# PURPOSE

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

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

# PCC Membership

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

**Incumbent** Rev. Canon Simon Gatenby

**Curate** Mrs Jess Davis

**Church Warden** Mr Tim Craft

**Deanery Synod Representative**s

Mrs Judith Keeble from 21/10/20

Mr Gordon Flear (Secretary) from 21/10/20

**Elected Members**

Mrs. Yuko Ang

Mr. Gordon Flear (Secretary) until 20/10/20

Mrs Sally Jones (Treasurer)

Mrs Judith Keeble until 20/10/20

Mrs Ann Cain

Mr Andrew Crome

Mr Joel Colyer

Mrs Agnes Ablakwa from 21/10/20

Ms Elizabeth Adebo from 21/10/20

Mr Dilu Varughese from 21/10/20

Mrs Jenny Ferneyhough from 21/10/20

**PCC Employees**

Ms Mo Blue – Community Programme Manager

Ms Kaydia Benjamin – Buildings Caretaker

Luis D’Assuncao – Barnabas Cleaner

# PCC Organisation

The PCC met 6 times as a council during the year. Various sub groups met and fed in reports regularly- Refurb Group, Fabric team, and a new Pastoral group.

# Church Attendance

There were 63 parishioners on the electoral roll at the AGM in April 2020- which was the same as 2019

Whilst the pandemic significantly affected numbers attending any service that was allowed to take place, the Morning Service Attendance was as follows from January to mid-March when the first lockdown occurred

 Average Highest Lowest

Adults 37 57 25

Children (<16) 15 24 8

There were a number of “different” services/events - these included an outside Carol service and Ash Wednesday evening services. There were regular 1st and 3rd Sunday prayer and praise meetings happening prior to lockdown concentrating on the Church’s Mission and Refurb.

# PCC Review of Year

The full PCC met 6 times in 2020 & had approx. 82 % attendance. PCC received regular updates on finance, fabric, Positive Steps Project, ReFurb Project, from the Preachers and leaders meeting and also Youth leaders’ meetings.

The pandemic and associated lockdowns obviously impacted the mission of the church, but immediately the lockdown began a virtual live Sunday service was available via Zoom and whenever possible a hybrid in-person plus on-line service occurred. Other initiates meant that activities could take place on line- e.g., Sunday school and a lot of Positive Steps gatherings.

PCC met virtually after the February meeting with 1 hybrid meeting.

*Major items that PCC’s discussed were*

1. *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*
2. *The Refurb Project – this moved forward slowly and a number of grants were obtained as well as gifts from members old and current. Towards the end of 2020 there was still a sizeable gap in funds needed for Phase 1, although conversations with various parties continued.*
3. *Continuing the on-going management and repair of the Church property and “Barnabas”. Opportunity to thoroughly clean the building was taken. During the year the use of Barnabas developed with a partnership agreement with Holy Innocents Church, Fallowfield.*
4. *Mission Action Planning- PCC reviewed priorities and had discussions on various items within MAP with actions following from them. The Positive Steps project was added to the priorities. The updated MAP was submitted to Diocese and Deanery at the end of the year.*
5. *PCC began to discuss the Climate Crisis and a separate Climate group was formed*
6. *The Positive Steps project received a huge boost with funding for the Community Resource Manager. Mo continued to run various groups on line throughout the year*

## On behalf of Christchurch Brunswick PCC

**Reverend Simon Gatenby**