

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

# VISION NIGHT



Spreading a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

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CHURCH MANCHESTER

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REVIEW OF 2022:

# WHO'S WHO

## ELDERS:



Paul & Gill Jump  
Minister



Promise & Chinenye Amadi  
Church Warden



Mark & Michelle Taylor  
Church Warden



Henry & Beth Alexander  
Assistant Minister

## STAFF:

Paul Jump | Minister

Henry Alexander | Assistant Minister

Alex Tatchell | Youth & Children's Worker

Rhea Tatchell | Office & Digital Communications Co-ordinator

Maisie Butt | Administrative Assistant

Erin Skelton | Ministry Trainee

# WHO'S WHO

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## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (DEACONS):

Paul Jump

Mark Taylor

Promise Amadi

Henry Alexander

Lizzie Watkins (Secretary)

Louise Boxall

Gilly Blair

Phil Bate

Judith Skelton

Esther Damola

Albert Ande

Stephen Mackel

John Warburton

Nicola Wooley

Keith Worsfold

Tom Parkes

## CHURCH PATRONS:

The Bishop of Manchester

Rosie Sinclair

Rev. Paul Mathole

Mark Taylor

John Ormiston

# REVIEW OF 2022: CHURCH ATTENDANCE

## MORNING SERVICE

Average Attendance:

Total	<b>184</b>	Over 16's	<b>126</b>	Under 16's	<b>58</b>
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Highest Attendance:

Over 16's	<b>158</b>
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Under 16's	<b>78</b>
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Lowest Attendance:

Over 16's	<b>88</b>
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Under 16's	<b>28</b>
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## EVENING SERVICE

Average Attendance:

Total	<b>16</b>	Over 16's	<b>14</b>	Under 16's	<b>2</b>
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Highest Attendance:

Over 16's	<b>18</b>
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Under 16's	<b>5</b>
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Lowest Attendance:

Over 16's	<b>6</b>
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Under 16's	<b>0</b>
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## FORMAL SERVICES

Weddings	<b>1</b>	Funerals	<b>6</b>	Baptisms	<b>11</b>
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REVIEW OF 2022:

# RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Jump

**'There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved'**

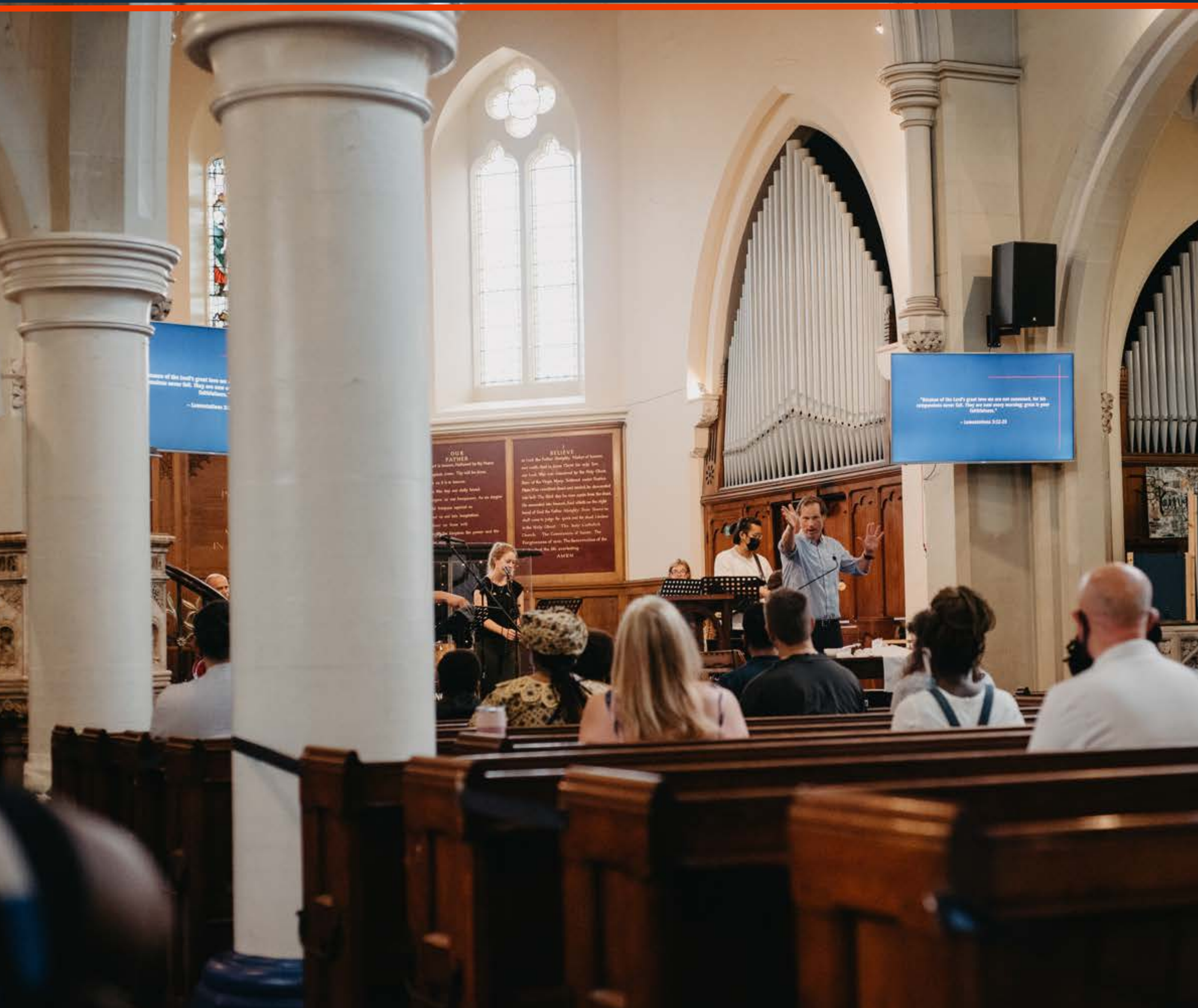
Acts 4:12

2022 has been a hard and heavy year for us at St Clement's. We have grieved the loss of a number of friends and family members. We have learnt to grieve well, praising God in the midst of suffering and sadness. One example of this was the song 'Jesus be praised' that members of our church wrote together to help us lament well. We also hosted our first women's day in the Autumn term again looking together at how we lament honestly the hard things, learning together how to cry out to the Lord. Gents, we need to catch up.

I think this past year has changed us as a church. It has taken away froth and made us more serious about life and faith. Eternity seems more real and more important than it did. And we have found the need to help and support each other more than ever. I am so grateful to God to be part of a church that loves and cares for each other well. So, thank you.

I want to highlight two new outreach initiatives of 2022. The first is coffee and conversation. Our community is becoming ever more diverse, and the aim of this new initiative is to provide a space for people to practise their English and look at the Bible. As a church we want to spread a passion for Jesus Christ across the world. This has become easier as the world has come to us. The second initiative is the Easter fair in Delamere Park led by Sarah Loveridge. Not only was this lots of fun for all but we had also had the opportunity to share the gospel with many people.

One highlight of the last year for me personally was my visit along with Emily Hilton to Dave and Mary in Pakistan. It was lovely to see them and to experience the food and heat(!) of Lahore. It also challenged me to be more intentional in sharing the gospel back in Manchester. God calls us to himself and blesses us in Jesus Christ that he might send us out to be a blessing to those around us; spreading a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world. May the Lord help us do that in 2023.





REVIEW OF 2022:

# CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Mark Taylor and Promise Amadi

We continued to experience God's faithfulness all through the year under review. Our church grew, not just numerically, but also in grace and in the spread of the word.

Rev. Daniel Mullaney completed his curacy at St Clements' in July and has now moved on to St Paul's Kersal Moor & St Andrew's Carr Clough as Minister. We thank Daniel for his service here in Openshaw, and we wish him, Anna, and their children - Liza, Alexey and Timofey, God speed in their new calling.

We were able to reach more people in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ, in fulfilment of the church's vision, through some of the new groups that have started in church.

Some of the new groups that started in church are Coffee & Conversation, for those wanting to learn the English Language, and an Older Teen Group, for college-aged young people. Also, there is the Holiday at Home group, which organised two events during the year, and we also had two fairs at Delamere Park.

Regarding the church premises, the installation of the new notice boards, which commenced the previous year, was finally completed. Also, the refurbishment of the church hall (Victory Room) is now finalised. We are grateful to the Refurbishment committee for staying the course and ensuring the completion of the project. We particularly thank Keith who coordinated the works with our friend, Pete Bailey, and reported regularly on progress.



Generally, the church building remains in a good state of repair, with no major maintenance work to the building fabric required during year in review.

There were difficult periods of grief for us as a church family during the year, with the bereavement of very loved and long-standing members of the congregation. In 2022, we sadly lost Edna and Hilda, who were called to the Lord. We pray for the repose of their souls. We also pray for our other brothers and sister who suffered personal family losses during the year.

We thank every member of the church family who, in their own way, continue to contribute to the advancement of the work of the kingdom here in St Clements', and in Openshaw. We also thank Rev. Paul Jump, and the rest of the ministry team, for their commitment and dedicated service in the Lord's vineyard.

May God's love rest and abide with us all now and always.





REVIEW OF 2022:

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

Alex Tatchell

My personal highlight from 2022 has got to be taking over as the new Youth & Children's Worker in September! It's a privilege to shepherd the children and young people of our church, and a big thank you to Sarah Loveridge who formed so many of the relationships with kids, youth and families which I am now benefitting from!

## GOSPEL KIDS

Our Sunday sessions for primary school children have looked at a number of different themes and books of the Bible, including the Fruit of the Spirit, finishing off Genesis, famous Christians from the past, Acts, and an Advent series. It has been a joy to see around 30 kids (or more!) regularly coming and engaging with God's word.

## ROOTS

Our youth group for 11-18 year olds has seen lots of growth in the last year, predominantly among our school years 7-9. We regularly see upwards of 35 teenagers coming to hear God's word, form friendships and play games. We have gone through a number of themed sessions looking at the end of Genesis, the book of Acts (in parallel with Gospel Kids), as well as having a number of Q&A sessions and socials. As always, the Roots Weekend Away in November at Yorkshire Camps was a great success! We have begun 1:1s with the older teenagers, meeting weekly to read the Bible and pray, and one of my biggest encouragements has been starting up a new iteration of Roots Sunday Chill, a Sunday Evening Bible study at our house.

## THE HUB

Our afterschool club for primary school children continues to be a great encouragement (and challenge!) for me, as the front door to church for many kids and their families. We have gone through a series in the gospels, Colossians, as well as the life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel. It has been AMAZING to see God work through this

ministry, and for children with no other past connection with church bringing their families to our Sunday services and Christmas carols.

### **HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB**

Our second ever HBC was a big success in August, drawing more children from the congregation and wider community to hear about the good news of Jesus!

### **CLEMENTUNES (Chrissy Parkes and Becky Higg)**

During 2022, we continued to welcome many parents and carers, and their little ones from the local community to sessions of noisy, musical fun on Monday mornings. After the summer break we said a fond farewell to Zoë, co-founder of the ministry after ten years of faithful service, without whom Clementunes would not be the popular, warm and welcoming place it is, and to Ele who served so wonderfully during her ministry trainee year. We have been encouraged by new, committed leaders stepping forward, and particularly by the regular attendees who come week by week, with whom friendships are growing.

### **CLEMENTEENIES (Josh and Lorna Taylor)**

It has been a joy and privilege to organise crèche from September. We would like to firstly thank Gill Jump for her many years of leading crèche, facilitating parents to be in for worship and hearing God's Word, whilst caring, having fun and doing Bible stories with our youngest church attendees. We have an average of 14 four and unders who join us at various points during the service each week. We've restructured the rota system, hoping for more consistency in our care for these little ones and changed the Bible story scheme, looking at Jesus using a series from the Good Book Company. We also do a colouring each week with discussion questions that parents can engage their children with at home. These stories last 3 weeks and have a key sentence to remember. We are thankful for our volunteers who give up their time in the main service to serve in this way. Please join us in thanking God for these little ones and praying for them as they grow and hear more and more about Jesus.

A photograph of three people from behind, wearing blue hoodies with 'GOSPEL KIDS Team Member' printed on the back. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay containing text.

REVIEW OF 2022:

# SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Michelle Taylor

Work among children, young people and vulnerable adults has continued to grow in 2022 after covid and our application of child protection procedures has continued to be undertaken conscientiously by all concerned in these very important ministries.

We, as a church, liaise with the diocese and with online advice where clarification is required and we take very seriously everything that is brought to our attention.

As a church we must all work together. It is the whole congregation's responsibility to be vigilant in all our behaviour and attitudes to put children, young people and vulnerable adults first at all times. As the church grows and our buildings are used extensively, which in itself is fantastic and a great witness, it also increases our awareness of potential issues. Posters are placed around church with whom to contact, leaders of the groups are available and details are on the church website. No concern is too small to bring to our attention and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. It is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

We would like to thank all involved in working in these ministries for being so cooperative in doing all the paperwork and completing the online courses, especially when volunteering so much of their free time to ministry already.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# CARE TEAM

Henry Alexander

The role of our team of care coordinators is to facilitate and resource pastoral care amongst the church family. A phrase we keep coming back to in our meetings is 'spreading the net'. We are so blessed to be part of a church family that is already so good at looking out for each other, and as we grow and welcome more people to our church family, the care team aims to provide a single, simple point of contact, to help 'spread the net' of care to cover the whole church family. We want everyone to know where to go when they need help and support from church, and to help people be aware of others who might need care.

The team organise a network of practical care, for things such as provision of church family meals. We also have a team of visitors and lift givers. The care team also oversee the hardship fund, which regularly helps people to pay urgent and essential costs that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

Our other main focus is equipping and resourcing our church family to care for each other. The team have set up various events including events for over 60s and help run 'Side by Side', a series of webinars, helping us to think through how we walk alongside each other through the different circumstances and challenges of life.

If you need anything from us, please do email:  
[care@stclementschurchmanchester.org](mailto:care@stclementschurchmanchester.org)



REVIEW OF 2022:

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Henry Alexander

Community groups are a key part of our life as a church family. We meet regularly to study the bible and pray. They also play a key role in the pastoral care of the church family.

Over the last year we have studied Luke's gospel, Esther, Ruth and the book of Acts. We have also completed the 'Real Change' course, which has helped us to think about how we can bring the struggles and challenges of life to Jesus.

As our church grows, we would love to see more people joining community groups, as they are a great place to get alongside each other, build friendships and encourage each other as we follow Jesus.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Eleanor Ward & Keith Worsfold

2022 was another big year for our foodbank ministry. We have seen the number of clients grow significantly with the ongoing cost of living crisis. As always, God has challenged us and blessed us beyond what we ever imagined as He has continued to grow this ministry. We are so thankful for His continued provision.

We continue to run the foodbank on a Tuesday afternoon out of the Victory room and this space has been a real blessing, especially since the renovations. Due to the number of clients and how busy we get, we have extended our opening hours to run from 3-5pm.

Our partnership with Manchester Central Foodbank (MCFB) continues to thrive and we have enjoyed getting to know some new members of staff over the last year. They continue to support us with ambient food items/toiletries etc. but we also rely heavily on food donations from church and the local community. Keith continues to go down to FairShare each week (usually twice), and we spend about £250 each month. God keeps providing for our needs and it is such a blessing to our families that they are able to have some fresh food items each week rather than just tinned or dried foods.

Please pray that we would be able to make meaningful relationships with clients and MCFB staff that can point them to Jesus and that they will see that there is more to our foodbank than just giving out food.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# ST LUKE'S CHURCH/ CORNERSTONE

Henry Alexander

Up until the end of 2022, St Clement's were helping out with ministry at St Luke's Church, as they currently have no Minister. Every Sunday, someone from St Clement's went to lead and preach at the morning service.

We had hoped that this relationship would lead to an opportunity to help revitalise St Luke's, but this has not materialised. However, we will continue to pray that God will open the door for other opportunities to plant or revitalise other churches in Manchester.





REVIEW OF 2022:

# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Tom and Chrissy Parkes

Until July 2022, Daniel Mullaney hosted a Farsi-language Bible study for the Iranian members of St Clement's. With Daniel moving on to his new church, and in the absence of an interpreter, this study stopped in the summer and prayerful discussions began around how best to serve people with English as a second language in our congregation and wider community.

In September 2022, Coffee & Conversation was launched with the aim of creating a friendly, welcoming environment for people of a diverse range of backgrounds and abilities to practice their English, while offering opportunities to hear about Jesus. The group meets Saturday mornings during term time, with the hope of seeing guests integrate and thrive in the community and in church life. Right from the start, a fantastic group of leaders/hosts (hailing from various different countries) faithfully sacrificed their Saturday mornings to serve.

The number of guests fluctuated wildly during the first term - in fact, one week only a single guest came! However, by December there were usually more than 10 coming weekly. At least 40 individuals attended at least once from 16 different countries. It was encouraging that a number of Arabic, Farsi and Chinese New Testaments were taken home by guests during the term. Also, that a number of guests attended Christmas services, and that some regular church members seemed to grow in their confidence with English through attending the sessions.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# MISSION PARTNERS

Stephen Mackel

**Dave & Mary** have moved cities, Reuben has been going to secondary school, Dora is starting school in year 6 this Summer. God has been drawing them to minister to those with drug addictions and their families. Praise God for His provision and paving the way. Pray that they would have time to recover and rest before heading into this next chapter.

**Paul & Helen** have settled well into life in the capital city of their new country. Paul has been supporting many leaders and teachers; Helen is teaching other medics and doing more clinical work in the National hospital. Esme is in her last year of Primary school. They all continue to learn various languages. Zibiah has become part of the family during term times whilst her parents are ministering further afield; Tabitha is happy. The school has some recruitment needs in key positions – please pray! Do also pray for God's guidance as to what they should focus on long-term there.

**James & Juliette** have enjoyed more freedom of movement (post-Covid) in their country. James' work in his clinic continues with more opportunities for believers to bless and serve the most needy. Pray as Juliette is looking for a new language partner and they continue to build bridges into the community around them.

**Chris & Nicole** (and the Anglican church) have parted ways with the church-umbrella he was working under. The (Anglican) Church of St. John had its first meeting in April. Please pray for the infant church and all the logistical, administrative, financial and personal challenges. Please pray for the 4 of them through this uncertain period.

**Dan & Vicky** have experienced a lot of opposition, as have local Christians; many colleagues have left. Dan passed the language centre onto a colleague to reinvent, and is now reaching natives through a disabilities NGO. They are grateful for deep local friendships.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# COMMUNITY CHOIR

Eleanore Kimberley and Jo Rogers

Community choir has met each Monday evening during term time to rehearse. In 2022, we performed:

- April: Community member's funeral and St Clement's Easter Sunday service
- June: St Clement's Summer Fair
- November: Remembrance Sunday
- December: St Clement's Carol Service and St Luke's Carol Service.

Jo Rogers and Andrew Allwright joined the choir team in 2022; the team is now Ele Kimberley, Becky Higg, Jo Rogers and Andrew Allwright. In terms of choir members, several people have joined from both within the church congregation and from the community, and several others have left. An average rehearsal would see approximately 25 members gathering to rehearse. We have sung a varied repertoire including Christian and secular songs, but most of our focus has been on learning pieces for performing within a church context. It has been a great privilege to sing the gospel with believers and also to hear non-Christians singing these truths.

## **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR PRAYER:**

- 1) Practicalities: Please pray for wisdom for the team as they select songs to sing. The nature of the choir means we have everything from people who have never sung to people who have studied music at a very high level. We also have an unusual distribution of vocal ranges compared to "typical" choirs. Selecting music that suits everyone is a challenge!
- 2) Losing members: We have had several community (non-church) members leave for various reasons. We need wisdom to know whether there are specific things we should change; whether we can be more welcoming; whether this is a spiritual decision/ battle, and how to ensure that we do not shy away from the gospel!
- 3) Praise: Praise for the great sense of community that has arisen. Please pray for great relationships between church members and community members.
- 4) Fruit: Please pray that, as people sing the gospel and see community enacted, they will be irresistibly drawn to Jesus.



REVIEW OF 2022:

# LIME SQUARE EVANGELISM

Reg Evans

It has been another interesting year and a great privilege to be able to share the Gospel at Lime Square and invite people to church. I am very thankful for Jack who has worked alongside me this past twelve months, and also for all who have supported us in prayer.

Jack and I have been surprised by the response from many people who wanted to talk and listen about Jesus. When people hear we are from St Clement's, they share their connections with the church, such as weddings, funerals and their school experiences.

At Christmas, we had an outreach meeting where people played Christmas carols and sang. People love music and we were able to invite them to the Christmas activities and give them a tract.

The Lord says in Luke 14:23, 'Go into the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, so that my house will be full.'



REVIEW OF 2022:

# PROPERTY

Keith Worsfold

## BUILDING

The main project we have completed this year is the refurbishment of the victory room. It includes new toilets & wash hand basins, boarding on toilet walls to hide old pipes, new flooring cover and a new lighting system. In the hall, we have renewed the light fittings, and added curtains to the windows. The old kitchen was completely stripped out and fitted with new kitchen units and a new light fitting. All areas have been repainted giving a warmer, brighter feel. Thanks to a very generous donation, we have also been able to install a new door from the victory room to the rear car park, which we hope to develop into a pleasant social area. Although these two projects cost approx £21,000.00, it's thanks to our wonderful God for his grace and provision as all this money came from gifts, donations and Gift Aid. On a separate note, we were also able to replace the exterior doors to the victory room.

There are always repairs and maintenance to be done to the building. The main things this past year have been to repair the church roof and clean the top gutters. The main front doors were repainted in April last year and we have replaced several notice boards in the front garden. It is difficult to try to heat the church and last autumn we had work done to the church boiler to try to improve the efficiency.

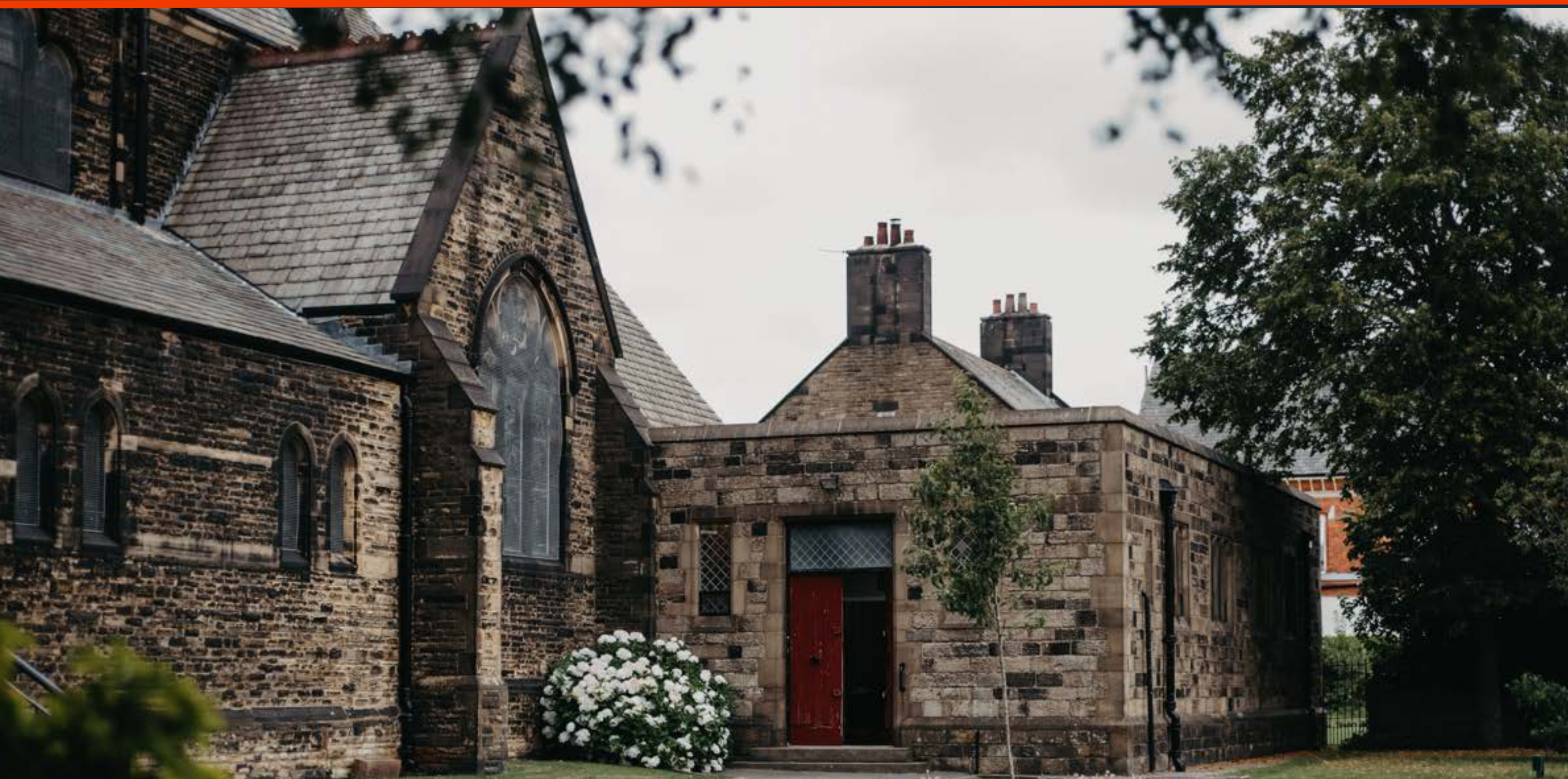
## **GARDENS (Steve Helme)**

First of all, many thanks to everyone who was involved in the Garden Group in 2022. We achieved better spring and summer colour, a more established wildflower area and felt the privilege of hearing appreciative comments from members of the Church family and local people walking past. In fact, let me encourage you to say hello when you see members of the group in the garden, especially when you see us on our hands and knees or clearing up!

The seasons move on, and in 2023 we are hoping to further develop the colour and variety of plants. My particular hope this year is to establish Agapanthus plants, which look lovely in the summer. We also want to put more emphasis on the view of the grounds from Toxteth Street.

The Garden Group meets from 10am to 12noon on the first Saturday of each month, together with weekly visits during the main season. I would also like to hear from you if you have any ideas or comments. Finally, please offer praise and prayer for the way in which God has blessed this ministry.

If I have whetted your appetite, feel free to contact me on: [stevhelme01@gmail.com](mailto:stevhelme01@gmail.com)





REVIEW OF 2022:

# CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Paul Higg

Please see separate Financial Report.

# OUR CHURCH VISION



ST CLEMENT'S  
CHURCH MANCHESTER

2020 - 2025

## Vision Statement

Our vision is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

### WORD

Our vision is:

- To preach the gospel faithfully, accessibly and passionately to our community both inside and outside church.
- To be a church that regularly meets together to study/examine the word.
- To be a church that trains and develops leaders.

### WORSHIP

Our vision is:

- To ensure our services are as accessible for as many people as possible (e.g. for those who have English as a second language or those with lower literacy levels).
- To use our music to help people from all walks of life to encounter and enjoy God whether for the first time or the billionth time.
- To be transformed through our encounter with Jesus so that we worship God with our whole lives.

### WITNESS

Our vision is:

- To share the good news of Jesus Christ with our local community.
- To actively revitalise other churches in the city.
- To send out people to witness for Christ elsewhere in the UK and the world.

### WELFARE

#### Welfare of the Community

Our vision is:

- To love our community and live out the gospel in real and meaningful ways.
- To practically and emotionally support those in need.
- To work alongside other organisations to care for people well.

### WELLBEING

#### Wellbeing of the Church

Our vision is:

- To ensure everyone in our church family is cared for well and, where necessary, supported in their care of others.
- To help our church family to be aware of who needs care, aware of how to access support and aware of our individual responsibility to care for each other, so that no one is missed.
- To resource and equip our church family in how to love and care for others well, and to confidently and compassionately share the love of Christ with those in need.