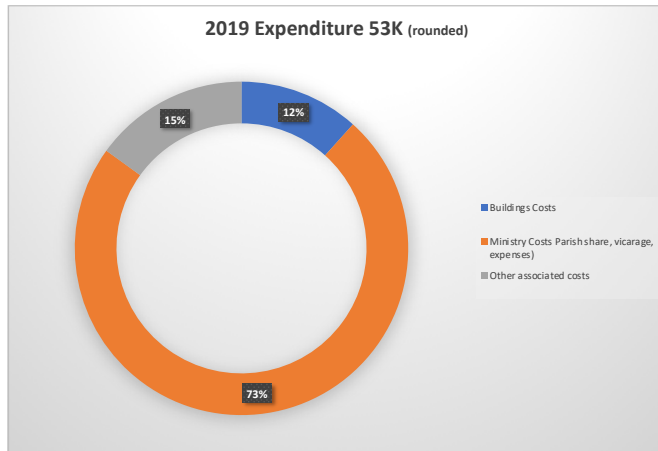


What are our sources of income?



How did we spend that income?

End note

An annual report can only scratch at the surface about the ways a church seeks to serve God through its life and actions. There is much to be proud of in what we've done in the past year and there is much good to look forward to. There are big challenges ahead in the next year and those beyond. With faith and determination we will meet those challenges the best we can relying on God's grace, love and generosity to spur us on.

PCC

2019 was a year of continuation, review and planning ahead. The PCC met 6 times to discuss the business of the parish. This year we have focussed on Safeguarding training and maintenance of our buildings and grounds in addition to the standard business of the church: finance, worship, social events, and pastoral care. I am grateful to PCC members who give up their time and gifts to help make the church run the best it can.

In 2020 the PCC will continue to focus on the regular business of safeguarding, financial management, the ordering of worship and learning as well social events. We will also continue to look at the sustainability of the Sunday Worship patterns in both Christ Church and St Luke's, how the church looks beyond its boundaries into the wider community and will look at finance as a priority.

PCC members in 2019:

Rev Dave Mock, Rev Paul Pritchard, Anne Smith, Tina Burrage, Pam Owen, Rachel Stanley, Dave Westwell, Jennifer Harrison, Beryl Dickens, Ian Stanley, Elaine Webster, Pat Dyson, Sandra Lorimer, Mo Bertenshaw.

PCC Statements

Safeguarding

Christ Church Barnton takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines which you can find at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns within our church community our parish safeguarding officer is Jennifer Harrison on 07815542770.

Statement of Charitable Purpose

The PCC always seeks to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

Worship and occasional services

Thanks to readers, Rev Alan Overend, Paul our curate and many members of the congregation we have been able to sustain the patterns of worship I found when I arrived nearly 3 years ago. With Paul leaving this year we will need to look again at what resources we have to maintain the status quo.

Our current worship pattern is

9:00am

1st and 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer (BCP). 2nd and 4th Sunday Holy Communion (BCP)

10:45am

1st Sunday: All Age. 2nd & 4th Sundays Communion 3rd Sunday Cafe Church

6:30pm

1st and 3rd Sundays BCP Communion. 2nd and 4th Sundays Evening Prayer

Wednesdays 10:00am. BCP Communion

Sunday Club meets twice a month during our communion services.

Our Usual Sunday attendance is around 50 people.

This year has also seen the introduction of Cafe Church. This is an energetic informal service with food and crafts; it is planned and led by members of the congregation. The attendance is good and is growing slowly with people from the village beginning to attend in small numbers.

In addition to the regular Sunday services we hosted the village remembrance service, celebrated Harvest, Christmas and Easter and on the 5th Sunday met with St Luke's.

Over the year we have celebrated 5 Baptisms and 1 Wedding and conducted 15 funerals in the church or in the crematorium. Thanks again to all those who help make our services welcoming, safe and well administered.

Meeting Together and Caring

Over 2019 we met together a great deal to learn, laugh, dance and eat lots of cake. Social events ranged from the Unwanted Christmas Bingo to boogying the night away at the Cricket club. The MU and ACF continued their monthly programmes and coffee

mornings/afternoons were held to raise money for Macmillans, better access to the church and sometimes just to enjoy each other. The monthly parish lunch is well attended and continues to be delicious.

There were two seasonal crafts mornings held for children.

We shared a Lent Course with St Luke's, continued with the home group and a new group 12x12 was started. 12x12 is an opportunity to meet once a month to read a book together and to discuss how we might put into practice what we learn from it.

Home communions continue to be taken to the house bound and over the year work was undertaken to develop a formalised pastoral visiting scheme to help us look after each other. Church members continue to care for each other in many ways.

In July we gathered in Chester Cathedral to celebrate Paul's priesting and many have expressed their thanks for his ministry here.

A small but energetic youth group meets once a month in the vicarage to eat, talk and sort out the world. We eat a lot of grapes and Pringles.

There were two maintenance mornings tending to the grounds and buildings.

We are grateful to everyone who worked hard to make these events and gatherings possible.