

APCM REPORTS 2021/2022

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At St Justus, our desire is to value all,

build one another up in faith

and share the love of Jesus.

Introduction

Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council of St Justus Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd Dr Helen Burn, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

Objectives and activities

St Justus Church exists to provide a Christian presence in the Dickens Estate and Warren Wood areas of Rochester. It works in cooperation with the other Anglican churches in the immediate area, St Matthew's in Borstal, and St Margaret's and St Peter's in Rochester to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the locality.

The PCC considers that by making public worship available on a weekly basis it is contributing to the public benefit through offering people the opportunity for a life-changing encounter with the Risen Lord.

Achievements and Performance

2021 was again a year lived under the shadow of Covid 19. The year began with the nation once again in lockdown and services held online only throughout the period January-March. In April we began a hybrid arrangement whereby a small said communion service at 9am was followed by a livestreamed 10.30 service, and in September we dropped the Sunday livestream and established a new pattern of worship to reflect the reduced Covid numbers and to attract families back to Sunday morning worship. The new pattern ensured that on alternate weeks there was a quiet communion service in addition to the main 10.30 service. Despite the arrival of the Omicron variant, we were able to continue with Christmas services with appropriate mitigations, and our Christingle, Carol Service, Crib Service and Midnight Communion service were all well attended. Morning Prayer continued Monday-Thursday on Facebook live.

We continued our online discipleship programme with some excellent and well attended courses, including *Fruitfulness on the Frontline*, *The Wellbeing Journey* and *The Bible course*. Between 30-60 people attended each of these via Zoom. In September Chris Ireland offered *The Wonders of the Living World* course as part of our Creationtide provision, during which season we were also able to hold a Community Litter Pick and to invite children into the vicarage garden on Sunday mornings.

Our LLM's Hayley and Chris continued to develop their ministries, both in their respective workplaces at Medway Hospital and in primary school, and also through church-based activities. Our Reader Sid took a step back after surgery but was able to return to active ministry at the end of the year.

Ruth Pyrke moved into her final year of ordination training at Trinity College Bristol and was offered a curacy in Rochester Parish to start in September 2022. Jayne Shillito was ordained as Assistant Curate in the Northwest Kent Group at a service in Rochester Cathedral in September and we said goodbye to the Shillito family as they moved to Longfield. Foluke Gabriel began a two-year Bishop's Certificate course in September.

The APCM was held in May in the church building and via Zoom, so that anyone who was unable to participate online could attend in person.

Some of our community activities were able to re-start. Café Plus re-opened in the summer, and in November we launched our new Thursday afternoon Wellbeing Café with a programme of craft, gardening and visiting speakers. A twice monthly Health Walk began in November, leaving from St Justus and overseen by Medway Council. We began exploring working with City Way Surgery's Champions Group in the provision of Wellbeing activities at the Thursday café. The Food Bank continued to offer its service through delivery only, with all local centres remaining closed, and the team of St Justus volunteers served faithfully in the warehouse every Tuesday throughout 2021. Lunch Club was not able to resume in 2021.

Reaching our families, children and young people continued to be a challenge. Bags of Easter and summer activities were delivered to forty families, and in the summer, we were able to meet in person again with our young people at Blend 45. We were able to re-start Messy Church and our Kids Club in September, and likewise Tods re-started in mid-September with just one Monday session with an online booking system. We were pleased to welcome new volunteers to both Tods and Messy Church. 'The Journey', whereby figures of Mary and Joseph travelled round various households throughout Advent, posting pictures of their adventures on Facebook, was very successful in engaging people of all ages.

The Cluster continued to provide mutual support. A joint Ash Wednesday service was held online with Bishop James presiding and Fr Joel preaching. *Living in Love and Faith* was run very successfully as a Cluster course, and online courses now regularly have groups from all three parishes. The monthly Dementia Service re-started in October.

The church continued to give money to worthy causes both at home and overseas. Organisations reflecting the five marks of mission benefitted from the funds thus distributed. Money continued to be given for our partner parish in Rofati, Tanzania, and for the work of the Mike Campbell Foundation in Zimbabwe.

During the year, in the brief times when baptisms were permitted, 6 children were baptised. The Church's mission to the bereaved continued to be important as the Covid 19 pandemic continued, with 28 funerals being conducted in the year. A Service of Remembrance was held in November where over 60 people attended. There were two weddings and a Renewal of Vows.

Vicar's Report

The words that God has put on my heart for the year ahead are not quite what I expected. Often at the APCM I am exhorting us to keep up with what the Spirit is doing, to be imaginative and bold in our witness and to be ready for change. It goes without saying that I still want all of those things! However, what I feel God wants above all as we continue to move forward is this: to keep together.

To keep together. That could sound either unambitious- where is the 5 year Master Plan? - or rather sinister- does that mean no-one is ever allowed to disagree with anyone else? I don't think it is either of those, so let me explain.

The passage that this is based on is Philippians 2. Paul begins the chapter with a passionate plea: 'If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.' He then goes on to map our attitudes onto the template we are called to imitate and inhabit: the life of Jesus himself in his willingness to descend to the lowest place, from whence God raised and exalted him.

I am proud of the way in which we have managed to keep together as a church through 2021 in the face of so many challenges. It has not always been easy, and there has been much prayer and grace behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone for being patient as we have tried to find a pattern of Sunday worship which meets a range of different needs. Keeping together does not mean ignoring problems or settling for compromises that suit no-one. It does mean being willing to stand in another's shoes and see things from their perspective. It means praying for those we disagree with or find difficult and finding ways to build bridges rather than barriers in our relationships. It means expanding our safe circle and letting others in.

We live in a fractured world where it is easier than ever to deepen already dangerous divisions between people. The so-called 'culture wars' are just one expression of this. To be committed to a church community, to work with our differences and refuse to reject one another or split into factions is a very powerful statement. It is tempting to give up when people don't change as fast as we wish they would. It is easy to slip into speaking of others in ways that tear down rather than building up. We should not underestimate the impact that our unity can have.

It may seem odd to stress keeping together when some of us are still not back in church and are less visible than in the past. Therein perhaps lies part of the challenge. Keeping together takes various forms. St Justus is the online community of Morning Prayer. It is the Sunday morning congregation, the Messy Church congregation. It is the communities that gather around our Tuesday and Thursday Cafes, and around Tods. It is the Prayer Circle of intercessors who take requests for prayer and bring them before the throne of God day in and day out. In whatever way we experience and express our belonging to St Justus, let's

keep our sense of common faith and calling strong and active. As we say before the peace at communion,

‘We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we have been baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.’

Rev Helen Burn

Church Warden’s Report

I was re-elected church warden in 2021. Mark Shillito helped but did not stand again because the family were leaving later in the year. However, a deputy warden rota was generated, and a number of people volunteered for the role. Lucy was able to help twice a month when she wasn’t on the audio-visual role. I express thanks to Lucy, Andrew, Barry, and Ken Wood for their assistance during the year and any others who had to stand in for the deputy warden on those rare occasions when they were not available.

A number of maintenance jobs evolved during 2021. Not all of the jobs ran as smoothly as we would have liked. Changing the gas meter was somewhat of an ordeal. The work could have been completed in December 2020, but this was not to happen until 2021. It is quite a long story but briefly this is what happened. The first two visits were not fruitful as it turned out that the gas man didn’t have a number to telephone so they couldn’t contact us. EDF had been given a contact number. They give you a four-hour time slot, but nobody arrived while I spent several hours at church. At the end of the time slot, it was then too late to contact EDF. On the third visit the engineer contacted me and turned up but could not complete the work because he hadn’t got the correct size pipe. On the fourth visit he didn’t turn up as he had contracted Coronavirus. However, another engineer came instead but he couldn’t complete the work because he didn’t have the correct size pipe. The other engineer hadn’t passed on the information about the pipe required.

On the fifth visit the engineer arrived with another colleague and successfully completed the meter installation. However, to complete the job a sixth visit was required, and a man came to fit a special box to the meter, effectively making it into a smart meter. By late February the job was complete and now we do not have to submit gas meter readings.

In December 2020 Virgin Media performed an installation in the vicarage. However, for the church installation the Virgin Media engineers had installed cables in the wrong place. Unfortunately, the Virgin Media broadband work for the church was not successfully completed in 2020 although we were still able to use the BT line in the meantime. In March 2021 the work was successfully completed after the cable was correctly routed. This provided a high-speed network which was better for our on-line services for example. After this the photocopier would not print from the computer. Adam, our curate was able to sort out the correct settings for the new network and it was soon up and running.

Jan the cleaner was off sick between May and July. A cleaning rota was set up after a number of volunteers put their names forward to help. The number of volunteers was just right so that four groups could be established. Each group was therefore cleaning once a

month to share the load. This worked out well and we were able to hand over to Jan at the end of July. I appreciate the help of our volunteers.

We had a visit from our regular gas service engineer in June. He serviced the boilers and the kitchen gas water heater and replaced a filter on the electrical hot water heater in the kitchen. He returned a few days later to check the radiators in the hall as some did not appear to be working. All were working when he left.

During the summer months the gardening team were hard at it trimming the bushes, grass cutting and tidying the garden. We took the opportunity to inspect the guttering and it was quite clogged. When it was raining there was quite a downpour from the end of the gutter above the main entrance. Barry Knight safely climbed the stepladder and cleaned out the gutter to solve the problem.

In September there was a water leak in the kitchen. Water was very slowly dripping onto the shelf in the cupboard under the sink. A small plastic tray used to collect the dripping water solved the problem for a day or two until the plumber was able to come. The problem was the tap, so the plumber fitted a new mixer tap and solved the problem.

About the same time the EDF engineer came to replace the electricity meter with a smart one. He turned up at the right time and successfully completed the work. We were also given a monitor device which shows our electricity consumption day by day. That is in the kitchen. Now we do not need to supply electricity meter readings either.

We had another outside lamp failure in October. The LED lamp at the top of the steps had stopped working. The electrical installation firm came again and had a look at it and replaced the lamp. LED's normally work for a lot of hours, but the LEDs are on a panel rather than a lamp bulb, so the lamp has to be replaced when faulty. Unfortunately, the lamp was out of warranty this time.

The church warden appreciates and thanks those helping with the gardening, weeding and grass cutting and those obtaining cleaning resources and helping with cleaning.

W. Fenton

Church Warden

Electoral Roll Update

When the electoral roll was to be reviewed in early April before the APCM there were **118** people enrolled together with five names noted as removed. After the review period a further four names have been removed owing to deaths. Zero successful applications were made to join the roll. The current total is **113**.

W. Fenton

Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding involves ensuring that the church and all its activities are a safe space, especially for children and vulnerable adults. It means that the care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. Karen Byrne is our Parish Safeguarding

Officer (PSO) and together with the vicar works on any concerns or issues that may arise within the church. As a church we have adopted the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy, a copy of which is available attached to the safeguarding board in the foyer or on the diocesan website.

Any concerns or issues regarding safeguarding need to be reported in the first instance to Karen Byrne or the vicar. You must not discuss any concerns you have with any other people as these concerns or issues need to be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

PCC: Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC Agenda. The PCC is ultimately responsible for upholding high standards of Safeguarding and receives regular updates as well as approving policies.

DBS checks: These are to be renewed on a 3 yearly cycle now instead of the 5-year cycle. If you help voluntarily with any children's groups or vulnerable adults and you do not have a current DBS certificate, please contact the PSO who can advise if you need one. If your DBS certificate has expired, please contact Karen who will be able to help you renew it.

On-line training: The online training courses, Basic, Foundation and Leadership have all been updated. We feel that as a church all members where possible should do the basic course which is accessible through the diocesan website. We have run this course as a group in the past and if enough people are interested, we can run the basic safeguarding course at church on a date suitable to all who are interested.

Safer Recruiting, Role Descriptions and References: This is a continuing job throughout the year. Everyone within the church whether paid or a volunteer will be given a role description and will be required to provide references, as well as have a DBS check and relevant training.

Parish Dashboard: This year the diocese has introduced a safeguarding dashboard. The aim of this is to make our safeguarding oversight role simpler. It enables us to input information and data into the computer programme and it gives us an action plan of things we still need to do, and it also flags up when we need to update policies.

As we are starting to open after covid and groups within the church are restarting it is our responsibility to make St Justus a safe space for all. This is an ongoing process throughout the year, and we are constantly updating our working practices to reflect this.

Karen Byrne
Safeguarding Officer

Rochester Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod met twice during 2021: once on 4th May via Zoom, and once on October 20th face to face.

At the May meeting Synod reflected on the prospect of emerging from the pandemic by using a liturgy written by Rev Joel Love based on Noah's Ark. Small groups considered what they might want to take forward and leave behind, and what the 'green leaf' and rainbow might signify in their context.

An update was given on training opportunities designed to help recover and re-build, including the Wellbeing Course run from St Justus and offered across the deanery, the Acorn Listening Course hosted by Rochester parish, and the Caring Concerns short course being run across the Medway deaneries in the autumn of 2021.

Synod received an update on the re-opening of St Joh's Chatham and welcomed Rev Andrew Vaughan, new Associate Vicar at Pip and Jim's.

A report was received from Diocesan Synod including details of the revised Called Together Strategic Framework, now simplified to reflect the Five Marks of Mission.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming Deanery Confirmation service on 27th June at St Justus.

The meeting on **Tuesday 20th October 2021** at St Stephen's church in Chatham began with a time of Remembrance for Ade Lawal followed by silence and prayer.

The main speaker was Claire Boxall who spoke about the Called Together Initiative and how it has evolved during the pandemic. There are 3 key sections: Growing the church, Enriching our communities, and Resourcing ministry and mission. The original idea of having 12 streams proved to be too complicated so has now been streamlined to the 5 Marks of Mission (Evangelism, Everyday Faith, Engagement, Equity and Environment.)

She then spoke about each of these which was followed by small group discussions about what is happening in our own churches followed by prayer.

The clergy then appointed 2 new clergy members to the standing committee to fill up two vacancies.

General Synod: met in July and the concept of being a 'simpler, humbler, bolder' church with a mixed ecology of ministry and mission were put forward by the Archbishop of York; Helen Burn suggested we look on the Church of England Website to find out more. Rev Joel Love and Lindsay Llewellyn MacDuff have been elected to General Synod and will update us at future Deanery Synod meetings.

Diocesan Synod met and details of their minutes can be found on the Diocesan website.

Update on St John's Church Chatham. The church has been celebrating being 200 years' old. Various items have been gifted and refurbishments continue. Rev Luke Bacon has moved from Beckenham to join the team. Various events and activities have taken place. Having started with 8 people on Zoom at the start of 2021, they had 26 on Easter Sunday and this has now doubled with an attendance at approx. 58 each week.

This meeting concluded with prayer.

Wendy Swattridge

Deanery Synod Member

Mission and Outreach Group Report

The Mission and Outreach group met just once by Zoom in 2021 to allocate Away Giving.

Rev Helen Burn

PCC Secretary's Report

Although 2021 has been another challenging year, the PCC have continued with bi-monthly meetings taking place face to face in the Church building, or via Zoom due to Covid infections. An additional meeting took place in January 2022 to approve the end of year accounts before they were sent to the auditor.

The focus throughout the year was to ensure that there was a safe environment within the Church building for people to meet and worship. A change to the service structure was implemented to ensure both the safety and the needs of our intergenerational congregation.

Safeguarding and finance during the pandemic have remained a high priority for the PCC.

Other items which the PCC have discussed include The Bible Course which ran during the latter part of 2021 and the Romans Course, both well received. The Christmas Journey was enjoyed by all who took part and by those who followed Mary and Joseph's journey on Facebook. Café Plus and the Wellbeing Café/Walk opened, closed, and opened again! And it was great that Tods was able to reopen again maintaining a strong membership of families. Family bibles were gifted to our young families and again, Facebook provided the rest of the St Justus family with pictures of these being enjoyed. More recently, plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee have been organised with the mission and outreach subcommittee taking the lead on this event.

Reports were received throughout the year from:

Deanery Synod

Hall and Fabric Sub-Committee

Finance Sub-Committee

Ministry team

Mission outreach group

Children and Young Peoples team

As always, the PCC welcomes new faces and would like to encourage members of the congregation to consider standing for election next year. The PCC has a vital strategic role in shaping the mission and ministry of St Justus, and members seek to represent the views, insights, and concerns of the whole congregation.

PCC Secretary

Samantha Philpott

Messy Church Report

For most of 2021 we were delivering Messy Church online, so it was good to get back in the church and do it face to face again in September. Since then, we have had over 20 different families involved, some trying us out, some attending regularly. Approximately half of the families have also been part of the morning service, some come through Tods connections, some are invited by church members, and one came as a result of school's work. This is encouraging and we hope for other such contacts.

Encouraging families to bring their Family Bible with them and using it in the sessions has, I think, helped people understand that the sessions are based on a Bible story which they can read again at home during the week therefore reinforcing the message of the session.

We have been trialling a slightly different format recently, with families remaining at tables in an attempt to ease worries about Covid. As most families seem to like this approach and it seems to encourage better engagement with all aspects of the session, we are going to be keeping with this for the future.

We would welcome prayers for new families to try us out and feel welcome when they come.

Chris Ireland

Licenced Lay Minister

Kids Club Report

Since opening up in August/September of 2021, to April 2022, we have had 12 different families, not all at once, join in with teaching and activity in the lounge, while the readings, sermon and prayers happen in the service. Jane and Polly organise this once a month and Chris and Karen once a month. We have decided to prepare on a subject in line with a Bible reading read in church that morning and we think that this has brought a sense of inclusion and unity. Some children have been very little and have been accompanied by parents and we are very happy with that until they feel comfortable staying on their own. We try to prepare for all ages and the children seem happy to work together.

We are grateful for your prayers and continue to ask for them as we try together to welcome families at St. Justus.

Jane Mennie

Kids Ministry Volunteer

Blend 45 Report

Meeting in 2021 was a challenge but we managed! A group of young people completed the Youth Wellbeing Journey on Zoom during lockdown, which included some good discussions. Summer 2021 saw us meeting several times in the hall for socially distanced games, including the firm favourite 'Animal Kingdom' introduced by Jayne Shillito.

Many of our older teenagers moved on to university or to Sixth Form in autumn 2021 so we have been re-building the group with those at the younger end of the 11+ spectrum. In the autumn we took the story of Nehemiah as our theme and explored Staying Safe, Overcoming Fear, Keeping Hopeful and Looking Forward.

We have re-arranged our team in order to focus on provision for those aged 11+ on Sunday afternoons, so for the moment JAM will not be running and Blend 45 will be our core provision for young people.

Rev Helen Burn, Rev Adam Pyrke, Helen Knight and Hayley Usmar

Toddler Group Report

After being closed since March 2020, the Tods team were delighted to be able to re-open in September 2021. Some changes had to be made, most significantly in moving to an online booking system and restricting numbers in order to keep the environment as safe as possible. A new leaflet was designed outlining the shared expectations.

The team welcomed Polly on board to manage the bookings week by week and the system has worked very smoothly. Two other new volunteers, Sue and Pam, also joined after following the Safer Recruitment process. The sense of community and friendship which is the Tods 'USP' has been re-established and parents, carers and children have greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet together for safe and happy play and chat.

Community Café Report

Café Plus

Our community cafes didn't launch back after the pandemic until the 18th of May. The reopening, due to Covid, had special safeguards in place involving a booking system, limiting numbers, and having two sessions in addition to the normal safety precautions issued from the National Church.

Although somewhat restricted, the café proved to be a much-needed resource in our community to tackle the mental health issues/ loneliness caused by the pandemic

lockdown. Our volunteers have been amazing during this period, and we are thankful to them for offering their giftings and time freely to this ministry. Café plus remains a steppingstone ministry of invitation into the family at St Justus. People from our community feel a sense of belonging and we have witnessed transition from first attendance at the café to exploration of church on a Sunday morning, which has been encouraging. Many intentional conversations have been had at the café around Jesus, faith and the big questions of life which have taken some folks on a journey of discovery.

It has been difficult to establish a routine since September due to Covid. But as we slowly recover, we hope to once again establish the weekly routine of activities that spread over the month from the Quiz to the Melody Café.

Café Plus has been strongly supported by the local PCSO's who had been running monthly clinics at the café of which we are extremely grateful for their support and presence.

In October we were successful in receiving a grant for £6000 to support the Café as well as our new Wellbeing Café. This grant was used to pay for the hire of the hall for both cafes and also to support activities to enhance the cafes. We are thankful to Kent Community Foundation and Medway Corporate Giving Fund for their generosity.

The Wellbeing Café

In light of the fruitfulness of Café Plus and the identified need in our community to respond to the mental health/ wellbeing issues such as social isolation. We planned to double our efforts to tackle these areas and promote wellbeing, out of which The Wellbeing Café was birthed. As mentioned above a grant was sought and we were successful, so the 4th of November 2021 The Wellbeing Café was opened and has been a great success, despite the Covid issues along the way. We have provided free health checks in partnership with the Medway Health MOT Roadshow. The Medway Health Walks have been established on Week 1 and 3 of each month. Wellbeing activities have also been scheduled into the month including a gardening project, Arts and Crafts session as well as guest speakers delivering professional wellbeing support and advice. We continue to make good connections within the healthcare community. Our Health Walks have been especially popular with a strong attendance. Moving forward into 2022 we need to seek support from volunteers to keep this staple ministry at St Justus thriving.

Rev Adam Pyrke
Curate

St Justus' Foodbank Centre Report

The Foodbank at St Justus is part of Medway Foodbank and has been in operation for 8 years in May.

We have 10 volunteers, most of who have been volunteering since the beginning. We are fortunate to have had another 3 volunteers join us in the last couple of weeks, making 13 in total, and we look forward to welcoming them into our team over the coming months.

After being closed for approximately 2 years because of Covid, Medway Foodbank has now re-opened 7 centres for collection across Medway with 1 centre open for delivery purposes only out on the peninsula rural area.

It is great to be able to see people face to face once again and being able to support those in need in our local community. The ability to offer prayer in person is also a vital part of the work of the foodbank across Medway – it is a privilege to be able to offer this to people who may have never been in a church before and who may have never had someone pray with them. It underlines the value of each individual, that they are valued by us and by God in the midst of their difficulties.

Medway Foodbank has been running a delivery service over the last 2 difficult years of the pandemic and 7 of the St Justus volunteers have been able to help with this.

Here are brief statistics for the Rochester area (for wards Rochester East, West and South & Horsted) during that time (1 March 2020 – 12 April 2022):

Ward	No. of parcels	No. of adults fed	No. of children fed	Total no. fed
Rochester East	368	546	614	1161
Rochester West	322	514	407	262
Rochester South & Horsted	113	161	101	921
	803	1221	1122	2344

Overall, during this period Medway Foodbank has fed 24,572 people in Medway. The number from Rochester is 10% of the total fed in Medway.

We have increasingly seen new clients coming to us, people who have never been out of work before, who have never applied for benefits before and who have never used a foodbank before. The pressures on people from many sides are causing many people to find themselves sliding into poverty. We continue to signpost clients to the many excellent local organisations who can help with financial advice and support with other areas of life. We also continue to signpost to other local organisations e.g., Kent Community Helpers, Gillingham Street Angels who are able to offer other sources of free food. Throughout the pandemic local organisations offering free food like ourselves have worked closely together to support those in need in our communities.

As an organisation, Medway Foodbank remains so grateful for the support from local churches who support them by hosting foodbank centres, by collecting food and by donating finances. They are facing huge increases in overhead costs, and it is a struggle to keep stock levels in line with the increased demand.

We are extremely grateful for all the donations (both of food and finance) from St Justus, but we are also aware of what a difficult time this is for many people financially.

We will always look for a time when foodbanks are no longer needed in the UK but until that time, we will be in our communities working with those in local churches to support those in need.

Personally, I am extremely grateful for the support given by the volunteers, clergy and church members of St Justus – we couldn't operate without all of you.

Theresa Harrison
Foodbank Centre Manager