) for the Team. Tracey Rawlins works three days a week and has an office at William Temple Church. The provision of this office space is a significant contribution of the PCC towards the post. CDW reports are presented regularly to the Team Council and are available on request or from the Team website. An annual report can be found later in the booklet.

### **Administrative Information**

William Temple Parish Church is situated on Robinswood Road near Wythenshawe Civic Centre. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Withington and the Archdeaconry of Manchester. The Team Rector is also the Area Dean of Withington.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The Bankers for the PCC are The Cooperative Bank and the insurers are The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Gloucester.

The correspondence address is William Temple Vicarage, Robinswood Road, Manchester M22 0BU

The address of the Parish website is **[www.wythenshawe-anglican.org](http://www.wythenshawe-anglican.org)**

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2014 until the date this report was produced are:

### **Ex-Officio**

Rev'd Stephen Edwards		Incumbent
Rev'd Adam Dickson	<i>from June 2014</i>	Assistant Curate
Brenda Griffin		Churchwarden
Alan Powell	<i>until June 2014</i>	Churchwarden
Brenda Heywood	<i>from September 2014</i>	Churchwarden
Brenda Heywood	<i>elected 2014-2017</i>	Deanery Synod
Craig Mitchell	<i>elected 2014-2017</i>	Deanery Synod

### **Elected Members**

Ann Barton	<i>elected 2013-2016</i>
Sue Mangan	<i>elected 2014-2016</i>
Mary Heald	<i>elected 2012-2015</i>
Margaret Morris	<i>elected 2012-2015</i>
John Pilkington	<i>elected 2012-2015</i>
Paul Williams	<i>elected 2011-2014</i>

### **Co-opted Member**

Jean Powell	<i>co-opted 2014-2015</i>
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### **PCC Officers**

Alan Powell	<i>reappointed 2012</i>	Hon PCC Secretary
Brenda Griffin	<i>from June 2012</i>	Acting PCC Secretary
Jean Powell	<i>reappointed 2012</i>	Hon PCC Treasurer

*Alan Powell served as Churchwarden and PCC Secretary during the first part of the year. His death was a great shock to the parish community and the PCC acknowledges, with thankfulness to God, his dutiful and faithful service as a minister of the parish church of William Temple.*

*May he and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.*

## **Appendices: Other Reports**

### **Appendix 1: Report of the Deanery Synod**

There were three meetings of the Synod during the year, at Emmanuel, Didsbury, William Temple, Wythenshawe, and Christ Church, West Didsbury. The Ascension Day Eucharist was held at Christ Church. An average of 30 members attended each meeting.

The Area Dean is Revd Stephen Edwards, Team Rector of the Wythenshawe Team, based at William Temple. The Lay Chair, Jeff Dunkerley, who is also a member of the Bishop's Council, was re-elected, as was Carys Pugh as Secretary and Revd Greg Forster as Treasurer. Elizabeth Davies, Gwyneth Lloyd and Ray Foden were elected to the Standing Committee. Revd Robin Usher was appointed to the parishes of St Martin and St Michael and All Angels in the Wythenshawe Team.

Alison Peacock gave an informative account of the 2011 Census figures for the Withington Deanery at the February meeting. At the June meeting we discussed our duty of stewardship to support the mission of the church, led by James Emmerson from 90 Deansgate.

At the November meeting Carys Pugh gave an interesting talk about communication. She gave an account of the communications strategy of St John Brooklands, and stressed that in order to attract people the parish website, magazine, notice-boards and church events should make clear the church's vision and objectives. She then gave a fascinating account of social media, explaining to the uninitiated such mysteries as Twitter and Facebook. Although care is needed not to post inappropriate material, these are the avenues of communication used by most young people and we should not ignore them.

Diana Kloss then gave an account of the October meeting of the Diocesan Synod. Bishop David had initiated an in-depth survey of the needs of the Diocese for the future, but it was commented that insufficient publicity had been given to this. Bishop David has agreed to attend the Deanery Synod in 2015. The accounts for 2014 showed a deficit of nearly £1 million for a number of reasons, but mainly the rise in the number of parishes failing to pay parish share in full (though most of the churches in our Deanery are not

among these), and a poor return on investments. The number of stipendiary posts in the Deanery would need to be reduced because of financial constraints. As a result the number of representatives from the Deanery to be elected to the Diocesan Synod in 2015 would be reduced to three clergy and three lay persons.

In December it was announced that Revd Libby Lane, the wife of Revd George Lane from our Deanery, was to be consecrated suffragan Bishop of Stockport in the Diocese of Chester, the first woman to be appointed a bishop in the Church of England.

Diana Kloss

Synod member from Christ Church and St Christopher

### **Appendix 2: Report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of the Church**

No major repairs were carried out during the year. The gardens were maintained by a small but dedicated group of volunteers and we are very grateful for their hard work.

There were no changes, additions or removals of any goods or ornaments of the church.

Brenda Griffin & Brenda Heywood

Churchwardens

### **Appendix 3: Report of the Team Council**

#### **TEAM COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2014**

2014 was another year of change which saw the appointment of Tracey Rawlins as our Community Development worker in May. The departure of our Team Evangelist Capt. Aidan Greenwood in June and the arrival of the Revd. Adam Dixon as our Team Curate, also in June. In September we welcomed the arrival of the Revd. Robin Usher as Vicar of St. Martin with St. Francis, combined with the parish of St. Michael and All Angels. We also welcomed Mr. Stephen Morris, Reader at St. Michael's and Mrs Pat Higson was

licensed as a Reader at St. Richard's. With a now a fully staffed Team, and we hope we can look forward to a more settled period.

The Team Council met on four occasions during the year - in February; in May we had our A.G.M. after which at our regular meeting we decided to re-visit the paper prepared by Geoff Babb 'Towards a Team Strategy' at a dedicated meeting in August. At this special meeting the Team Rector provided a paper entitled 'What is Mission'.

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform the structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We were asked to think about the Five Marks of Mission in the Anglican Communion. We agreed to give consideration to specific areas of the Team's shared vision over the next two years, with a meeting on each of the following topics:

- support groups and networks
- sharing of news and information
- political, social and community engagement
- education and training
- communication with other churches and local groups
- annual and occasional events

We agreed to review how we were carrying out this Mission, and to report back to our PCCs.

The appointment of Mrs Tracey Rawlins as our Community Development Worker, presently housed in the John Eaton Vestry at William Temple Church has proved invaluable.

Mary Doyle  
Team Clerk

#### Appendix 4: Community Development Worker Summary Report 2014.

The community development worker came into post in April 2014. In addition to supporting the individual churches, she has supported the following Team-wide activities

- Our first involvement with Heritage Open Days – a national initiative with mixed outcomes but something that we hope to build upon
- Food safety training with at least one person from each parish now holding a certificate
- Supporting St Richards with Christmas Day lunch funding
- Raising our profile in Wythenshawe securing significant donations from local businesses and Manchester Airport for our Christmas food parcels
- Connecting us up to the WCHG “Christmas meal in a bag” project
- Donations of mugs to WT Mothers Union
- Involvement in Food poverty events in October
- Successful Hate Crime awareness event in partnership with Menorah Synagogue
- Roll out of community reporter training across the Team
- Beginning work to support WT 50fest programme with greater community focus
- Beginning exploratory work on community sports projects for next year as part of the Wythenshawe Games legacy
- Beginning community consultation on the relocation of a War Memorial for Wythenshawe
- Exploratory work with Manchester Credit Union
- Unsuccessful bids to support International Women’s Day and the emergency food provision

All of this work is enabled by the existing commitment within congregations

Activity	Funder	Amount
St Luke’s Time Flies at 75	Heritage Lottery Fund	7200
Christmas Day lunch	Community First	703.93
WT 50fest	Theodore of Tarsus	5000
St Martins	Theodore of Tarsus	5000
Hate Crime Awareness	Manchester City Council	184
food provision	Community First (Tree of life	1000

\*This table only includes grants I've been directly involved in, it doesn't include Diocesan grants or other contributions from individuals – WT had £10K from Diocese and St Luke's a further £6K for painting plus a small grant of £700 for cameras  
Quarterly reports are produced for Team Council.

Tracey Rawlins  
Community Development Worker

### **Appendix 5: Mothers' Union William Temple Branch Report**

During 2014 the branch continued with its monthly meeting with a service followed by a speaker or activity. Despite decreasing numbers our elderly group enjoy their time together. Because of increasing physical incapacity, during the year five members of the branch were in hospital because of falls; most are unable to take an active part in the life of the church, where they used to gladly give so much time. They are still regular in worship and do their best to honour the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union, through encouraging and supporting marriage and family life in whatever way they can.

We still support the work of the Mothers' Union overseas and we support the Manchester university welcome week in September with donations of food and mugs, though again, we cannot provide a physical help as once we did.

We now have 11 members, including two indoor members. During the year we attended the funeral of our oldest member, Margaret Gill, and two of our former members, Emily Clare and Gwen Towers. Our two indoor members receive home communion from the clergy and regular letters from Indoor Correspondent.

All our meetings are open meetings and the visitors who come occasionally, enjoy their visits.

Eileen Donohoe  
Branch Leader



## **A prayer for our Parish**

Almighty God, shepherd of your people,  
whose servant William Temple revealed the loving service of Christ

in his ministry as a pastor of your people:

Bless, we pray, your Church in this parish.

Keep us faithful to our Christian calling

and awaken within us the love of Christ,

through him who laid down his life for us,

but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. Amen.

