



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BROMBROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 - 6

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

29/4/23

Name:

MRS BARBARA MORRIS CEMAP

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

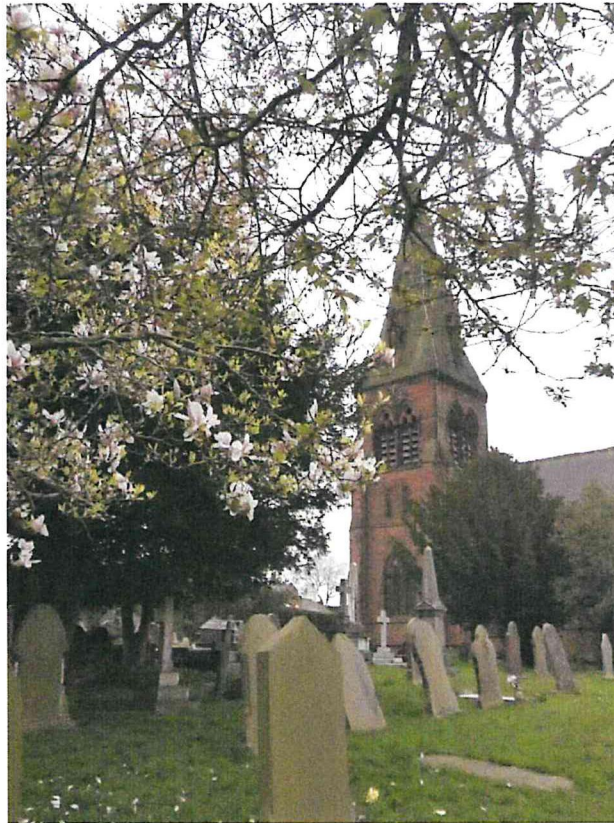
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

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Registered Charity No. 1127144



**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDING
31 December 2022**

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Rector's report 2022

Worship and Prayer

It has been a year of growth and blessing in our spiritual lives at St Barnabas. Whilst a number of the older members of the congregation have either died, failed to return to an every week attendance pattern (mostly for health reasons), it has been exciting to see that all of our weekly congregations have now got a number of new members. In particular, the 11.00 am service has a healthy vibrance with occasional attendances from Baptism, Wedding and funeral families some of whom have chosen to make our church their home.

One of the most important developments we have seen is in the regular prayer meeting which numbers a steady 10-15 people. We have seen answers to prayers at a local level and the opportunity to engage in prayers for issues across the world. This has seen a growth in relationships as well as the spiritual confidence of the community. After most Sunday 11.00 am services we are able to offer prayer for individuals.

During 2022 we had 5 members of the Church Family confirmed by Bishop Mark, along with 3 people from St Paul's Hooton. It was especially exciting to see 3 of our children who now move into their teenage years as confirmed members of our church.

I am delighted that Gill Walker has taken on the responsibility for Baptism and Confirmation ministry and has also accepted the invitation of the PCC to become team leader for Children's ministry as a whole, though Fiona continues to lead our developing Messy Church with skill and determination and Jenny and Carol still look after Kids' Church which happens on Thursday morning.

We recognised in 2022 that our Children's provision on Sunday was inadequate and so Julie Watts with a team of people created 'Busy Bags' which are now available for children who come to our Sunday services. They contain a range of activities organised around a number of different Bible Stories.

We continued throughout 2022 offering two regular Sunday services, a Wednesday morning communion in The Centre building and a Wednesday Evening service via Zoom. It did not seem appropriate to re start our 'Communion and Cake' ministry for our older members whilst so many still felt vulnerable but moving forward, we have plans for that in 2023.

Learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Throughout 2022, teaching and preaching has been undertaken largely by the Rector and our Reader Lynne Whittaker. We met for Bible study through Lent and attempted to do so during Advent though this did not prove popular. It is hoped to develop at least one house group in 2023, to re engage with the Bible Course that was shelved at the start of the pandemic and to develop further opportunities for study. Trusting God's provision to us has been lived out through our continuance of offering social events free of charge and in trust that the Lord will provide. Thus far, that has been true. Sermons have continually encouraged knowledge of Scripture and the importance of placing our absolute trust in God. I think as the financial situation globally and at St Barnabas we will find that we are forced to do this more than ever.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Throughout 2022 we continued to support families in need in a bespoke and on an occasional basis. The identification of these people has often come to us through schools. We have provided everything from food parcels for 2 weeks, energy top ups and white goods.

To ensure that pastoral work is not overlooked with agreement from the PCC the Rector appointed Carol Jones to have oversight of the care of the congregation and our home communion ministry. I am grateful to her for the fastidious follow up she does on our behalf, of those who are struggling or are unwell. My thanks to Carol and

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Graham Jones, Phil and Chris Gilchrist and Lynne Whittaker who ensure that those unable to get out of their home continue to receive Communion and care.

Missionary and outreach work

Our Christmas tree festival took place in 2022. It was much bigger than in the previous year and brings many people to St Barnabas and to Bromborough itself. Our Visitors were once again well over 2,000 people. The Advent carol service was well attended as was the candlelight carols service. However, we have identified the need to have some kind of community owned carol service so plans are in process to invite all the schools to take part along with other members of our Bromborough community.

We are excited that this year we were able to feed 60 families via our Christmas project as well as providing presents for each family member. I am grateful to Kangaroo storage for providing the space for us to pack in and Helene Kaye for literally rescuing the Rector and ensuring food was available from Asda to fill our bags. It is a huge team effort though and incredibly important for those who give as well as those who receive. Funding next year will be much harder to obtain and with the cost of living rising we have already noticed that money does not go as far.

A new and important initiative that we have begun is to have a link missionary. We are partnering with CMS and we have established a link with Marcio and Noemi who are just beginning to work in Brazil. Having an overseas link is so important for us as it reminds that we are part of the wider church and gives us even more of an outward perspective. The link is being managed by Lis and Juan Sedano who are going to be leading our Prayer and Mission team. More of what this will look like as we begin to engage with our new PCC chosen objectives for the rest year.

The future

At a Saturday workshop session, the PCC explored creating a new vision statement that was easy to remember and some objectives which would help us focus our thoughts and our finances. The vision statement is 'Serving God, serving the community'. Alongside our newly formed finance team, and the all-important pastoral care team, we will have a focus on three areas:

1. The growth in the quality and quantity of our children's work and outreach
2. The development of our knowledge of the Bible and discipleship
3. The development of our Centre building as a hub for mission.

Susan Jones is leading the Centre team and alongside making sure that we put our own house in order over bookings and costs, we are about to become a hub for the distribution of free school uniform to families across the southeast of Wirral. Linda Hughes will be working on this every Thursday morning.

There is so much that is beginning to flourish that it is hard to reference all of it. I have not even begun to celebrate the beginning of the Tower and Organ project and the possibilities that this will bring for us.

I do not want to conclude this report however without thanking my two churchwardens, Ros and Thelma for the work that they do which is of huge importance and often not very visible. I also wish to thank Natalie Friel for the tremendous work she has done with support from the Diocese in order to change our accounts to a more simplified system and get them up to date at last. We have good foundations to build upon from here and I am looking forward to doing exactly that with all of you.

Jenny Gillies

Rector

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Wirral South Deanery Synod Annual report 2022

The St Barnabas representatives on Wirral South Deanery Synod are Jacky Williams, Jenny Hope and Fiona Austin. We usually meet 3 times a year in different Churches belonging to Wirral South Deanery. After a meeting we report back to the PCC and the information can be found in the PCC minutes.

March 2022 Unfortunately the meeting at All Saints' Church Thornton Hough clashed with a Parish event so we were not able to attend the meeting which focused on "Mission in New Housing" – Revd. Steve Clapham, Ecumenical Officer, Diocese of Chester.

May 2022 Fr Timothy Hupfield, Vicar of St Martin's Church, Low Marple, spoke about healing ministry.

October 2022 was held at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Eastham and was a vision café Hosted by Harriet Roberts the Diocesan Director of Development (Vision and Strategy) in Chester Diocese, this was part of 'Casting the Net Wide' a consultation launched by Bishop Mark to see where the Diocese is going and how to develop our work. Synod members enjoyed a fish and chip supper followed by a wide variety of activities and exercises as to how we can 'Cast the net wide' and reach out to those who are not part of the Church and how we can increase our Church membership in Chester Diocese.

Jenny Hope

Messy Church report 2022

In 2022 we ran Messy Church once a month after school from 3.30 -5pm. We moved to holding Messy Church in the Centre, where it has been easier to cook a meal for everyone at the end of every Messy Church. The new time after school and providing a cooked meal has brought in more families from a variety of primary schools. We have a solid base of regular attenders and new people at each Messy Church, which is most encouraging.

None of this would be possible without the team of willing volunteers who greet, cook, wash up, chat, do craft, set up and clear away. Thanks to all the volunteers who come and help run Messy Church.

Fiona Austin

Mothers' Union

The Branch met each month except in August. Meetings begin with a short service which includes, readings, hymns and prayers usually around a set theme. The time afterwards often follows that theme although not always. During 2022 we looked at the life of Mary Slessor a Scottish missionary whose feast day is celebrated in January. We had two talks from Elisabeth Larkins, one on her trip to Iona and the other about June events and celebrations and of course the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had PowerPoint presentations about Crosses, and the saints and holy days in September. We celebrated the branch's 96 Birthday with an afternoon tea and at Christmas attended the Wednesday morning Communion followed by Seasonal refreshments. Members were each given a tube of Smarties and asked when they had eaten them to add a coin to the empty tube on each of the 12 days of Christmas. This raised a goodly sum for Diocesan Mothers' Union work in the prisons at Styal, Risley and Thorncross.

We also displayed a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival which was covered in the paper lanterns we made and decorated at our November meeting.

New members are always welcome, as long as you uphold the values of Christian family life you can become a member whatever your age, gender and whether or not you are a parent.

Jenny Hope

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Centre report 2022

The Village Centre is moving to a more formal/professional approach to its running. We have in the last year asked all volunteers to sign to say that they have read the Parish Safeguarding document. We have approved a health and safety policy and a volunteer code of conduct both of which volunteers have been asked to sign to say that they have read and understood.

The maintenance of the building is on-going and we are grateful to Ian Sneddon for all the work he does to make sure that the building is well maintained.

Bookings are up and this often increases cafe footfall. We have produced forms for all bookings and we ask hirers to sign to say that they understand the hire conditions, the Parish Safeguarding document and the health and safety policy.

Tea and coffee are now free for all customers and we welcome all as a 'Warm Welcome Space'. The cafe has introduced lots of specials on the menu, some have become so popular that they are now on the main menu. We have a new menu and this reflects a new more modern approach.

We have offered a space to FUSS/FUPS (free uniform for secondary schools/primary schools). This will be open on Thursdays from 10.30 to 12.30 and we hope that this will grow and develop.

I will finish with a thanks to all volunteers and committee members who ensure that the Village Centre thrives and moves forward.

Susan Jones Chair of Centre Committee

Kids' Church

Kids' Church continues to meet each Thursday in Church at 10.00 am only missing the odd Thursday at Easter and Christmas. Older siblings and cousins join in during the School Holidays. This year were joined on many Thursdays by staff and children from a local nursery. We are still a very young group with many babes in arms, but the team so enjoy watching them grow, begin to crawl, then walk and then run around Church. We follow a scheme of work aimed at babies to 3 years interspersed with stories from the Bible appropriate to the season. We have a new sheep mascot called Mutton who helps to welcome the children and sometimes tell the story.

Weekly craft sessions are enjoyed with colouring, sticking, and frequently, what is known by the team as 'a sticker fest'. You can see an example of each week's work on the notice board at the back of Church, the children take theirs home to stick on the fridge in the time-honoured way.

I would like to record my grateful thanks to the team without whom I could not run Kids' Church.

Jenny Hope Team Leader

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CTBE Knit and Natter

At Christmas we took all the gifts which have been made or purchased by our members to the Teams4U distribution centre in Birkenhead where they were used to fill many shoe boxes for Eastern Europe. There were 421 items made, these included scarves, hats, mitts, puppets and bags. Additionally, purchased stationery items, toys and toiletries were given. We also donated £150 towards their travel costs from our funds.

Throughout the year the group has also donated items to Hospitals - hats and blankets for babies, head bands for cancer patients, twiddlemuffs for those who need them. Care homes also receive twiddlemuffs and knee rugs. Some large blankets and hats go to a centre in Liverpool which helps needy people.

Several large bags of knitted children's items are taken annually to International Aid via North Wirral Inner Wheel. Many of our members make items at Easter and Christmas which are used for decoration, sold to raise funds for charity, this year for North West Air Ambulance or given out to people at Christmas. Others are changed into decorative items which go on show at the Christmas tree festival as well as being used in the Christmas services. Even knitted candles were made which looked real and we were delighted to win second place in the Christmas Tree Festival competition. One of our members has made many knitted Nativity sets, this generated £400 which was donated to St John's Hospice.

The group meet on Monday afternoons at the Centre in Bromborough from 1.30pm with a quiet time and prayer. All are welcome, even if they only natter. Our members are kept in the loop by phone calls or visits if they are unable to come due to failing health or for other reasons. We have 24 people who come fairly regularly. If you want to have a relaxing afternoon while producing useful things for others, do join us.

Anne Williams Lead Volunteer

From Up the Tower

Our numbers remain depleted which means we remain reliant on support from other towers to be able to ring. As a result we have been unable to ring for Sunday service as often as we would have liked.

We rang five quarter peals during the year. The first was instead of practice on a bank Holiday Monday. The second was for St. Barnabastide and to bring the village summer fair to a close. Towards the end of June we rang a quarter to mark the 90th birthday of Woodslee Primary School (now Co-op Academy Woodslee) on the day of their Summer Fair. The band included a current employee of the school and a former pupil. Our final quarter peal of the year was for the Christmas Tree Festival and to bring the Village Christmas Fair to a close.

The death of her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II saw the bells quickly muffled and several of us met to ring to mark the occasion. At the end we rang what is known as diminishing rounds, whereby one by one a bell stops until there is only one bell left tolling. At noon on the following day we joined churches across the country with tolling 96 times. The following Monday we rang a half muffled quarter peal in memoriam of her late Majesty. This quarter peal was also Steve's 170th at St. Barnabas, and his 100th as conductor, again at St. Barnabas.

Steven was a member of the band which represented the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at the guild's 8 bell striking competition held at St. Bridget's, West Kirby. The Wirral Branch came second, its best result in many years. If you, or anyone you know, would like to have a go, or would just like to come and have a look, then please speak to Steve Hughes, Ian Sneddon or Ian Walker.

Steve Hughes Tower Captain

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Administrative information

St Barnabas Church is situated by Bromborough Cross. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: -

Parish Office
St Barnabas Village Centre
Church Square
Bromborough
Wirral CH62 7AA

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1127144.

PCC members who served from 1 January 2022 are:

Ex-officio

Position	Name
Rector	Rev. Jenny Gillies
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry
Churchwarden	Ros Wood
Lay Reader	Lynne Whittaker
Deanery Synod, PCC Secretary and Safeguarding co-ordinator	Fiona Austin
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams
Deanery Synod	Jenny Hope

Elected Members

Position	Name	Number of years remaining on PCC from 2022 APCM to 2023 APCM
Electoral Roll Secretary, Vice Chair	Lesley Cobb	1
Treasurer	Natalie Friel	1
	Sue Holden	1
	Steve Hughes	1
	Pat Down	2
	Carol Jones	2
	Graham Jones	2
	Anita Roberts	2
	Barbara Baxter	3
	Dorothy Clayton	3
	Ian Sneddon	3
	Julie Watts	3

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Advisors to the Council:

Bankers:

HSBC plc
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Bromborough Wirral

Investment Managers:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd
80 Cheapside
London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiner:

Barbara Morris

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Gloucester

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Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA
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Annual Accounts

Financial Report

2022 began having finally transitioned out of a global pandemic. As a Church we were able to plan and hold our regular events once more and continue to serve the community.

This year saw a continued increase in need from local families needing support with food hampers. Our volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the year (especially at Christmas time) to shop, pack and deliver parcels, and we are eternally grateful to them all. Our 'Help the Families' campaign has been the forefront of our mission giving throughout the pandemic, and we continue to support families where necessary.

The Village Centre re-opened its doors late 2021, so 2022 was its first full year re-open, after being closed due to the pandemic.

We were able to host the Summer Fair in conjunction with the Bromborough Village Community Association and our Christmas Tree Festival which was enjoyed by almost 2600 visitors!

Whilst donations for 2022 are down compared with 2021, our income from charitable events & the trading in the Village Centre were up; meaning we were able to break even with a profit of £862.56 for the year.

The Future

We continue to welcome people back to Church services and in The Centre for food, drinks and we are able to hold fundraising events once again.

With rising energy bills & monthly running costs of £12,000, our finance team are reviewing all aspects of income and expenditure, to ensure we are maximising our opportunities.

The Trustees are confident that the Parish remains a going concern. We continue to encourage online giving and the use of online banking to avoid unnecessary bank charges.

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	75,971.04	75,108.48
	75,971.04	75,108.48
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	(1,194.14)	(1,194.14)
	(1,194.14)	(1,194.14)
Net current assets less current liabilities	77,165.18	76,302.62
Total assets less current liabilities	77,165.18	76,302.62
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	77,165.18	76,302.62
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	2,558.05	18,299.35
Designated		
Designated - Building Maintenance	0.14	-
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	25,476.35	23,376.83
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315.00	-
Designated - Music Fund	1.85	1.83
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	23,916.20	6,442.65
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	3,379.61	3,000.14
Designated - Youth Work	438.20	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,733.48	15,551.65
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.44
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	(241.34)	-
Restricted - Flower Fund	120.02	115.00
Restricted - Help The Families	5,113.18	9,160.74
Restricted - Youth Work	342.99	342.99
Fund Totals	77,165.18	76,302.62

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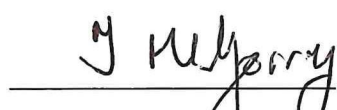
Receipts and Payments Account


For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	72,775.72	2,843.67	4,200.00	-	79,819.39	87,225.66
Income from charitable activities	6,090.59	-	-	-	6,090.59	2,452.76
Other trading activities	-	29,092.25	-	-	29,092.25	7,113.59
Investments	81.57	89.53	552.49	-	723.59	38.54
Other income	23,354.08	-	945.00	-	24,299.08	19,703.88
Total Receipts	102,301.96	32,025.45	5,697.49	-	140,024.90	116,534.43
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	114,993.23	16.32	9,625.02	-	124,634.57	114,906.26
Other expenditure	-	11,303.23	-	-	11,303.23	23,055.11
Costs of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income	3,050.03	-	174.51	-	3,224.54	2,269.06
Total Payments	118,043.26	11,319.55	9,799.53	-	139,162.34	140,230.43
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	16,747.42
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	(16,747.42)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Net movement in funds	(15,741.30)	20,705.90	(4,102.04)	-	862.56	(23,696.00)
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	18,299.35	32,821.45	25,181.82	-	76,302.62	99,998.62
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	2,558.05	53,527.35	21,079.78	-	77,165.18	76,302.62

Approved by the PCC on 16 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


 Revd. Jenny Gillies
 Rector


 Thelma McGorry
 Church Warden


 Ros Wood
 Church Warden