CHURCHYARD, BUILDINGS AND EVENTS REPORT FOR 2019.

CHURCH.

Path. New flag path laid from front gate to new churchyard at the end of March and very kindly funded by a parishioner. (laid Mar 30 – April 3, cost £4,170.00).

Vestry. In April, roof repairs, damp-proofing and re-plastering was carried out. (cost £ 576.00)

Cellar. The asbestos flue pipe to the old boiler was safely removed. Now there is no asbestos in the church. (cost £210.00).

Cushions. In September, all pew cushions, including the communion kneelers, have been replaced with new ones. (cushions fitted September 25. Cost £4,200.00)

Lights. Motion sensor switch has been fitted for the front door lights, and an outdoor light has been fitted above the North Aisle door. (June 30. cost £179.50).

Stage. The fitting of either a permanent or removable stage has been put on hold.

Churchyard clean-up. With the grateful help of 10 volunteers, a big clean-up took place on September 7. Our very sincere thanks for all the hard work and a great job well done.

General Maintenance. A great range of repair and refurbishment jobs have been undertaken all year and include the following :- new pipework for the cellar pump, lowered water pit for cellar pump. Repairs to cellar door hinge, toilet valve, flagpole, downspouts, bench and clock Our grateful thanks to Albert Webster, Bill Gardiner and others.

Quotes. We have received quotes to refurbish the remaining paths with new flags, prune the front wall trees and bushes and to prune the larger churchyard trees. Work is scheduled for 2020.

EVENTS.

As usual a very busy and successful year with many of the usual events, including a Lego Service on February 9 and two concerts in church – a Brass Band on March 29 and a Swing Band on July 19.

It was regretfully decided to cancel the Summer Fair this year as the organizers felt there was a lack of support. It was also decided to make a change and have a Christmas Tree Festival in church in place of the Christmas Fair in the Mission.

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank all those who work so hard, often behind the scenes, to make all the events so enjoyable. We must also thank everyone who work so hard to clean and maintain the church and make it so welcoming to everyone.

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- The Mission Management Team meet every two months. The membership of the team remains unchanged.
- The Mission Building continues to accommodate a wide range of locally based groups for their respective meetings
  and activities. These include the Womens Institute, Mothers Union, Luncheon Club, Bible Study Group, Greek Class
  and Parish Council Meetings. However, the Sunday and Monday Bible Group has recently moved to premises in Burscough.
  This will result in a loss of income of £2000 per annum.
- The maintenance of the building, car park and accommodation needs continue to be a priority for the MMT. With this in
  mind the following expenditure commitments have been made for the early part of 2020;
  - the cleaning of gutters
  - the cleaning up of the car park by the entrance and the laying of chippings
  - the purchase of a new carpet and underfelt for the main room
  - the purchase of new chairs for use in the main room.
- A further proactive development has been the introduction of a visitors book.

Arthur Gore
Chairman
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ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT FOR 2019.

After the deaths of Sue Gardiner, on 10th October 2019, and of Harry Winstanley on 27th November 2019; the Roll, at 31 December 2019, stands at 66.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR 2019.

We have attended 3 Deanery Synod Meetings in 2019.

1. 12th February at Ormskirk Church Hall.

The Area Dean Rev. Duncan Petty presided over the meeting. The Financial Statement was accepted. Rainford Church had a bad fire in their Vestry, and were asking for help to replace damaged robes and vestments.

We were told that we need to be a "Joyful Church" with a desire to grow. In the future we will be a self-run Deanery with some help from the Diocese. We must all work together and follow the same financial strategy.

We need more People for a Bigger Church, and we need to plant new churches in the community.

The meeting closed in prayer.

2. 5th June 2019 at St Paul's , Skelmersdale.

Rev. Chris Spittle opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading. The Bishop of Liverpool funds the stipend for the Oaks. However this discretionary funding will end in December 2019. It is this post they wish the Deanery to fund from 2020. The alternative is to make one clergy member redundant.

Splitting into pre-organised groups, we were asked to think, discuss and suggest what ministries and deployment would be required in the Ormskirk Deanery in the future.

Area Dean Rev. Duncan Petty is going to step down as Area Dean. A post that he has held for 3 ½ years.

Rev. Duncan Petty closed the meeting in prayer.

3. 3rd October 2019 at St Mark's , Scarisbrick.

David Burgess, Lay Chairman, welcomed Rev. Eileen Heaney and congratulated her on her appointment as Area Dean. She thanked everyone for selecting her.

We were reminded that Option 2 is now the way forward. This allows Deaneries to set their own staffing levels and organize the Parish Share to pay for them.

There was a presentation on the Stipends Budget given by Colin Throp.

Debra Walker highlighted some points of interest from the General Synod. Mothers Union were given speaking rights for the first time at General Synod. In Anglican Methodist Relations, the plan is to ordain Methodist Ministers, create joint Liturgies and have full union in 5 years time.

Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendments) Rules to reduce the complexity of obtaining a Faculty. In future the Victorian Society, English Heritage, etc, must be approached first for their approval, prior to applying for a Faculty.

Rev. Paul Robinson of St Thomas, Lydiate and St Cuthberts, Halsall is leaving and moving to a parish near Cork in Ireland. Prayers were said for Rev. Paul and the joint benefice of Lydiate and Halsall.

The meeting closed with a prayer.