

Brunswick Church Annual Report 2022



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Our Vision/Values

Our church is called first to worship God.

- we seek to offer worship which;
 - honours God
 - enables a real encounter with Him
 - reflects our varied community
 - is accessible to newcomers.

We must be the place where all can grow into wholeness in Christ

- together we seek to grow in;
 - the understanding of our faith
 - caring for one another
 - developing our gifts
 - deepening our relationships with one another.

We are called to make Christ relevant to all, and encourage all to follow Him

- we seek to this wherever God has placed us.

We are called to follow the example of Jesus in serving others, mirroring His ability to meet the social, spiritual and physical needs.

We seek to express God's love by serving people locally and worldwide, helping all people to experience life in all its fullness.

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.

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PCC Membership

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

Incumbent:	Rev. Canon Simon Gatenby
Curate:	Rev Kathreen Shabaz
Church Wardens:	Mr Tim Craft (from 15/5/22) Mr Dilu Varughese (from 15/5/22)
Deputy Warden:	Mrs Elizabeth Adebo (from 15/5/22)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Mrs Judith Keeble Mr Gordon Flear (secretary until May 2022)
Elected Members:	
Mrs Agnes Ablakwa	Mrs Sally Jones (Treasurer)
Mrs Jenny Ferneyhough	Mr Andrew Crome (until 15/5/22)

PCC Employees

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

PCC Organisation

Free from COVID restrictions the PCC met in full 8 times (June 14, July 26, August 23, October 18, November 16, January 24, February 28, & March 28). In addition a meeting was held over Zoom (December 20) to formulate a response to diocesan proposals concerning a City Centre Resource Church based in Ardwick Green. The leadership team also met on September 20.

PCC Review of Year

As well as our general business; - monitoring, supporting and praying through our Mission Action priorities, we held specific meetings to look at the following topics, Worship (how do we reflect and represent our diversity), Opportunities for Prayer, and Pastoral Care (the first 2 facilitated by Helen Gatenby)

Additional items that PCCs discussed/progressed were:

a. Safeguarding: Safeguarding is a mandatory agenda item for every PCC. A series of

detailed actions were chased through at each meeting. The PCC complied with the duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and clergy discipline measure 2016.

b. The Refurb Project: Both the completion and snagging of Phase 1, and a tentative exploration and now commitment to Phase 2

c. Continuing the on-going management and repair of the Church property and 'Barnabas'. During the year the use of Barnabas continued with the partnership agreement with Holy Innocents Church, Fallowfield and full occupancy. PCC authorised various works to improve its state of repair.

d. Mission Action Planning. PCC reviewed its Mission Action Plan at the start of the year.

e. The Climate group kept PCC apprised of and encouraged the church in various actions

f. The Positive Steps project has continued and grown from strength to strength. A constant source of encouragement w rejoice in the way and magnitude that God is resourcing this project.

PCC observed Highlights!

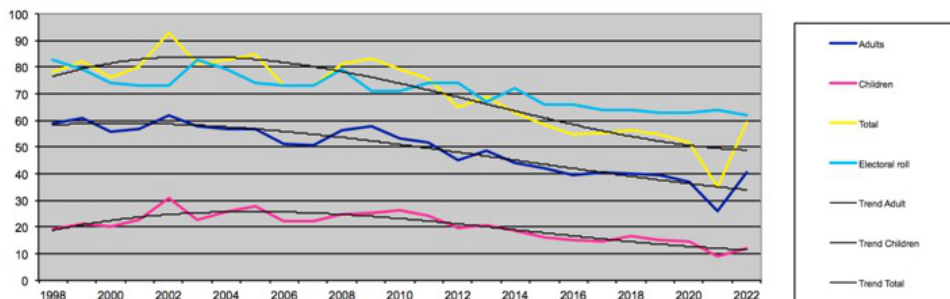
- Houseparty
- Keep well and warm
- Confirmation
- Closure of the A6
- Silver Eco award
- Thank offering raised for Operation Restoration
- Start and CAP courses
- The Archbishop visiting
- Experience Christmas Experience Easter
- God's amazing generosity and provision for us

Church Attendance

There were 62 parishioners on the electoral roll at the AGM in May 2022-

Whilst the pandemic significantly affected numbers attending any service that was allowed to take place, the Morning Service Attendance in person was as follows:

	Average	Highest	Lowest
Adults / Children (<16)	40/7	91/25	22/3

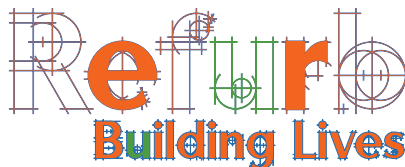


You can read more about these items and more in the attached reports

*On behalf of Christchurch Brunswick PCC
Reverend Simon Gatenby*

Refurb Report

So, 2021 ended with these thoughts: "At the end of the year and into 2022 there is still some minor work to be done and snagging to put right, but the new facilities are being used in an incredible way with loads of new activities such as Zumba, Circuits, Yoga all weekly, various parties, celebrations, conferences and meetings. Safe to say we have seen what we believed come true."



And we started 2022 with the thought that we'd have a year off

On 2nd April we officially opened the building (yes, we know it was being used 6 months earlier, but you have to have an official opening) via [Sportstacular 2](#) – a good community event was had by all .



We also held a thanksgiving for Refurb Part 1 and were able to bless one of our Mission Partners (ORCS) by £10k – it was great to [meet up with them](#) on a (very, very early for them) Sunday morning to share God's blessing .



The snagging mentioned above drifted on into the Autumn, with a few "new" issues, but we managed to get windows opening, roof not leaking and other minor solutions and early in 2023 were able to pay the final bill of Phase 1.

The EV charging points were put in thanks to help from the Council and University, and are proving very popular. There was also much work done in the car park with the gardening.

And the paperwork was completed- Funders reports (thanks Sally) and Faculty Completion (whoops- guess who nearly forgot that!)

...and Phase 2 (Lounge, Foyer, Youth room, Main toilets and front doors) had sort of begun – we needed a specification to do some drawings to get some costings – which we duly did during the last 6 months of the year. So, whats next?

- Prayer – checking with God (asking and listening) about what he wants next
- Discussions- potential sources of funding

There's no fixed timescales or expectations as yet as we move forward- we learnt in Phase 1 about waiting and God's timing. Phase 2 may be very different to phase 1!

In the meantime, is brilliant to see Phase 1 being used so much – Exercise groups continue, Daytime use (especially by the Excellent LAB Project), and almost every weekend some sort of party or community event. It's also been great to be able to help out



another church who has had building issues recently and have 2 church services happening at the same time on a Sunday morning,

So a quieter year – of sorts – but still loads of stuff to say thank you for and ongoing encouragement that the vision God gave us for the building is being worked out week by week.

*Gordon Flear
Project Manager*

Maintenance Group Report

Every Monday evening, sometime around 7 pm, something happens in church. Without it the midweek activities and church on a Sunday would be a little more complicated and challenging, but most of it goes unnoticed – and the majority of the work is done by people under the age of 17.

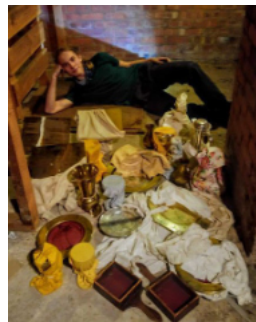
From:

- Filling in holes in the new hall (Joshua is an expert in this) and painting them over so the hall still looks great after a year of intensive use.
- Tightening screws on tables and chairs so they can get used every week.
- Changing the banners at the right season.
- Refitting almost every seat on the chairs in the foyer as the fittings were failing.
- Painting in many, many places.
- Repairing PA wires so that Worship can be heard both inside and in the foyer.
- Climbing ladders to unstick the Worship room blinds (again).
- Ripping up 2014 accounts and receipts.
- Building sets of shelves (and getting it spot on by the 5th set) so storage isn't an issue in the loft and old boiler rooms.
- Taking meter readings weekly so the energy bills are correct.

To:

- Replacing over 40 of the lights in the worship room (and there's lots more to do) with LED lights (thank you especially to 3 young ladies who have done this).

Our small group does 90 minutes of volunteering almost every week. Sometimes it has its rewards (the contents of 1 of 2 'safes' we found in the new loft).





We need to say thank you to Rosa and Jas, who sadly can't join us any more (as it's a long way from Scotland), Daniella and Ala, Joshua and newbies joining us this year Emily and Stuart. Thank you to others who also help out during the week – Ros, Lee, Anne and Anthony come to mind (sorry if I have forgotten anyone else).



Why not come and join us on a Monday evening? – its getting lighter, you don't have to go on (or in) the roof, and you don't have to stay for 90 minutes. Tim and Gordon will always find something that needs to be done that you can help out with!

*Gordon Flear
The Maintenance Team*

Sunday School

What a year we've had in Sunday School! We continue to grow in number, and continue to grow as a church family with bonds forming between many of our older and younger children.

In the main, we have 3 age groups. Our youngest group, Infant Sunday School, is for children aged 3-7 years and has from 2-6 people per week. The middle group, Junior Sunday School, is for children from ages 7-11 and is currently our smallest group, with up to 3 children on a regular basis. Both these groups meet weekly, apart from the All Age Service on the 1st Sunday of the Month.

Our oldest group, Senior Sunday School, is our largest group, with anywhere from 6-15 young people aged between 11-18 years joining us. We are enjoying watching this group grow and develop, and are very grateful that we have been able to maintain 2 sessions a month for this group.

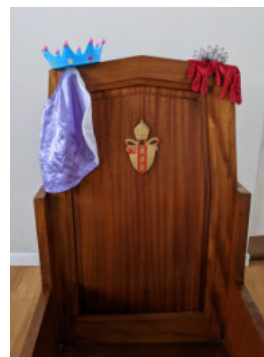
With the ever changing numbers in the three groups, we have maintained a structure of starting Sunday School sessions together so that the groups have a chance to interact and so that we can play some bigger games that involve more of us. We've done obstacle courses, popped as many balloons as we can, pinned the mud on the blind man's eyes and done litter picking together... It has been wonderful to see how the older children get involved with the younger ones and to see how the younger ones look up to the older ones!



Our biggest change this year has been a move to new resources, following the Roots material. You can find out more about it here: <https://www.rootsontheweb.com>. This material has enabled Sunday School leaders to more closely follow the themes and thoughts of the main service, whilst also cutting down on preparation time. The feedback from the children and young people has been good - they like the games that we play, and like doing the craft activities. It has also been great to have resources for the 11-18 age range, which has helped facilitate some thought-provoking discussions with our young people.



In terms of moving forward, we would really like to be able to offer Sunday School for our older group 3 times a month. We feel blessed to have such a great group of teenagers who are coming to church and are engaging with the sessions. Please pray for this age group in particular, as we build and grow relationships with them.



We have loved continuing to watch our children and young people grow and seeing how God is at work in their lives. A huge thank you to the team who make Sunday School happen, from the leaders and helpers, to the parents and to the Preachers/Leaders team. Most of all, thank you to our wonderful children and young people, who make us smile every single week. If you're interested in finding out more, please come and speak to Naomi Harrison.

Naomi Harrison

Eco Report

2022 began with the Eco group looking at what was required for Church to go to the next level as an Eco Church. Our young group of 'auditors' was extremely rigorous in checking that we were doing all the right things in every area of Church life (Worship, Buildings, Land, Community engagement and Lifestyle) and we weren't – so there were actions to do.



- We held consultations about what we needed to do, both at [Sportstacular 2](#) and in Church.
- We ran an [Eco service](#) at the May ATS which turned the worship area into a garden.
- We continue to work at our 'land' – the car park and the back garden.
- We put in [EV points](#) into the car park.

- We held a [Bee Party](#) with others and put bee loving plants on the roof.
- We joined in and supported a local Climate Group in [closing the A6](#) – even [changing the time](#) of our service. (Check out [Simon's A6 Tour](#).)
- We created the [Keep Warm and Well](#) Project encouraging church and community members to save money and the planet at the same time.
- And we kept on keeping on ... weekly intercessions regarding the environment, 'Climate Corner' every week in weekly news, and the Solar Panels keep on producing green electricity.



And by October we had reached the level where we were awarded a [silver ECO Church award](#). Quite a journey since 2016. [Watch Gordon's pres-entation](#). And [extra bit](#).



But its not over – the situation regarding Climate Crisis continues to get worse, both here and abroad. Vital urgent action is needed, not to get awards, but to change behaviours and make sacrifices to ensure that temperatures stop increasing and carbon use is reduced to net zero.

In 2023 as a church and as individuals we will need to redouble our efforts , join with others (Mission With) and campaign so that Creation Care becomes the way of life for ourselves, our community and the world.

The Eco Group

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, Ann Cain, Helen Gatenby, Simon Gatenby, Nick Jones, Judith Karanja, Judith Keeble, Kathreen Shahbaz and Gloria Slippe. 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 Kathreen Shahbaz.



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 Thank you, Jenny, for coordinating this over a long time.

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

- Sunday mornings before the service - 10am
- Wednesday mornings - 9.30 to 10am
- The third Sunday of the month - 7 to 8pm

You are very welcome to join these prayer times.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can be involved, speak to: Simon Gatenby, Kathreen Shahbaz or Judith Keeble.



Judith Keeble

Safeguarding Report 2022

The Parish continues to be guided by the Diocese of Manchester policy "SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK" which is available on the church website. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you'd like to know more, please contact Naomi Harrison or Simon Gatenby.

In 2022, some of our Sunday School team completed online Safeguarding training. There are further volunteers from our PCC and our Sunday School team who need to complete this training and they will be contacted by Naomi after the AGM.

In 2022, all of our Sunday School team were checked for DBS as part of our usual rolling program. There are a number of DBS checks that will need to be completed once the new PCC have been elected. Naomi will contact those who need to update their details. There have been no allegations or reports of abuse made and no cause for concern raised.

*Naomi Harrison
April 2023*

Welcome Team

For the last few 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 has been 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.

After COVID started, we did not have any systematic way of covering this role as we were either all online or some of us were.

We have not yet fully started up this ministry again as some of the team have had to relinquish the role or have moved away from Manchester. Currently the team is Georgina Bull, Judith Keeble and the rest of the duties are covered by the one of our church wardens, Dilu Varughese with Elizabeth Adebo (Deputy warden) and Sueli Neves (assistant warden).

We are a small team so we would be delighted to have more people join us. For more information, please speak to Judith Keeble.

Judith Keeble

Pastoral Group

During lockdown an informal pastoral group were involved with phoning to check on our older or isolated church members. Although this is less necessary now, some visiting or phoning church members who may be unwell or more frail has continued as well as some discussion in PCC on how we can all look after each other more effectively.



The pastoral group currently consists of Andy Crome, Ann Cain, Gordon Flear, Judith Karanja, Sally Jones, Kathreen Shahbaz, Simon Gatenby and Judith Keeble.



We know that many other church members are encouraging and caring for each other which is great. If you have some ideas about how we can build on what is already going on and support each other more effectively, please share your ideas with us. We need to learn from each other. Find out more about joining our group too.

Judith Keeble

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group

When - we meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.45 - 9.15pm.

Where – since COVID started we have met on Zoom. This has been good for some people to join us who cannot easily come out in an evening for various reasons. Our pattern now is to meet at a home for a bible study and discussion every other week with a Zoom option for those who can't attend physically. The weeks in between we meet just on Zoom for prayer.



What - This year one of our topics was based on Philip Yancey's book, "What's so Amazing about Grace?". Another was to use the Archbishop's course "Difference" - about being a reconciling presence in our complex and fractured world. As usual we took a break while the Lent Group was on. Every other week we focus on sharing together and praying for the world, the church and each other

Who – Normally the group is between 4 to 11 people on any given week. You're very welcome to join us. Contact Judith on judithkeeble@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2022

Total income for the year was £163,660 (2021 £523,757 (due to Refurb grants and donations), 2020 £137,951). General giving totalled £40,193, slightly higher than in 2021 (£39,834).

Room hire income was much higher than in 2021 (2022 £32,757, 2021 £18,790) as a result of the building being open for the full year and increased use of the newly refurbished hall. A small increase in rents during the year, to reflect energy price increases, also meant Barnabas house income was higher than the previous year. Minibus donations were also slightly higher than in 2021. Overall, these resources contributed income of £58,709 (2021 £42,106).

The Church received £10,000 from the Council for Social Aid, the third year of its 3-year grant towards the costs of its weekday Positive Steps Project, and other small grants and activity income from participants amounted to £12,700. The Church again used the grant of £5,400 it receives from the Diocese, to compensate for the Rector's time spent working for Westcott College, to support the Project together with the usual annual contribution of £3,000 from the Church congregation.

In response to the generosity of funders and donors for Phase 1 the Church's Refurb Project, the congregation donated a total of £10,897.50 to the Church's Mission Fund by way of a thank offering, which the Church chose to gift to Operation Restoration, the Christian School in Jamaica that it supports.

In July the Church family enjoyed a weekend away at Scargill House. The total cost of the weekend, £5,379, was fully met by congregation members.

During the latter part of the year the Church established a Keep Warm and Well Fund from donations received specifically for the purpose of purchasing items for local people to keep them and their families warm over the winter and to reduce energy costs. A total of £5,390 was donated to the fund and numerous items - from electric blankets, duvets, coats and Oodies to air fryers, slow cookers, food vouchers, insulation, and thermal socks - were given out to local families.

Total expenditure for the year excluding depreciation was £154,834 (2021 £101,708 excluding Refurb costs).

As well as significant increases in energy costs for both Church and Barnabas House, Community Events and Church Outreach expenditure (Sportstacular 2, Pancake Party, Summer Ball, Community Bee Party, Pantos, Karaoke Nights, Big Quiz, Keep Warm Fund) and Church Fellowship expenditure (Houseparty 2022) were both significantly higher than the previous year, as was spend from the Mission Fund, due to the gift to Operation Restoration.

Architects' fees of £8,400 were paid during the year for the preparation of plans for Phase 2 of Refurb. The PCC agreed to transfer £10,000 of the Church reserves to the Refurb fund to cover these and other preliminary costs and to enable the fundraising

process to begin in 2023.

The Church was again able to pay its Parish Share in full (2022 £22,440, 2021 £21,540) and to support its various mission partners.

The Church ended the year with a cash surplus (disregarding depreciation) of £8,826 and net current assets at the end of the year stood at £120,967 (2021 £112,141)

As usual, 10% of giving, and tax relief received on Gift Aided giving, during the year will be set aside for mission support during 2023.

Sally Jones

Houseparty at Scargill, July 2022

The summer weekend away at Scargill was my first visit to the place and a privileged opportunity to spend time with our church family once again since Quinta about a decade and half ago.

We were blessed with the help of Gordon to catch a lift with the fantastic Nick Jones who quickly became my 'grumpy teenage boy's friend because he enjoyed his company so much!!

On arrival, I was amazed by the wonderfully breathtaking ambiance and I whispered to myself: "Wow, what a grand exhibition of Gods creation!"

The experience subsequently and especially the Saturday night bonfire and Sunday service was fantastic and awesome— one could not deny the fact that overall it was indeed a blessing.

Agnes Annan



Thanks to our church my family and I were able to visit Scargill house for the second time. Last summer was our second visit which was slightly different from the first time because we had the opportunity to interact with most of our church family members. Yes, this was one of the best moments where I could talk with people who sometimes I do not get the chance to talk to. The houseparty allowed me to have time to relax, reflect and learn new ways to interact with others, mainly in terms of how to communicate effectively, applying my listening skills which previously I would not consider a major element. Scargill is a beautiful place with an amazing atmosphere provided not just by the nature around but also by every single volunteer that welcomes everyone with kindness and love. Amazing memories are built by laughs and spiritual moments when we reconnect ourselves with God with prayers and songs of worship in the church and outside the night before we left.

Thank you to those who had the responsibility to organise our houseparty last summer.

Regina Afonso



Positive Steps

Hello Everyone

Once you have read how busy we have been, I think you will need a rest. It has been an interesting, challenging, and

happy time. I feel that we have really made a difference to some people. I regularly hear our space being referred to as a `second home` and `my family`. It is a space that builds people up. We have lots of laughter and just as many tears but we do it together and for me, that's what it's all about.

I love the word 'Together' because we can only do what we do by doing it 'Together'. So, without some people, it would just not work. These are all the people that I mither, day in and day out and they are still my friends: Sally, Gordon, Simon, Anthony, Alison, Paul, and Kay.

Women's Footprints

Our very popular women's group continued to meet on Monday mornings throughout the year. The group took part in creative writing, flower arranging, herb planting, fabric printing and weaving workshops, cultural dancing and armchair exercise sessions, workshops on dealing with grief, the benefits of walking, saving energy and self-help, chop, and chat cooking sessions, a pamper morning, visited charity shops and a garden centre together and organised a very popular tabletop sale.

In February the women took part in a





sewing session where they transformed old pieces of material into lovely reusable bags. In March the women celebrated International



Women's Day sharing food, music and discussing what the theme "Embracing Equity" meant to them and later in March they took part in a deco patch craft session at which they created beautiful boxes using deco patch techniques.

Young @ Heart

Our over 50's group met several times during the year as participants became more socially confident following COVID. A highlight was an afternoon tea in May at which they enjoyed live music, as well as a delicious sandwiches, scones, and cakes. Sessions are planned for Monday afternoons in May and June and hopefully at least monthly from September. I and other volunteers continue to stay in touch with the group via phone calls and visits when possible.



Parent/Carer Toddler Group

This extremely popular group, which meets in our community hall on Wednesday mornings, continues to thrive and be appreciated by both parents and toddlers. Up to 20 children attend each week.



Brunswick Beestro Tuesdays - Thursdays 10.30am - 2pm

Our café, Brunswick Beestro, continues to provide light refreshments each day (free or by donation) and a hot meal on Tuesdays for £1. Numbers fluctuated during

the year but generally 10-15 people were served each day. The café is staffed by local volunteers, who have gained their food hygiene certificate.

Cracking Good Food Pop Up Café

During the year, Cracking Good Food started a Pop-Up Café on Wednesdays, providing a nutritious hot meal on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis.

Chickpea Mondays

Each Monday during the year we offered local people a takeaway chickpea curry and rice, provided by a local café.

Community Christmas Meal

Having had to provide our annual community Christmas Meal as a takeaway in December 2021 (due to Omicron) we were delighted to be able to resume our Christmas Meal in the building in December 2022, at which 50 local people were served Christmas dinner and left with a gift bag containing a hot water bottle, socks, and information of organisations to contact for help over the Christmas period.

Advice and Guidance Drop In

The Project continued to provide its Advice and Guidance drop in during the year. I am on hand to help local people with queries relating to benefits, housing, school applications, food bank referrals, energy providers etc., to advocate on their behalf or just be a friendly and trusted listening ear. During 2022 I made referrals to foodbanks, the women's domestic helpline, Step Change debt charity and the Gaddum Centre, as well as general signposting to other organisations and assisting with general queries.



Drop In Dietician Sessions

In October we hosted Drop-In Dietician Sessions with Lucy Blackstone, Primary Care Network Dietitian.

Local people were encouraged to ask any questions about diet and health with a view to improving both.

Zumba

Our Monday evening family Zumba sessions, which began in January 2022, continues to be a big hit with local people. Participants pay £3 for the session as a contribution towards the cost of the instructor and hall overheads.

Slow Flow Yoga

During the year we introduced slow flow yoga classes, initially in the evening but, after consultation with attendees, this was moved to a daytime class.

Buzz Exercise sessions provided by NHS

All participants are referred to these sessions through their GP.

Armchair Yoga

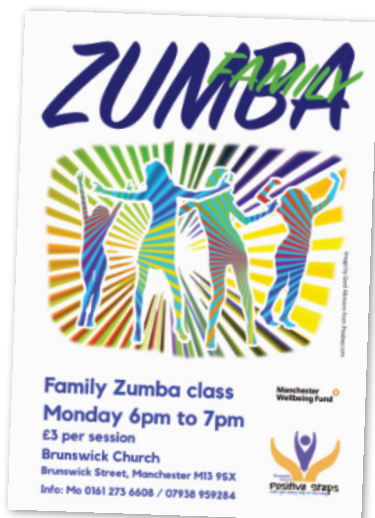
On Thursday mornings our Armchair yoga session takes place giving those who are less mobile the opportunity to take part in gentle exercise to improve flexibility and mental wellbeing.

Joyful Noise Singing Group and Guitar Lessons

With funding received from the National Lottery, a singing group was set up in September. Members meet each Thursday afternoon and performed at the Community Carol Service in December. Using the same funding, weekly guitar lessons for local children aged 11-16 started in January 2023 (guitars provided).

CAP Life skills course

During a break in running these courses, two more volunteers have been trained to lead future courses. The next course will run in April 2023.



Conversational English

This group, provided by Manchester City Council, had to finish during the year as funding for the classes ran out. It is hoped that we may be able to restart the classes in September.

Keep Warm and Well Fund

In the Autumn, the Church established a Keep Warm and Well Fund from donations it received specifically for the purpose of purchasing items for local people to keep them and their families warm over the winter and to reduce energy costs. Applicants were required to complete a form indicating the items they needed, and 27 individuals and families benefited from the fund. Items ranged from electric blankets, duvets, coats and Oodles to air fryers, slow cookers, food vouchers, insulation, and thermal socks.

Energy Works Drop In

In March, EnergyWorks held a free energy-saving drop-in in the building providing support for local people with energy bills, Warm Home Discount, grant applications and draughtproofing and home heating as well as providing free LED lightbulbs.

Community Events

In April 2022, we held our second sports-based community fun day "Sports-tacular2" to mark the official opening of our refurbished community hall. Lots of activities were on offer for local people to try as well as a delicious lunch from Cracking Good Food.

Community Bee Party

Having received a grant from the WWF, we held a community Bee Party in May. A lovely afternoon featuring lots of planting for our community garden, putting up bug and bee hotels and placing of trays of sedum and wildflowers on the roof. We (of course) finished the afternoon with tea and cake!



KEEP WARM AND WELL

A guide to reducing bills and how we can help each other



Sports-tacular²



Community Summer Ball

In June, with the help of local sponsors, we held a Summer Ball for our over 50's at which they enjoyed live music, canapes and a delicious three course meal.

Karaoke Evenings

Two karaoke evenings were held during the year for those in the community who like to perform!

Ardwick Climate Action Day

In October, we took part in the Ardwick Climate Action Day and historic planting event during the closure of London Road (A6).

Big Quiz Night

Our annual quiz in support of Tearfund took place in November.

Pantomime

In December we, once again, hosted a travelling theatre company who, this year, performed two performances of the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' to a packed auditorium of local families. Tickets were £5 for an adult and child and £3 for an extra child. All the children enjoyed free refreshments and a selection box to take home.

Pancake Party

A pancake party was held in February with more than 120 pancakes served to local families!

Eco Tea Party

Planting and tidying the local area was accompanied by delicious home-made cakes at our community Eco Tea Party in March



Mo Blue

Mission Partners

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. Covid Lockdowns have prevented them from operating since March 2020, but in late 2021 patrols resumed and work is being done to build up the number of volunteers again. www.streetpastors.org/locations/manchester-city-centre



Operation Restoration Christian School

Based in the deprived inner-city area of Trenchtown in Kingston, Jamaica, ORCS seeks to nurture, educate, empower and mobilise youth in under-resourced communities to become productive law-abiding citizens. www.operation-restoration.org. It was great to be able to make a £10k+ donation to ORCS and to 'meet' Robert at a morning service c/o Zoom.



M13 Youth Project

M13 Youth Project works with over 600 young people a year in Ardwick, Manchester to promote fun, learning, action and change, within young people, our workers and the communities in which we live and work. www.m13youthproject.org.uk

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Brunswick also supports the work of **TearFund** (www.tearfund.org/about-us/what-we-do) and sponsors Dennis, a young man from Kenya through the charity **Compassion** (www.compassionuk.org/about-us/who-we-are). Dennis is prayed for and written to regularly by the Young People's Fellowship Group. We have known Dennis since he was 8 years old – he is now 20! He lives in Narok, near Nairobi, likes football and other ball games, and his favourite subject is science.

And we also support...

Paul Keeble

2022... My last full year of full-time advocating, networking, activism, facilitating, publicising, teaching, tech-supporting and generally keeping lots of plates spinning doing and supporting mission (especially 'with') and ministry. A review of my commitments and involvements – a 40+ year accumulation – and hitting pensionable age early in 2023 means a change of pace, and by then ending or cutting back work outside of Manchester, and making more space for rest, family and getting back to a few things that have been patiently waiting on the proverbial back-burner.

So, what of 2022? The main thing has been getting into film production and distribution! The charity [Movement for Justice and Reconciliation](https://www.mjr-uk.com), (<https://www.mjr-uk.com>) of

which I was a founding trustee, released a feature documentary called, '[After the Flood: the church, slavery and reconciliation](#)', which over the year had around 30 public screenings all over the UK, including at Spring Harvest, General Synod, the Lambeth Conference and a [West End Premiere](#) on May 25. As you



can imagine, some new skills to learn and a lot of hard work. It also was in several film festivals and won some awards. It can be rented or purchased [here](https://atfdocumentary.vhx.tv) (<https://atfdocumentary.vhx.tv>) I have a free copy for the first to ask.

I continued my roles with [Mosaic Justice Network](https://www.mosaicjusticenetwork.org) (a collective of 25+ social action organisations – <https://www.mosaicjusticenetwork.org>), and Greater Manchester Movement for Recovery (M4R – working with Andy Burnham's 'shared missions' to include what the churches are doing – e.g. Positive Steps, Brunswick Beestro, Toddlers – in a GM post-pandemic re-building strategy).

Also, a new 'Talking Mission With' online community of practice, Crucible Course, the Social Justice course at the Nazarene College, Challenge Hate Forum, Movement Day, Gather, YMCA Chaplaincy, running a bunch of websites, publicity, networking, Refurb, tech support, "could you just..." requests, local stuff (such as street closure fun day, litter picks, Christmas lights switch-on event) with Judith etc.

Due to the changes happening in 2023, I will cease to be a Brunswick Mission Partner and this will be my last report. For 2022 and all the support and prayers through the years before, a huge thank you to my Brunswick church family.

