

Annual Report of the PCC of St Richard of Chichester, Peel Hall

2013

Aim and Purposes

As the Parish Church of Peel Hall, within the Church of England, the primary aim of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ within our community. The PCC does this by working together with our Team Vicar, Fr Melanie Appleby, our Self Supporting Minister, The Rev Gary Miller and the Wythenshawe Anglican Team to contribute to meeting the spiritual and practical needs of the community as set out in this report. The Parish is part of the Wythenshawe Anglican Team, which is made up of four separately constituted parishes, each of which has its own PCC.

Objectives and activities

The activities of the PCC fall into three broad areas:

- **Facilitating worship and other spiritual activities** (e.g. Wake Up Club for children and young people, Lent Groups and other developmental activities for adults). We are committed to making worship and other related activities welcoming and open to the whole community
- **Social and community activities facilitated directly by the Church** We recognise that these activities provide a valuable benefit to the public in Peel Hall, and also serve as a link between the worshipping community and those who may not attend regularly but still feel a connection to the parish
- **Providing a venue for other community groups by use of our hall** By hiring our hall to a range of valuable community groups, we are able to provide benefit to the community which goes beyond that which we can directly deliver. Although the hire of the hall also generates income for the church in some cases, this is not the primary purpose of hiring our hall, and we work with our regular groups to ensure that groups are affordable and sustainable

Achievements and performance

Worship and Spiritual activities

During the year, Mass has been held every Sunday morning at 10.45am, and in addition a midweek service has been held on the first Wednesday of each month, and every Wednesday during lent and advent. The Wake Up Club meets fortnightly during term time at the same time as the Sunday Mass, and the children join with the congregation at Communion and for the end of the service.

During Holy Week services were held on Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and we joined with our brothers and sisters across the team for a joint Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at William Temple Church. Over the Christmas period a number of special services were held, including a toy service at which donations were received for The Children's Society. We continue to celebrate Midnight Mass at 11pm on Christmas Eve, and this service attracted visitors as well as many regular members of the congregation. In addition, Mass was celebrated at 9.30am on Christmas morning for those members who are unable to attend the night time service

Music is an important element of our worship, and during the year the PCC have held discussions with the wider congregation and within both whole meetings and a smaller subgroup about the proposals to install the organ from St Francis Church in St Richard's. This would provide a much more versatile instrument than our current one-manual extension organ. In connection with this, the PCC agreed to dispose of the piano in the hall (which is not functional) and to move the piano that is currently in the main Church into the hall.

We have welcomed into our congregation Pat and Graham Higson, and the PCC has agreed to support Pat in the completion of her training as a Licensed Lay Reader (which she began at her previous parish).

Our lent group in 2013 focussed on theological reflections on "Les Misarables" and was written and led by our Vicar, Fr Melanie Appleby

The Vicar has continued to strengthen our links with our local schools, and has visited to take assemblies at Peel Hall Primary School. The school also used the Church building for their Nativity and Christmas Carol Service.

Social and community activities

The Tuesday morning Community Shop continues to be run by the Church, and provides a valuable resource to families and individuals across Wythenshawe.

A number of "one-off" events were held during the year including:

- Harvest Quiz night
- Chocolate Bingo and "Santa's dash"
- Spring and Christmas fairs

Use of hall by other community groups and events

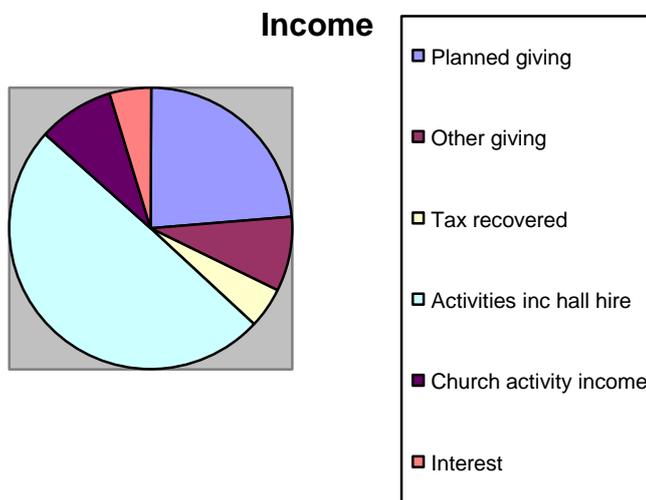
During the year the hall has been used for Karate lessons, dog training (classes which ceased in November) and "Everyone's Youth Club" (an inclusive youth provision which

is accessible to disabled young people). As in previous years, the hall was used as a polling station for the local elections. We also welcomed new provision in the form of Shana Keeler's dance school. This school is providing dance classes for children and young people, and keep fit sessions for adults.

Financial review

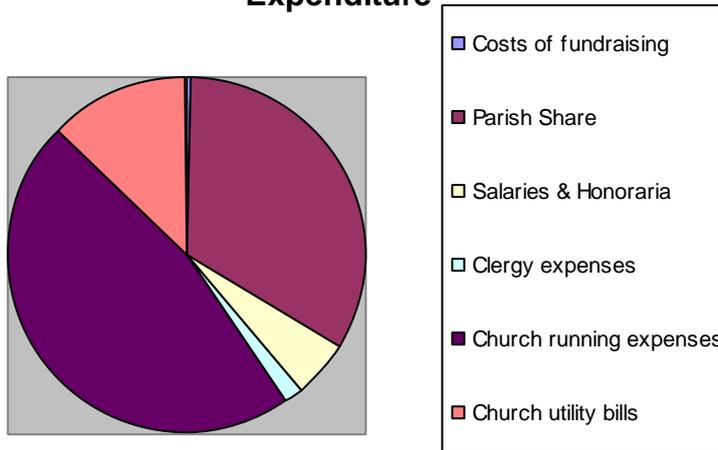
Covering the running costs of St Richard's continues to be challenging, and this year we have run at a deficit again. The PCC hold reserves which equate to approximately one year's running costs, and this means that the situation is not immediately critical, but will need to be monitored and addressed over coming years. This year the reserves were held in an investment account which generated some income. The retirement of our previous treasurer at the end of December 2012 led to these reserves being moved back into the main account, and the PCC will need to review where best to hold this money in the coming year.

One key action that the PCC has taken during the year has been to replace the old boiler in the hall with two modern boilers. Whilst this involved a significant outlay this year, it should provide us with more economical and flexible heating in the future and we hope will reduce our gas bills!



As shown in the pie chart above, the single largest source of income for the parish is the hire of the hall and activities that run from there. Planned giving (through the envelope scheme) has increased during the year, and we are able to recover income tax on giving from those members who pay income tax and who sign up to the Gift Aid Scheme. The envelope scheme is open to all members (not just those who pay income tax) and more information about this is available from Abby Ogier.

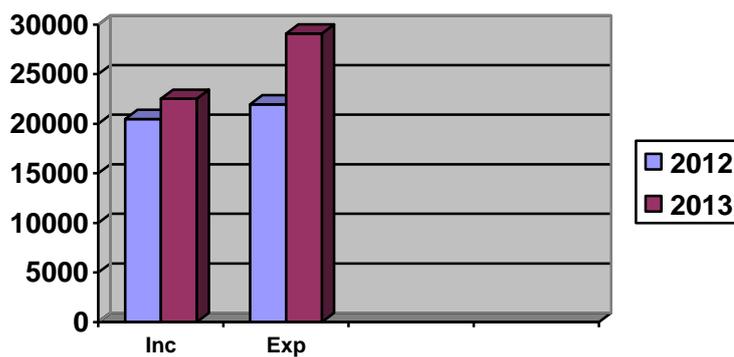
Expenditure



The chart above shows that running costs for the Church and hall are the single largest cost to St Richards. The Parish Share is the money that we pay to the diocese as part of the Church of England in Manchester. Although this is a significant cost, we receive far more back from the Diocese in return, including a full time Team Vicar.

The chart below shows that both income and expenditure have been increased this year. Although the deficit has increased on 2012, this is largely accounted for by the cost of the new boilers, which will hopefully contribute to making the hall more sustainable and reducing running costs in the longer term.

Income & Expenditure



In addition to the main church funds, a separate account is held for the Organ Fund. The balance of this fund at the end of the financial year ending December 31st 2013 was £2690

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Administrative information

The PCC of St Richard of Chichester, Peel Hall is responsible for the governance of the Church of St Richard of Chichester, Peel Hall Road, Manchester. Correspondence to the PCC can be sent to either:

The Rev. Melanie J Appleby, 42 Lomond Road, Peel Hall, Manchester, M22 5JD

Or

Mrs Abigail Ogier, 114 Cavendish Road, Manchester, M20 1QH

During the year, the following people have served on the PCC:

Ex Officio members

The Rev. Melanie Appleby (Team Vicar)

The Rev Gary Miller (Self Supporting Minister)

Mrs Ann Dewey (Church Warden)

Mr Graham Higson (Church Warden – also treasurer from 1st January 2014)

Ms Pauline Nolan (Deanery Synod Representative)

Mrs Abigail Ogier (Deanery Synod Representative – also secretary from 9th July 2013 and Gift Aid Secretary from 1st January 2014)

Elected members

Mr William Bramah

Mrs Dorothy Wilson

Mr Roy Wilson

Mrs Carol Linney

Mrs Anne Kelly

Mr Mark Lewis

Mr Terry McKinney

Ms Janice Hall