



To Simon and Jess,
Thank you for letting us come
to your church. I enjoyed the
trip. My best part of the trip was
standing on the big cross box.
from zainab 1km.

Brunswick Church
Annual Meeting
March 31, 2019

Reports 2018 - 19



PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council of Christchurch Brunswick, together with the incumbent (Reverend Canon Simon Gatenby) have the responsibility of enabling Christian Mission, Worship and Nurture to take place within and beyond the parish boundaries. It also has responsibility for the Church complex located on Brunswick Street, Manchester 13 and a property at 35 Portland Crescent, Longsight, Manchester 13, known as Barnabas House.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

PCC Membership

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC

Incumbent	Rev. Canon Simon Gatenby
Curate	Mrs Jess Davis (from 1/7/18)
Church Warden	Mr Tim Craft
Deanery Synod Representative	Mr Matthew Brinicombe (from 22/4/18)
Elected Members	Mrs. Yuko Ang
	Mr. Gordon Flear (Secretary)
	Mrs Sally Jones (Treasurer)
	Mrs Jenny Ferneyhough (until 22/4/18)
	Mrs Judith Keeble
	Mr. Dilu Varughese (until 22/4/18))
	Ms Sueli Neve (until 22/4/18)
	Mrs Ann Cain
	Mr Andrew Crome
	Mr Matthew Brinicombe (until 22/4/18)
	Ms Merle Lloyd (from 22/4/18)

PCC Employees

Ms Mo Blue – Community Programme Manager
Ms Kaydia Benjamin – Buildings Caretaker
Luis D’Assuncao – Barnabas Cleaner

PCC Organisation

The PCC met as a council during the year. A steering group for the Positive Steps Project met occasionally. A Refurb Group also reported to PCC. Leadership team met as required and reported to PCC.

Church Attendance

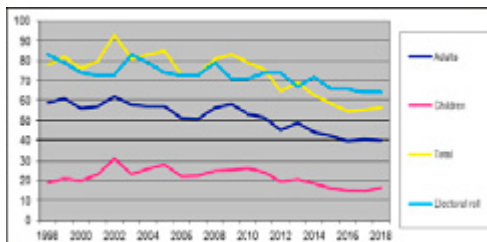
The Morning Service Attendance was as follows

	Average	Highest	Lowest
Adults / Children (<16)	40 / 16	72 / 35	24 / 6

There were a number of evening services/ events including a Carol service, Easter evening services, and some 1st and 3rd Sunday evening prayer meetings.

There were 64 parishioners on the electoral roll at the AGM in April 2018.

PCC Review of Year



Ongoing Attendance comparisons

The full PCC met 8 times in 2018 and had approx. 70% attendance. PCC received regular updates on finance, fabric, Positive Steps Project, ReFurb Group and from the Preachers and Leaders meeting.

Major items on PCC's discussion time were:

- Positive Steps project – increasing use of premises / partners (Women's Group, Just Life, Well-being Café, NA, Exercise Classes, Self-Reliant Group started, M13, Well Being Cafe etc) despite current austerity measures. Please see separate report for details.
- Continuing the on-going management and repair of the Church property and 'Barnabas'. The Refurb Project moved significantly forward with PCC input, Fabric maintenance consistently happened due to a dedicated group of teenagers and Barnabas became full during the year. Please see separate reports for more details.
- Supporting a Homeless shelter project for 3rd year running – happening 1 night a week on Church Premises early in the year and which restarted for 3 months in Autumn.
- Mission Action Planning: PCC reviewed priorities and had discussions on various items within MAP with actions following from them. The updated MAP was submitted to Diocese and Deanery.
- Mission Giving: PCC reviewed how it distributed the Missions giving of the Church and how more information could be shared with the congregation.
- The PCC implemented GDPR for Church contacts and set up a policy and process to cover this.
- PCC discussed preaching and teaching priorities at 2 meetings and actioned a number of items to encourage prayer.
- A number of one off events were suggested and planned including a Light Party and Christmas events.



You can read more about some of these items and other regular church activities in 2018 in the reports that follow.

On behalf of Christchurch Brunswick PCC, Reverend Simon Gatenby

Mission Action Priorities

Each Parish is now asked to define what and where its Mission priorities are and PCC spends some time each year looking at what these should be.

At the end of 2018 we reviewed our current priorities and updated them to be (in no particular order)

A. WORSHIP, PRAYER AND EVANGELISM – LED BY PREACHERS AND LEADERS

Teaching to Concentrate on being Missional, look again at Culture of Invitation, deliberately involving church and faith as part of our daily conversation. Volunteer Sunday.

B. YOUNG PEOPLE – LED BY YOUTH LEADERS

Involvement and provision for Young people in Church life

C. REFURB – LED BY REFURB GROUP

The Project to refurbish the building to enable and develop the mission of Church

D. MORE PEOPLE IN THE MIX MORE OFTEN (THE 3 “M”S)

Getting people together – creating links. e.g. -Passover meal, Burns Night, Pancake Party, Cooking for Night shelter, Decoration of lounge.

PCC orders its agenda around these priorities and tries to ensure all its actions are linked to a priority.

SO..... what do you think? Are these right for us, what could/ should we change? Why not let PCC know your views (or better still come and join PCC for this year!)

Welcome Team

For the last couple of years. there has been a small welcome team at church on Sunday mornings. All members of the congregation have a part in welcoming new people but the welcome team is made up of people who are willing to focus on that ministry for a particular Sunday. We help people get to know more about the church and introduce them to other people who worship here. Please come and

introduce yourself to us, we would be delighted to meet you. You can recognise us by our purple welcome lanyards or from the photos on the wall display.

The current team is: Judith Keeble, Jenny Ferneyhough, Yuko Ang, Lee and Alex Ellis and Sueli Neves. Tobi Adaramola has now left us and we're grateful for her involvement in church life for over 3 years as an undergraduate and wish her well for her future.

We are now a small team so we would be delighted to have more people join us.

For more information, please speak to Judith Keeble.



Warden's Report

In serving as the named churchwarden this year, it has been with recognition that many of the duties and traditional responsibilities of the warden have been shared within a wider leadership team including Simon, Jess, Gordon, Judith and Sally. I am very grateful for the help and support received through that, for their willingness to share in these tasks, and particularly for those who are around during the week and often pick up many of the everyday things that need doing in and around the building, which might otherwise fall to the warden to handle.

One of the warden's responsibilities is in helping in the practical aspects of Sunday services, and it is a privilege to serve in that role. I am always encouraged by the number of people who do offer to help in parts of our Sunday services, not only those on rotas for reading, leading prayers, as communion assistants, etc, but also those in the Welcome Team, those who help in Sunday School, and other ways on Sunday mornings. Of course, there is always space for others to join in any of these, and I am certainly happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in exploring, or trying out, any of these roles.

One of the other responsibilities of the warden is maintaining the church buildings and fabric. Fortunately again we have not had any major repair work needed, and as a church we have been able to focus towards the Refurb plans and project. There are, of course, ongoing day-to-day repairs and maintenance work that has to be carried out (including minor roof leaks, some painting/re-decoration, light bulb/tube replacements, etc). It has been very good, and encouraging, to have a small team of young people who have regularly helped Gordon and myself with many of these tasks (see their report below). We currently meet for an hour on Wednesday evenings to carry out such work, and again anyone is welcome to join us!

Tim

Maintenance Team Report

Hello. We're the teenagers who crawl in the roof, fix the lights you didn't even know were broken, hang up carpets in the hall and generally cause a bit of a racket in the building every Wednesday night. Since we began attending maintenance sessions we've repainted an entire room, replaced hundreds of lightbulbs, temporarily flooded the roof to find a leak, spent hours and hours up ladders performing various tasks, replaced the same door hinge multiple times, degreased the kitchen fan (yuck) and installed a new sink to name but a few of our accomplishments. Once we even got given pizza and ice cream for our efforts! Under the careful supervision of Gordon and Tim, we repair and redecorate the building from the most mundane levels upwards so that it's ready for services on Sunday and all of the other activities that take place throughout the week. We really enjoy Wednesday evenings and are grateful to Gordon and Tim for teaching us all the new skills we've learned. We hope our contributions help things run a bit smoother and look forward to the time we can spend helping the church in the future. So the next time something looks a little worn out and might need fixing, fear not – we're on it.

Rosa and Jas

ReFurb Group

Brunswick Refurb is all about the refurbishment of our 1970's building into one fit for the 2020's and 25 years hence to enable our Mission as a church to take place.

At the end of 2017 we had selected our Architects. The story continues

January 2018 began with meeting our Architects, OMI and trying to understand the various processes and costs that were involved in such a project.

We had various meetings with users – lots of input from RefUrb group and partners, identifying issues and suggesting ideas for improvements – creating a specification for a feasibility study and within a couple of months we had a presentation to PCC on 22nd March showing an overall vision and cost (£1.3m)

We then concentrated on Communicating this Vision with a weekend of activities in April – a formal presentation to various stakeholders on Thursday 19th and then a very well attended event on Saturday 21st looking at past, present and future of the building and its uses!



A Celebration of Past, Present and Future
Brunswick
ReFurb

21 APRIL
12 - 2PM
SATURDAY

BRUNSWICK PARISH CHURCH

Come and share memories from the past, celebrate what goes on now in our Community space, and look forward to our hopes for the future.

- Remember faces, places and events from 40 years of Brunswick Church.
- Find out about and meet the people behind Positive Steps happening in this building every week, as well as other local groups and activities.
- Discover some exciting plans for improving the building.
- Children's Games (12.30 - 1.30pm)
- Everyone welcome (no children under 12 without an adult please)
- Free refreshments.

BRUNSWICK PARISH CHURCH

Info: 0161 273 6608, office@brunswickchurch.org.uk

In May the PCC agreed Phase 1: New heating, refurbished hall and re-designed carpark – and we obtained updated detailed drawings for those in June. Over this time the Refurb group were involved in various meetings and communication with lots of interested parties.

August brought us a 17 person visit by the Diocesan Advisory Committee – the Church group that can recommend 'Faculty' which is needed for any changes to the building. We were able to share our overall vision for the whole scheme and answer some interesting questions about why we were doing stuff

That led to Detailed Faculty and

planning work and various ongoing meetings with Council and S4B and in October we submitted a planning application and detailed faculty for Phase 1.

During the year we had great encouragement from various gifts – which meant that the £50,000 cost to get us to this stage was covered. 2019 will see us start fund raising in various guises as we seek to raise the £360,000 needed for Phase 1.

In early 2019 we have obtained Planning Permission, hopefully sorted out the delay with Faculty application and have begun funding applications. Our next step is detailed



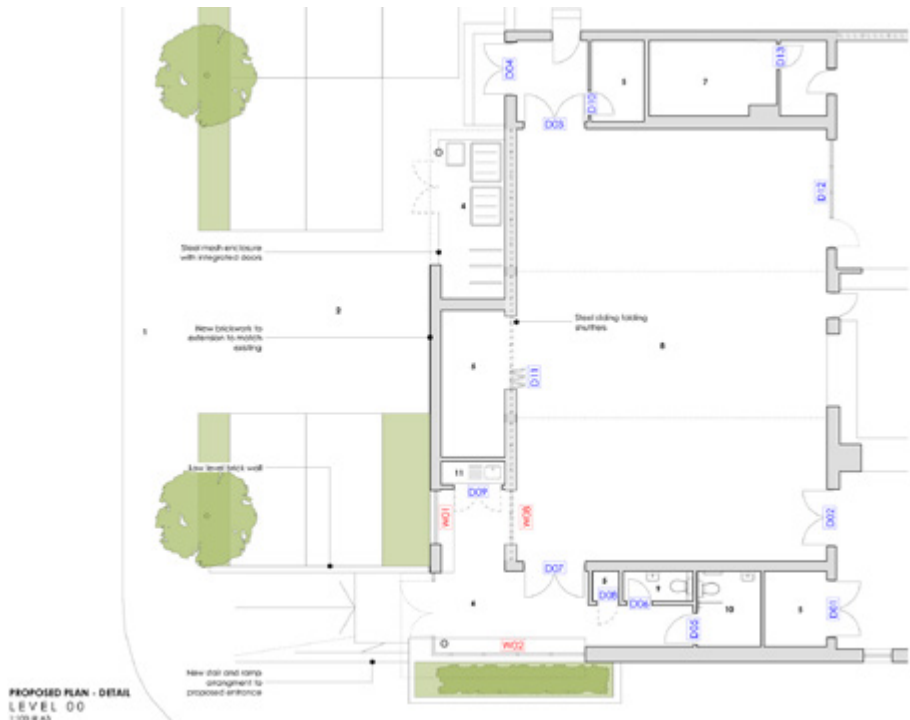
drawings and a tender process with Contractors. We still hope that phase 1 can begin sometime later in the year– and in the meantime have agreed a redecoration of the lounge area before Easter.

Thank you to Paul, Herbie, Sally, Helen, Simon, Edwin, Jess and Anne for all their hard work and involvement using many different skills. We do need more people to

get involved– if you can help at all please have a word with one of the groups.

Thank you too for all those who have sent gifts and those who pray for us as we have continued on the ReFurb Journey. The next 12 months are going to be an exciting time as we start to see changes and discover how we can use a warm hall and worship room with a new hall entrance and car park to the benefit of our community and congregation in our Mission priorities.

Gordon Flear



Treasurer's Report 2018

Church income for 2018 was £143,314 (2017 £131,345). Giving (including gifts for the Refurb Project) were higher than in 2017 by just under £3,500 (2018 £67,929 2017 £64,460). Regular congregational giving and collections were almost exactly the same as in 2017. Room hire income increased by just under £5,000; minibus donations were lower, but Barnabas rents slightly higher, than in 2017. Overall, these resources contributed income of £51,543 (2017 £47,252).

We received our annual Diocesan contribution of £5,400 to compensate for Simon's time spent working for Westcott College, which we again used to support our weekday Positive Steps Project. We also received £10,000 from the Council for Social Aid, being the second year of our 3 year grant towards the costs of Positive Steps. We were successful in securing just under £8,000 in grants for the work of the Women's Footprints Project, including grants for a weekend away at the Manchester Cathedral House in Mellor for the women and their children, visits to and from a women's group in Youlgreave, with whom the group has developed links, and various workshops and events. The Positive Steps Project also continues to be part funded by the Church congregation.

Total expenditure in 2018 was £129,785 (2017 £109,521). The increase was due to the payment of professional fees associated with the Refurb Project. We were again able to pay our Parish

Share in full (2018 £23,526 2017 £23,263) and support our various mission partners.

Overall, we ended the year with a cash surplus (excluding depreciation) of £26,491 (the majority of which is restricted income for the Refurb Project) and net current assets (cash in the bank plus money owed to us less our current liabilities) at the end of 2018 stood at £172,521.

The PCC has reviewed its designation of unrestricted funds held in the bank (i.e. the money that can be spent on what PCC decides) to ensure that sufficient reserves are kept to: cover the costs of running Church, operate Positive Steps until at least the end of 2020, should no grant funding be obtained, and cover the cost of any insurance excess, should major repairs be needed to Barnabas. The remaining unrestricted reserves will be added to the Property Refurbishment Reserve, to be used for the Refurb Project. It is hoped that we will be able to attract external 'match' funding for Phase 1 of the refurbishment project during this year.

As usual, 10% of giving and tax relief received on Gift Aided giving during the year has been set aside for mission support during 2019.

Thanks to Mo Blue for all her assistance with counting, invoicing and credit control during 2018.

Vital Statistics	2018	2017
	£	
Total income	143,314	131,245
Total revenue expenses	129,785	109,521
Current net assets	172,521	146,030

Sally Jones and Sheenagh Young

Community Programme Manager – Positive Steps Project

My, how time flies when you're having fun. The Positive Steps Project has seen lots of fun and laughter (some challenges too). But all in all it's been a positive year.

So, where do I begin?...there is a song somewhere there so I will start with the fabulous **Young@Heart**. Vibrant and energetic are just a few of the words I would use to describe them. We have had some fantastic day trips, to Liverpool, garden centres, Ikea and Windermere not to mention our sessions. Our latest musical session revealed that one of our members had personally met Frank Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Engelbert Humperdink and many more before they were famous. It was lots of fun. We have recently started armchair exercise. This has also been opened up to anyone in the community.

The Travelling Story Book is a project that has involved filming people who are 50+ and taking them down memory lane. People have talked about what they watched on TV, what games they played, best childhood memory and so on. We are in the process of putting animation to the video. Lots of people in the community have had a go at this and the final version should be available for viewing by 18 April 2019.

Women's Footprints



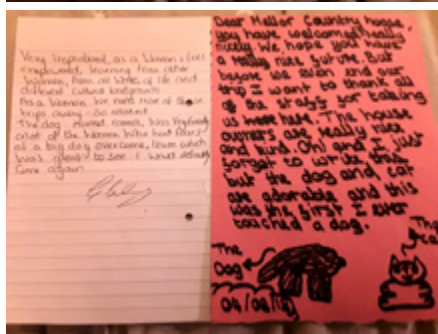
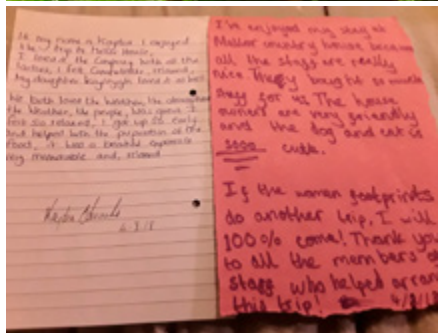
Women's Footprints is continuing to develop. Some of our activities over the last year has seen us invite a women's group from the peak district offering a day of cultural delights. We have started a self-reliant group which we hope will generate income from activities that this group of women undertake. We have had the opportunity to work in partnership with various agencies.

We were successful in funding for a weekend away for the women and their children. We had a great weekend away last July to Mellor Country House.

Parent/Carer Toddler group provides a happy, fun and safe place. Numbers sometimes peak at 22. That's quite a lot of little ones having fun. The parents/carers have set up their own WhatsApp group and often meet up for activities during school holidays.

The majority of our day time activities continue to grow in numbers. We are still currently





hosting and supporting: Brunswick Wellbeing Café, Women only exercise, Narcotics Anonymous, Justlife, NHS Buzz exercise, fellowship group, internet café and advice sessions to support anyone with issues around benefits, housing, utilities, debt and so on.

Other lovely moments were the **Brunswick Community Festive Ball**. I was told that the 'hall was transformed into a ball'. It was great in that people who had never been through our doors were amazed at what they saw. The support



from Manchester College, Arawak Housing, Brunswick Church, Women's Footprints, Neighbourly Gardening Projects and S4B made this an event to remember.

So all in all it's been a busy year. I was really happy that I completed my Diploma in Advice and Guidance. Even happier that I work with and supported by such fantastic people. It would be rude not to name them: Gordon, Sally, Jess, Simon, Jas, Sandra. As well as this lovely crew, there are others who are always on hand to move furniture, tidy up and cook. Special thanks to Rebecca, Alison and Noreen.

Positive Steps Project is moving in a direction that continues to welcome a diverse range of people through the door who love our space and what we are about.

Mo Blue, Community Programme Manager

Praying together as a church family

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

We are all called to pray for each other but there are some specific prayer activities that happen at church.

1. The prayer ministry team. This is a group of church members who have committed themselves to pray with people at church. We pray in pairs for people during Holy Communion every 4th Sunday but also during or after other services when asked.

The current team is: Agnes Ablackwa, Yuko Ang, Margaret Barnett, Ann Cain, Helen Gatenby, Simon Gatenby, Nick Jones, Judith Karanja, Judith Keeble and Vi Palmer. Also thank you to all else involved. We really need more people as the team is now smaller. If you would like to discuss joining the team or recommending somebody for it, please speak to Judith Keeble, Simon Gatenby or Jess Davis.

2. Prayer Chain. The church has a version of a prayer chain as a way of praying for each other at any time. People can sign up to receive requests for prayer by email (or phone). People can ask for prayer by contacting Jenny Ferneyhough who will forward those requests to those who have signed up to receive them. This has times where quite a few people ask for prayer and times that are less busy so we would encourage people to continue to use it. Please mail requests to: prayer@brunswickchurch.org.uk

3. Regular Prayer times. Regular prayer takes place on:

- Sunday mornings before the service - 10am
- Wednesday mornings - 9.15 to 10am
- The third Sunday of the month - 7 to 8pm

You are very welcome to join these prayer times.

To find out how you can be involved, speak to Simon Gatenby or Judith Keeble.

Tuesday Evening Fellowship Group

When - we have changed from Wednesday to Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Where – alternates weekly between Paul and Judith Keeble's house for bible study, discussion and prayer, and Jenny and Evan Fernyhough's house for sharing and prayer.

What - This year we spent a long time examining the 10 Commandments and working out the implications of them for our life in Christ. We have also just completed a bible study series from 1 Thessalonians. During Lent we usually meet as part of the Sunday evening Lent group with just a couple of catch-up midweek fellowship groups during that period.

Who - we'd love you to join us. Contact Judith on judithkeeble@gmail.com



Junior Sunday School

So what do we want to tell the church about what goes on in JSS each week – said the leaders to the kids- and this is what they said!

Visit to the Lake District
- thanks Claire

Fun Activities -
like making cakes
and crafts

Videos -
in Church
and in
Sunday school

Games &
Acting

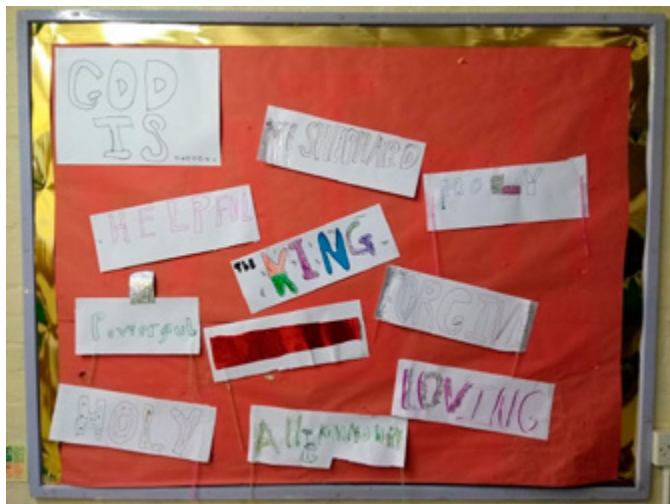
Philosophical
discussions

Each week we try and learn about a different bible passage in a variety of ways that allow all of our children to grow in their knowledge and experience of Jesus in some way – relevant to their 7-11 yr old lives .

Please pray for the Kids as we may have between 2-10 children in any one week and they are all very different individuals which creates an interesting mixture ! – especially the 6 who have SATS this year and will be leaving us to go into older Group.

Please also pray for leaders and helpers –

and if you'd like to get involved by helping once a month have a word with one of us.



Sally, Andy, Gordon, Judith, Matthew and Henry

Infant Sunday School

Infant Sunday School meets in the lounge. Infant Sunday school sessions bring both challenges and joys to the leaders. We teach a small but very diverse group of children. It has been possible to engage them all in conversation related to the bible passage as their confidence has grown. It has been good to see some embryonic friends starting to develop.



We all are grateful to each other, for being able to count on each other. We are also thankful for Naomi, Amy and occasionally Heidi for their support and stepping in to lead – especially while Yuko was “off duty” for 3 months.

We are also grateful to those members of the congregation who help out with the children whilst they are in the building both during and after services, and to those who help us to set up or tidy away.

And last but not least - thank you for all your support in your prayers!

Anne, Ros and Yuko

YPFG report

Young People's Fellowship Group has continued to meet every other week this year. We are very pleased that Jess has joined the leadership team, and Matthew, Jenny and Naomi continue in their roles.

We have explored a wide range of topics and themes, bringing in guest speakers and drawing on the expertise of others in the congregation. Highlights include baking for the Fairtrade sale, going bowling and leading our very first ATS service in December.

We have kept fairly regular numbers this year, about 5 young people each week. Pray for us over the coming year as we lose some of our regulars to University and other exciting adventures. We also are excited to see what God has in store for the large group of Year 6 children who will be welcome to join us from September.

Naomi, Matthew, Jenny and Jess.

Curate's Report

I have now been with you all in Brunswick for almost 9 months. Firstly I want to say a huge thank you for your welcome, kindness and generosity to me, Simon, Luke and Emma. Moving to a new place and leaving friends, home and familiar places and routine can be unsettling at first so I really appreciate all that has been done to help make that transition as smooth as possible.



A big question for some of you might be, what does the curate get up to when she's not standing up at the front of church. My role is really varied, some of my time is spent leading or planning for Sunday services, Bible studies and prayer meetings. I also spend time in various meetings with a number of different people discussing some of the operational stuff that goes on behind the scenes and currently attend lots of meetings to do with the finance and practicalities of the refurb project. A curate's post is still a training post so I also spend a fair amount of time on training days off site or in house training with Simon, Gordon and others within the church family. I spend time most weeks in Medlock Primary School either leading assemblies or spending time there a little less formally at coffee mornings or other events being part of the community there. Most of my role is as a sort of chaplain to the community which means that I try to spend as much time as possible during the week getting to know people who might use the building through the week but also those I meet out and about and being available to them to chat or to pray when needed. My biggest hope in all that I do is that God might be glorified and that people might be drawn closer to Him.

I have really enjoyed taking a lead on pulling together the teaching program within church and hope, alongside the preachers and leaders team, to continue to build something that spiritually feeds those who are more mature in faith but also nurtures those who are new to faith or might be exploring faith for the first time. This is a difficult balance to strike but I think one of our strengths is in the variety of styles and approaches that we have within the team that hopefully means that we are providing something that is stimulating and is encouraging to everyone whatever stage they are at in their faith.

My hope for the coming year is to think about how we develop people and enable all of us to use the gifts that God has given us. The first project within this is to develop a team to plan and deliver the All Together Services (ATS) at the beginning of each month. This is a brilliant opportunity for people to try out things that they feel they are gifted in but in a much less pressured environment than our usual Sunday services. It

is also a great opportunity to be creative and to try new things.

Another hope for the coming year is to increase the activities that we offer to the school.

Currently Simon and I offer 6 assemblies per year (once every half term) and ad hoc visits to the church but I would love to become more involved in the Christian aspects of the RE curriculum and perhaps offer some more experiential learning

opportunities such as Experience Christmas and Experience Easter which involve classes coming into church and taking part in an immersive retelling of the Christmas and Easter stories.

Finally I over the next year, my hope is to see the church developing a greater culture of invitation where we feel confident and enthused to invite our friends and neighbours to community events and hopefully also to church.



Jess

Barnabas House

Barnabas is a property on Portland Crescent off Plymouth grove which the Church owns. Originally bought so Church members could find reasonable accommodation close to church and be involved locally, it now houses up to 3 residents and also the M13 Project offices as well as being available for church use. PCC policy is that it should be retained until it becomes a burden on resources or finances.

During the year there has been 2 or 3 long term residents – 1 out/ 2 in - (alongside the M13 project). The Young people's Fellowship group continue to meet at Barnabas fortnightly.

There has been minor expenditure, no major items requiring PCC approval, but walls repaired and cosmetic improvements made.

Rents were increased slightly in middle of year to reflect increased energy use/ costs.

There was a major garden clean up by the excellent Church Maintenance team during the summer.

The house continues to provide income for Church mission priorities and allow us to undertake such things as ReFurb and Positive Steps.

Mission Coordinator Team

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.
Proverbs 3:27

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17

The Mission Coordinator Team have enjoyed working together over the last year exploring Brunswick Church mission giving and asking God for direction. It has been interesting finding out about each project and how valuable they are to various communities. On their behalf we would like to thank you all for the contributions made which allows us to give to each project.

We are in the process of developing a system to keep the congregation more informed. We would value your thoughts about our mission giving anytime throughout the next year.

Ann Cain & Sueli Neves, Mission Coordinators

Mission Support

Manchester City Centre Street Pastors

Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who patrol on weekend nights to 'listen, care and help' in the city centre, where many of Manchester's 100,000 weekend visitors come. Herbie Yon and Paul Keeble from Brunswick are trustees.



2018 was a 'roller-coaster' year! The project nearly ran out of money in the summer but an intervention by the Chief Constable no less, plus some successful funding applications, were big answers to prayer! In September our Coordinator resigned, and the role is currently being fulfilled on an interim basis by the coordinator of a neighbouring project that we work closely with. Advertising soon for a new coordinator.

The team is still not big enough to get a patrol out every Friday, but towards the end of 2018 we saw some new volunteers come forward for training (we could still use more!) More info: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/manchester-city-centre/>.

Operation Restoration Christian School

In 2018 we were visited by Robert Dixon, principal of this school we support in Trenchtown, a deprived inner-city area of Kingston, Jamaica. Robert will be with us again this year on April 14. ORCS seeks to nurture, educate, empower and mobilize youth in under-resourced communities to



become productive law-abiding citizens. In 2019 ORCS celebrates 25 years since its founding by Lorna Stanley to provide education and life-chances for local children.

Read more about the school here: <http://www.operation-restoration.org/about-us.html>



Brunswick also supports TearFund and sponsors Dennis, an 18 year old from Kenya through the charity Compassion. Dennis is prayed for and written to regularly by the Young People's Fellowship Group.

Paul Keeble

2018. More presence, activity, organising, networking, prompting, linking, partnering and generally trying to be and support good news in the inner-city. A few highlights...

I am still a trustee for Manchester City Centre Street Pastors (see above), and also for the Movement of Justice and Reconciliation (www.mjr-uk.com), a charity addressing the legacy of colonial enslavement and industrial oppression as it affects modern society. A lot of our energy in 2018 went on our Zong Project (sailing a replica slaveship round a number of British ports that were associated with the slave trade, including Liverpool and Manchester/Salford). There is now a lot of local interest and support from the ports, but due to not all the funding coming in, and feedback from the ports that more time was needed to put everything together, the project has been delayed until summer 2020. Which also means for Manchester removing a clash with the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre (www.peterloo1819.co.uk). This was arguably the most significant political event ever to take place here and resonances carry down to the present day – hence interest from MJR. I have been part of a group (along with Andy Crome) working on a special service at Manchester Cathedral which will take place on Sunday July 7 at 2pm. Please note the date.

A highlight of 2018 was welcoming a certain Dr Tony Campolo to Brunswick (for a third time!) He was guest speaker for the May 'Mosaic Justice Network' meeting. This is the collective of Christian Social Action Projects (including Positive Steps and Urban Presence) which I help coordinate and it, ahem, just so happened the venue was Brunswick. Mosaic JN also helped facilitate a GM Homelessness Summit for the Faith Sector in conjunction with Andy Burnham's office.

I was with TC again in December when a group of us got together to explore setting up a UK version of 'Red Letter Christians', a campaigning platform he is a part of in the USA. There will be a tour with Tony and Shane Claiborne in June (Manchester, June 19).

Plus: Seedbed, Refurb, Challenge Hate Forum, Gather, Y Club Chaplaincy, other Street Pastors and MJR stuff, Friends of Swinton Grove Park and other neighbourhood things with Judith, Tech Support, A/V and publicity for various etc etc. All based in and working out from the Brunswick family. Thanks.

