



**PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. PETER, MUCH WOOLTON**

The **JOINT MEETING** of the persons, whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish, and the persons resident in the Parish, whose names are entered on a register of Local Government electors by reason of such residence, to be held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30 via Zoom Meeting.

AGENDA

1. The clerk shall read the notice convening the meeting.
 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019.
 3. Election of Churchwardens.
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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019.

Present Revd Kip Crooks
 Revd Andy Radford
 Members of the Laity

1. The clerk read the notice convening the **Joint meeting of the persons on the electoral roll of the church and those on the register of Local Government electors.**

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 were approved as a true record of the proceedings, by a show of hands.

3. Apologies

Apologies covering both meetings were received from Mr Alistair and Mrs Ruth Fletcher, Miss Pam Cottrell, Mrs Gill Chambers and Mrs Gill McColl.

4. Election of the Churchwardens

Two nomination forms having been received for the two vacancies and there being no further candidates, the following were elected, by a show of hands, to serve for the following year.

- Mr Brian Ricketts – proposed by Norma Townley, seconded by Helen Dennett
- Mr Terrence van Eker – proposed by Norma Townley, seconded by Helen Dennett

Kip thanked the wardens for all the work that they do behind the scenes, to ensure the smooth running of the church; he also thanked the assistant warden, Mr Chris Lee.

The **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** of the persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish to be held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

1. The Clerk shall read the notice convening the meeting.
 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on held on 2nd April 2019.
 3. Proposed election of Readers to the Council.
 4. Election of Sidespersons.
 5. Election of PCC Councillors.
 6. Annual reports for 2019 of the PCC Secretary, Fabric and Finance, Deanery Synod, Parish Administrator, Hub Coordinator, Youth and children's work and Mission Committee to be considered.
 7. Church Annual Report including the financial affairs and the examined accounts, year ending 31/12/2019
 8. Appointment of the Independent Examiner for year ending 31/12/2020
 9. Rector – stories from 2019 and looking ahead.
 10. Comments and suggestions
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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019

1. The clerk read the notice convening the **Annual Meeting of the persons on the electoral roll of the Church.**

1.1 The meeting opened with a short act of worship.

2. Minutes of the 2019 meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 were approved as a true record of the proceedings by a show of hands.

The reports of activities during 2018 presented from the PCC Secretary, Chair of the Fabric Finance Committee, Parish Administrator, Hub Coordinator, Deanery Synod Secretary, Youth Worker, Chair of the Mission Committee, having been previously circulated were all accepted by a show of hands.

The Church Annual Report including the financial Affairs of the Parish and the Accounts for Year 2018 were presented by Ms Helen Winsland, Treasurer. Proposed by Mrs Gill Dottie and seconded by Mr Brian Ricketts, the accounts were accepted by a show of hands. Brian gave a vote of thanks to Helen for her diligent work week by week and month by month on the heavy burden of keeping track of all the financial aspects of the church.

The meeting approved the appointment of Mrs Karen Gornall as independent examiner by a show of hands.

Kip presented his report for 2018. He emphasized the vision for the church – **Love for God, each other and the world.** He thanked everyone present for being part of the vision. He mentioned people who were evidence of the vision in a variety of ways.

He reminded everyone of the Bishop's Rule of Life -

We are called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give. We all have a mission. We were reminded of the Bible verse for the year from Romans 12 verses 1 & 2

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you

Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping eating, going-to-work and walking around Life – and place it before God as an offering....fix your attention on God.

You'll be changed from the inside out.

Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it."

Kip covered four concentric rings of belonging to the church. The inner ring of the buildings and their gathered together activities; those close to the daily life of the church; another ring covered community life; and the final ring covered the big issues of today's world. We are all part of the four rings and prayer is at the heart of the church.

Kip introduced members of St Peter's who covered the various "rings".

Resourcing mission

Cindy Holbrook, Parish Administrator, a new role, introduced herself and covered the many areas she was working on which were detailed in her report. She is one of the "faces" in the Hub and is meeting people face to face, on the phone and via the web-site.

Church Mission

Graham, Verger, talked about his mission with weddings, funerals and Beatles' tourists. He thanked the many people who work with him, Funeral Directors, sound Desk operators (Sue and Rory), Wedding Team (Helen and Norma), Dot who is now ministering at funerals and Chris Lee who is always on hand.

Gill Dottie, Welcome Team, who delighted all present with her poem based on all aspects of welcome, including a thank -you to Helen and Norma. (Gill organized the Harvest Lunch, a new venture which all participants enjoyed very much).

Lorraine Fletcher, Youth Worker, who detailed the Youth Vision Statement and her interest on all aspects of children's and youth work. She thanked the teams of volunteers who work with the groups.

Community Mission

Andy, Curate covered the many activities in the Hub (run by his wife Jen), the peace of the Prayer Room and the busyness of the place with people in and out. He also made mention of the Season of Invitation which had been so successful.

Dot Baker, Reader, who talked about the Alpha courses (with thanks to the caterers David and Cheryl Brayford and Roger and Sue Whitaker). She is currently enjoying her time in Minnows and the "Experiencing Christmas and Easter ventures" with Bishop Martin School And Woolton County Primary school.

Overseas Mission

Ruth Robinson covered the trip to ECD with her daughter and 11 others from St Peter's. She particularly mentioned the strength of the team and the welcome from helpers and children. Ruth had a slide show with an accompanying song (composed by Lily Fletcher), which brought the visit to life for all present.

Everyday Wholelife Mission

Rachel Farmer, a Health Visitor and life-long member of St Peter's touched all our heart with details of her (and Tim's) journey to become parents by both fostering and adoption. Rachel is now involved with the charity "Care for vulnerable children".

3 Proposed election of Readers to the Council for 2020

The meeting accepted, by a show of hands, that Mrs Dot Baker, Mr Alistair Fletcher, Mr Ian McColl and Mrs Ann Pope – Emeritus, be elected to the PCC *ex officio*. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the readers – their individual gifts, their teaching and preaching in their sharing of the ministry at St Peter's. Also, thanks to other members of the congregation who lead services from time to time – Mr Neil Dixon, Revd Paul Holt and Canon Joyce Marsden.

Election of Sidespersons for 2019-2020

The role of the Sidespersons, to welcome people as they first enter the church and assist with the smooth running of the services, is so important. The list of Sidespeople having been circulated previously was accepted by a show of hands.

Election of PCC Councillors

Four nomination papers had been received for the four vacancies on PCC. All nominations were correctly proposed and seconded. The meeting affirmed those standing by a show of hands.

Elected until 2022 – Mrs Kate Daly, Dr Donna Jackson, Mrs Louise Postlethwaite and Mrs Susan West.

Reports

The reports contained in the pack containing the dealings of the PCC; the Fabric and Finance Committee on the Goods Fabric and Ornaments of the church; proceedings of Deanery Synod; Parish Co-ordinator; Children's/Youth Work; Mission Committee were accepted by a show of hands.

Church Annual Report

The report including the financial affairs and the examined accounts for 2018 were accepted by a show of hands.

The examiner was appointed for the 2019 accounts.

This ended the minutes of the 2019 meeting.

Meeting minuted.....

Signed.....

Dated.....

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Sidesperson's List April 2020

Dave Baker

Sue Beecroft

Mike Carney

John Carson

Ruth Christie

Joan Clarke

David Corbluth

Jean Corbluth

Pam Cottrell

Sue Craig

John Daly

Gill Dottie

Alan Grant

Thelma Grant

David Harrison

Diane Harrison

John Heywood

Gill Kenyon

Ann King

Peter Kneale

Chris Lee

Richard Lovegrove

Charles Pope

Lilian Prevost

Ian Seabury

Michelle Squires

Sue Tappenden

Katherine Taylor

Sheelagh Taylor

June Travis

Colin Thwaite

Jean Thwaite

Mike Welsby

Roger Whitaker

Eric Winstanley

Val Winstanley

Norma Winsland

Reports for 2019-2020

PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC met on 10 occasions. Each meeting starts and ends with prayer. The PCC is composed of the Incumbent and 15 elected councillors with the following ex-officio members - Wardens, Assistant to the Wardens, Deanery Synod members and Readers. Councillors are elected for a period of three years and each year one third retire and the places are filled either by re-election or new members. Officers appointed at the May meeting for 2019-2020 were:

Vice Chair	Brian Ricketts
Secretary	Gwen Rawlinson
Treasurer	Helen Winsland
Standing Committee	Incumbent, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary
Finance & Fabric Committee	Sue Beecroft (Chair), Incumbent, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Brian Siddall (Building Supervisor) and Tudor Roberts.
Mission Committee	Ian McColl (Chair), Incumbent, Secretary, Louise Davison, Stephen McArdle and Laura Jones.
Assistant to the Wardens	Chris Lee

Reports and Topics covered at meetings

Health & Safety policy reviewed	Open Church July-September
Safeguarding reviewed	Bishop Martin School updates
Mission Committee reports	Defibrillators (in church and SPC)
GDPR updates	Hall hire details
Special services	Whole Life Discipleship
PCC Away Day	Finance & Fabric issues

Each month there are updates on many aspects of the church responsibilities – Health & Safety, safeguarding, Finance, Children & Youth work, Mission, Bishop Martin School, income generation, receiving Beatles' visitors, and regular updates on Office management and Hub activities.

Meetings are very busy, with an average of 60% attendance and we strive to ensure that everything we do is in line with our church mission. St Peter's is a busy, lively church with a diverse congregation. The following is a list of the varied activities on offer.

Sundays- Two services 8.00am and 10.30am. the children's groups (Excepting First Steps) start off in church and move off to their age-related activities after 15-20 minutes. In addition, a less formal evening worship is offered once monthly at 6.30pm. BCP communion at 10.45am each Thursday.

St Peter's Groups include

Wedding and Baptism preparation	Women's Fellowship
Flower arrangers	Lunch Club (alternate Thursdays)
Home Communion for our "Hidden Community"	Bellringers
Children's groups, youth group, Link Club – See Lorraine's report on page 11	
Walking group	
Minnows and Worship through Play– pre-school children	Music Group
Lyfe Groups – small groups	Friendship group
Vestry Hour	Church Cleaning group

The Hub contact place for St Peter's see Jen's report on page 9

Association with uniformed groups – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

The COVID-19 pandemic meant that all face to face meetings ended in March 2020.

Gwen Rawlinson (Secretary to the Council)

Report of Fabric and Finance Committee

The Finance and Fabric committee is a sub-committee of the PCC. It meets on a monthly basis and is charged with monitoring and controlling the church's finances as well as caring for our buildings and grounds. The challenge facing the Fabric and Finance committee is to make sure that the church resources are managed so that the day to day running costs can be covered and money made available to further the mission of the church.

The PCC vision for the church going forward is focused on the four pillars of the Mission: youth work, buildings, outreach and spiritual development of the congregation. It has been encouraging to see the level of progress made in each of these areas, which was made possible by the Giving in Grace campaign in 2017.

Going into the year we expected the financial position to be challenging and therefore the loss of £20,109 while a concern was not a surprise. We were only able to contain the level of loss due to an unprecedented level of one-off legacies/donations during the year. The committee has carefully managed all expenditure throughout the year and we have reluctantly had to defer some major capital projects such as repairs to the Lych Gate due to lack of funds. The main job that was completed during 2019/20 was the replacement of the windows in the church hall, which had deteriorated to such an extent that they could not be left any longer. This cost just under £30,000.

The financial position is now becoming critical, mainly due to the reduction in planned giving. We have lost a small number of major givers over the last few years and by 2020/2021 we expect our planned giving income will have reduced by 25% compared to five years ago. As this is our main form of income, this is not sustainable going forward. The Finance and Fabric Committee, on behalf of the PCC spent the last couple of months in 2019/20, identifying ways to try and bridge the gap. The COVID 19 outbreak has meant delays to putting these plans in place, but we will update the congregation as soon as we can.

The Finance and Fabric Committee members bring a range of skills and different perspectives to the meetings which make the discussions lively, challenging and enjoyable. Each of them plays a valuable role and I am deeply grateful to all of them for their contributions and their hard work on our behalf. Kip and the wardens do a wonderful job and I am very grateful for all their guidance and expertise. The committee is supported by Gwen Rawlinson, who skillfully manages to minute our rambling discussions and ensures that we don't miss anything.

As ever we are very grateful to Brian Siddall who supervises all the repair work on the church buildings and liaises with the architect and contractors on our behalf. Tudor Roberts has provided invaluable assistance and support on a number of projects and we have also been helped by Dave Baker, Brian Townley and others, with some of the maintenance work. I would also like to thank the architect David Watkins for all his support and advice throughout the year and Gill Chambers for her guidance on Health and Safety matters. One of the most essential and time-consuming roles in the church is that of Treasurer and I am very grateful to Helen Winsland for undertaking this role. Helen has proved to be a wonderful asset to the team. Her careful monitoring and management of our finances means that we always know exactly what the financial position is and the implications of any decisions made. We are indebted to her for this commitment.

Although not a member of the committee, I would also like to record my grateful thanks to Tim Warn for all his hard work in administering the various giving schemes. This is another job behind the scenes that is largely unseen but essential to ensure that the church continues to function.

In summary, St Peter's enters 2020/21 with some serious challenges, which have been made significantly worse by COVID 19. However we are confident that with your prayerful support and encouragement we will be able to help the church through this crisis and drive forward its mission for the future.

Sue Beecroft (Chair of the Fabric and Finance Committee)

Deanery Synod

The first meeting after the APCM was held at All Saints, Speke in May and was Nicola Milford's first meeting as Area Dean. Phil Janvier shared his experience of the London marathon which he ran for the Children's Society; and David Bishop gave an update on current projects of the Society. We were encouraged to take part in the Archbishop's prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come"

In July the Synod met at St Mary's, Halewood. Archdeacon Mike McGurk introduced the Diocese's vision for St Barnabas, Penny Lane, which would become a plant church of Holy Trinity, Brompton, focusing on the mission generation of 11-29 year olds. The PCC of St Barnabas have unanimously agreed to this plan. An Application to apply for Strategic Development Funding of £4.8 million is currently under consultation with the Church Commissioners. If the bid is successful, in turn, this will lead to the dissolution of the Mossley Hill team. It was also agreed at this meeting, that all churches should pay the same percentage of parish share in 2010 as they did in 2019. It was also agreed to work toward becoming an eco-deanery. All Saints, Childwall and St Anne's, Aigburgh had been awarded Silver and Bronze Eco awards.

The October meeting was held at St Mark's, Childwall Valley with three fantastic volunteering opportunities to fulfil Bishop Paul's "Rule of Life" as we respond to being "Called to Serve".

Lorraine Fletcher, Youth Worker at St Peter's, Woolton, updated us on the "Connect Youth Ministry" which meets on Sunday half-termly at the Academy of St Nicholas. Lorraine wanted to encourage all churches in the Deanery to attend with their young people in years 6-13, however small or large their group is. Lorraine shared some of the challenges of Connect, including the need for more to be involved with the planning, or any other various roles for making the event happen, also if anyone can advise on future funding opportunities. DMGF has funded each year since the event began. Jan from Linking Lives, a befriending scheme running out of St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill, spoke about the many people who need to be linked with friends. Synod people could volunteer to become friends and/or run an afternoon group in church. There is funding from DMGF and LCVS. Emma, Director of Operations for MITE (Mission in the Economy) shared the opportunity for chaplaincy services in the workplace – voluntary or specialist- in places such as John Lennon Airport, Police, Shopping Centres. This group started in Liverpool in the 1950s and became ecumenical in the 1980s. Shops in our parishes? Small businesses? There is a need to be willing to talk to people and training can be provided.

In November at All Souls, Springwood, members of All Saints, Childwall shared their Eco-Church journey. The Deanery Leadership team held three Saturday mornings to focus on the Deanery Planning Framework and Kip Crooks shared the vision for developing Deaneries based on the York Diocese model. This model was formally accepted in March 2020.

In February Ian Crowe was appointed to the new role of Lay Dean, instead of Lay Chair to show its parity with Area Dean. David Bishop agreed to take on the role of Assistant Lay Dean for one year. In February Synod was informed that 25 people from Holy Trinity, Brompton have applied to move to Liverpool to be part of the new church plant at St Barnabas.

At the time of writing we are in a period of lockdown in response to the Covid 19 pandemic and Synod representatives will remain in post until November 2020.

Natalie White

Deanery Synod Secretary

Hub Coordinator's Report

A bridge between St Peter's Church family and the local community.

Ongoing regular Hub activities...

- **Daily:** drop-in for hospitality, company, Beatles' gifts & hall access, facility use, signposting, TANGO collections, prayer, printing, photocopying, emailing, room bookings, telephone support, other administrative and/or practical support for church groups/individuals and community members.
- **Weekly:** Craft group (M), Games Club (M), Tea & cakes (M), Parents' groups (Tu), Staff meeting (Tu), Knit & Natter (W), web-site "latest news"& "What's on this week" updates (Th), BMS parents' Coffee & Chat (Th), Hubbub (F), Table Tennis(F).
- **Fortnightly:** Post-communion coffee (Th), Parish Lunch (Th).
- **Monthly:** Play-a-long practice (Tu), Sing-a-long (W), Quiz (W), Community Police Surgery (F).
- **Regularly:** Volunteer support, seasonal volunteer newsletters, Hub noticeboard & signposting info upkeep, Sing-a-long booklet updates, hub reporting, Hub & Church hall deep clean, grounds tidy-up, building maintenance inside & out, Publicity via hub business cards, What's on in the Hub? Sheet up-dates, individual group flyers, Website, Notice sheet ads, Facebook ads & updates, posters.

Additional activities and events...

Later Spring 2019:

- Support provided to the parish Administrator with Jethro overhaul.
- Hub Vision morning for volunteers – Hub priorities identified, 14 attended.
- Primary & teenage years parenting and Lyfe Bible Society courses launched.
- Community Parents' Quiz evening with cheese and wine.
- Hosted "Dementia friends" event & supported St Mary's "Open Marketplace".

Summer 2019:

- New flooring and cleaning cupboard in kitchen, lock replaced in Smiley room.
- Craft group create 3D pictures & 3 new sofas purchased and built by Dave Baker for the Hub hall.
- Volunteer summer celebration BBQ at the Curate's house.
- BMS Reception class sing, perform and read to Thursday communion group.
- 4 Summer holiday "family space" sessions held, extremely well attended.

Autumn 2019:

- Lyfe "Holy Spirit" and "Prayer" courses: Tuesdays at 10.30am & Thursday at 8.00pm.
- "A church near you" webinar attended by 2 and web pages updated.
- Hub activity leaders/helpers receive first aid training from Sue Craig.
- Damaged kitchen sink-side worktop replaced by Dave Baker.

Winter 2019:

- The Crafty Christmas Café event & popular Hub Volunteer Christmas party.
- New group "Knit & Natter" launched and Lyfe continues with Bible courses.
- Liaison with Brian Siddall re emergency & night lights overhaul.
- Winter clothing collection organized by a volunteer and taken to Whitechapel.
- Signed up to be known as a "Place of Welcome" and Cindy's farewell coffee party.
- Liaison with Tudor Roberts re hall door replacement & new key arrangements.

Early Spring 2020:

- Hosted & supported Adeyinka's "Places of Welcome" Networking & Training.
- Pastoral support via telephone document created for Lockdown.
- Lockdown volunteer support system put in place for those who need help with shopping, prescriptions & telephone support.
- Council community support group meeting attendance & activity support.
- Community comms continues via Whats App, facebook, web-site, mobile,
- Zoom from home.

Jen Radford (Hub Co-ordinator)

Parish Co-ordinator's Report

Cindy Holbrook our Parish Co-ordinator left at the end of February after having been Co-ordinator for 20 months. We were sorry to see her go as in that time she set such a high standard in all she did in her role. Here is a resume of her coverage of areas in the church administrative duties.

GDPR

Cindy updated the Data Protection policy and created a Privacy Notice to ensure we were compliant with the new directions. We cannot hold data or contact details without the individual's consent and that consent is needed for all over 18s. user agreement forms were devised to ensure users comply with data protection.

Jethro is the data system we use. All records from Jethro have been updated and a control spreadsheet has been built covering upcoming 18th birthdays and renewal dates set up for all records based on the six year GDPR rule. Consent forms were displayed in church and the Hub with regular requests to complete forms communicated on church notice sheets. All information was entered on Jethro. There are 2159 records on Jethro. The Electoral Roll update of 2019 were also entered. It is essential to keep Jethro up to date and this is part of the Co-ordinator's responsibility.

Hall Booking

Cindy devised a clear, defined policy for agencies booking the Hall. A set pricing structure, documentation, terms and conditions of use, access arrangements were all part of the discussions with PCC.

Before Cindy left she ensured that everything was up to date and devised ways to move forward in all areas.

New news

We were sorry to say goodbye as Cindy moved on to pastures new, working for the Archdeacon but God knows what we need and along came our Interim Co-ordinator Derek Dottie who has moved so smoothly into the Office. His skills have quickly been made evident and he has already contributed much to the needs of the moment with the lockdown we are experiencing due to Covid-19.

Derek has also contributed to this report and has advised that his key areas of work to date have included:

- Linking the Hub email addresses to ensure access whilst home-working and giving continuity through the lockdown period.
- Extracting information from the Jethro system to provide a more flexible database while still adhering to the principles of GDPR. This has been useful in creating a "communication tree" for use by the Hub team to help ensure that any more vulnerable members of the church family are given any support they might need.
- Helping keep the St Peter's webpages up to date with messages of reassurance, resources for home worship and creativity, and sources of practical advice.
- Researching and submitting funding bids to assist with supporting St Peter's response to Covid-19.

Derek Dottie
Interim Parish Co-ordinator

Children and Youth Worker's Report

Vision statement for ministry: *We exist to live alongside and give love, hope and acceptance to all children, young people and families, supporting, nurturing and encouraging all to live the lives they were created for.* This ministry is blessed with lots of children and young people. We have many volunteers who work hard to ensure our work continues each week during term time.

Volunteers in our youth ministry ages continues to be an issue though and our volunteers in these ministries are incredibly committed to our young people but we will not be able to manage to provide weekly sessions without additional volunteers to either lead or support the weekly sessions. Please pray for these groups.

We held our second Vision and Praise event for all volunteers in September 2019 with most attending. Our focus for this year was how we support and welcome to our volunteering teams and to our groups, those who are vulnerable, have additional needs or disabilities. The event was a great starting point for us to think about how we ensure we are welcoming to all and have the tools available to support a child/young person as soon as they enter our group. This is a work in progress but it was great to have the time to think critically about this area.

We rolled out a first aid training programme this year which was supplied by the amazing Sue Craig (thanks so much Sue) who provided us with informative and helpful emergency first aid measures to ensure all our groups are a safe place for our children to be.

We held our first Pentecost party in May 2019. Thank you to Bishop Martin School and the PTA for the use of the grounds and equipment to make the event happen, and thank you to all the people who worked so hard to serve refreshments or provide activities for everyone to enjoy throughout the day. The sun shone most of the day and it was a delight to see so many people from church and our community attend this free event where we could show God's love for us all.

A secondary school transition course was run at Bishop Martin School over 3 consecutive weeks which allowed us to support year 6 young people to think about the change for them, with help from the Bible. We got lots of positive feedback on this and hope to run this again this year if schools return.

A successful Light Party was held for primary age children on 31 October 2019 with 30 children attending. Big thanks again to Gill McColl who organized the event and Gill Dottie who ensured the children were all fed, and also the volunteers who helped on the evening to ensure it was a fun event.

Link Club hosted an amazing all age pancake party on Shrove Tuesday – which saw around 100 people of all ages. We held our first Pentecost party in May 2019 – thank you to Bishop Martin School and the PTA who loaned come together to eat and decorate pancakes, do some quizzes, games and challenges. Big thanks to Mel and Frank Ferraiola who cooked over 150 pancakes and many who donated to the evening so we could raise as much money as possible – over £200 for the Together Network who works to end food poverty. Amazing.

Our annual trip to Min-y-Don activity centre took place in March 2020 with 36 young people attending. There were lots of new faces on the trip – YAY! Big thanks to all the leaders! We just made the trip happen before Lockdown – a lovely way for young people to have a great weekend together before lots of change. Thank you Jesus.

I have continued to be part of the planning team for the Connect event which takes place once per half term connecting young people (from year 6-year 13) to God and each other. Food, social time, modern worship and then time in age-specific groups, is the format with a social at the end of the summer term. Numbers of young people and churches supporting this venture are still increasing at each event.

Lockdown has meant that all our groups have been put on hold so planned events will not happen. It has been good to think creatively about how we can offer provisions on line and through web-site resources. It has been great to be able to keep some groups running on a weekly basis on the zoom platform and look at resources posted on our web-site that encourage families to grow together in faith at home.

Lorraine Fletcher Children and Youth Worker

Mission Committee

We are a sub-committee of the PCC. Our basic task is to recommend to the PCC the agencies to be supported through the tithe. But our aim is to deepen the sense of mission in St Peter's. To this end our goal was to focus on a maximum of four key projects to receive between them up to 80% of our giving. Our criteria for selecting these are:

- That we should be able to develop a real working partnership with the agency/project, with good feedback to enable a greater sense of "ownership" and prayer within the church.
- That our support should make difference to what they can achieve (with the reference that we will ve some idea of how it will be spent).
- That their work should benefit a reasonable number or significant group of people.
- That our portfolio embraces a variety of needs or objectives.
- That all the projects we support can be accepted by the congregation as appropriate for us as a church.

We have now recommended four agencies and these have been approved by the PCC: two overseas, Encontro com Deus (ECD) in Brazil and Christian Aid's Pigeon Peas Project in Malawi, and two locally, City Hearts North West and Voice. Our partnership with ECD is well established and well known in the church. It's "early days" in regard to building partnerships with the other three but we will be working on this, so that hopefully, they will become better known in due course.

The remaining 20% of our giving in 2019 was split between six agencies and individuals which have or have had close connections with St Peter's: Woolton Community Life, the Whitehead Centre, the Duff family, Bishop Alinafe in South Malawi, Elaine Siddall in Vienna and Bethany Gedge for her Discipleship Training School with Youth With a Mission (YWAM). Meanwhile, we have introduced a policy in regard to support for individuals that this will be given only in response to applications made annually, and normally for no more than three consecutive years

Ian McColl
Mission Committee Chair