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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDING  
31st December 2023

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## **Rector's report 2023**

Whilst this has been a difficult year for me personally, there has been evidence of growth in the parish, both spiritually, financially, and numerically. Sadly, the size of the growth in congregation has been offset by the deaths of some faithful and dearly loved members of St Barnabas. We celebrate the way in which God has given us new people with a whole variety of skills and talents, as well as continuing to mourn the loss of those who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to worship with us.

When looking at our objectives for 2023, the incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through; Worship and prayer, Provision of pastoral care for people living in or with a close connection (through school or marriage or baptism) to the parish, as well as missionary and outreach work including visiting schools and workplaces as well as setting up specific events which support the needs of the community.

At the start of the year, the PCC and a wider group of church leaders met together to look at three aims that we would work on from 2023-2024. These were;

1. The education and development of people's worship and prayer life, their knowledge of the gospel and trust in Jesus.
2. The development and growth of work with children, youth, and families
3. Using The Centre as the focus for missionary and outreach work.

In addition to these aims, I have encouraged the church to use language around teams rather than committees, with designated team leaders. This team structure was especially effective when it was necessary for me to step back in my role, in order to receive a new hip. Recovery took three months, and I am indebted to all those in the parish and to various colleagues who took on a heavier load in my absence.

In order to focus our finances strategically and to better understand our income and expenditure, we created a Finance Team. During 2023 this group, which included the treasurer and assistant treasurer as well as others with appropriate roles or skills, met monthly. As a consequence of a deep dive into our income we ran a sermon series as well as an information campaign around giving. As you can read in the treasurer's report, this brought in increased giving and a spur to hold various fund-raising efforts, the most successful of which was the now annual Christmas Tree festival. More are due to take place in 2024.

### **1. The education and development of people's worship and prayer life, their knowledge of the gospel and trust in Jesus.**

Building on what has already gone before, 2023 saw the establishment of a house group which meets regularly at the home of Malcolm and Denise Dyer. Malcolm, a semi-retired Elim Pentecostal Minister, has begun to share in some preaching and leading at the Sunday services. This has been invaluable. This group has covered The Bible Course and is now focussing on Romans. We have continued to benefit from the Lay reader ministry of Lynne Whittaker.

There are now 4 different weekly opportunities to share in collective worship. These are a traditional Sunday service of mostly Holy Communion at 9.15 am and at 11.00 am on Sunday a more contemporary service which is usually service of the word. On Wednesday we have a very relaxed but traditional Holy Communion

in the centre at 10.30 am and on Thursday at 10.00 am, Little Church (previously Kids' Church) meets in church. Once a month we gather for Messy Church at 3.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

When delivering food hampers at Christmas, we also included material that was specifically focussed at teaching and explaining the Christian Faith.

Moving forward, we hope that 2024 will see at least one of our number doing some training for Lay ministry. There is also a plan to hold a daytime Bible course with a view to developing a daytime house group.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that focussing sermons on teaching the Bible and sharing faith has equip people for their own discipleship and as ministers of the gospel. The monthly prayer meeting is undoubtedly deepening and expanding people's faith and their capacity to share it with others. As one person said to me recently, 'I was in a setting which has nothing to do with faith and suddenly found myself able to answer this person's question which was, 'Where is God in all this?''

## **2. The development and growth of work with children, youth, and families**

This work has been led by Gill Walker, assisted by Fiona Austin who takes responsibility for Messy Church, and Jenny Hope with Carol Jones who lead Little Church. Though there has been little change in content or numbers for Little Church, Messy Church has begun to develop a consistent group of people who come regularly. For the first time since its inception here, we are able to see that we are growing a church congregation. One of the key instrumental differences is the time, after school, and the fact that we offer a proper cooked meal. Some very able leaders also engage in supportive conversations which are so essential in this type of ministry.

In the summer we welcomed a teenager to worship with us. In addition, we now have a very tiny but welcome number of small children at 11.00 am – an answer to prayer. We also ask all baptism families to come to church at least once prior to booking their baptism preparation course. This has successfully brought people into the building and some have continued to worship regularly.

Moving forward, we hope to have a proper staffed children's corner at 11.00 am with a view to some kind of Sunday School type provision. We hope to invest some time and thought in growing Little Church too, as well as providing for the 4 teenagers who regularly attend church.

## **3. Using The Centre as the focus for Missionary and Outreach work.**

One of the big changes to what the centre offers has been free tea and coffee. Though there were some concerns that this would be a loss-making initiative (the PCC was divided over whether this mattered or not) some monitoring of the situation noted that we probably took more money in donations. It has enabled us to publicise ourselves as a warm hub.

Sadly, we lost the Bridge Club's regular hire as a result of some conflict regarding parking. However, one of the biggest and best developments in the use of the centre was to become a hub for the distribution of free school uniforms through the local organisation called FUSS and FUPS. Lynda Hughes manages this facility.

A project which will be beginning in 2024 is the use of the large lounge for a 'Caritas' group. This agency works to offer much need and support to families throughout Wirral. Their South Wirral group will meet in The Centre weekly. This idea of multi-agency working allows us to develop projects we feel are important but do not have the volunteers to lead.



The other key project we run is to feed people during the two week's holiday at Christmas. We work with our local schools as well as Involve North West in order to identify those who are in need of support. This year we received funding from The National Lottery Community Fund as well as Wirral Local Authority. Helene Kaye has managed this work this year. We continue to help people who come to us on an emergency basis and need food.

2023 saw us the focal point for the Coronation celebrations which took place in the village square. We also successfully hosted the Bromborough Village Community Association Fair on our land and in our buildings. Both of these events were appreciated by the whole community.

It is wonderful to finally be able to record here that after several fallow years, we have a successful website up and running. It is work that was begun by Geoff Austin prior to his sudden death, continued by his son Matthew and completed for us all by Andrew Watts. Truly an example of different people carrying the baton through time that has enabled us now to reap the rewards. This is so often the characteristic of ministry.

Finally, I thank all of the team leaders and each one of you who contributes to our work. Many are not mentioned here. However, I am particularly grateful to Thelma McGorry my Churchwarden for her tireless work and support and to her partner, Ian Sneddon who has stepped into the breach on many occasions. Thank you also to Fiona Austin, who as PCC secretary brings order to some of my many initiatives and plans and ensures PCC is kept on track and up to date. Whilst I hope she will continue as secretary, she ends her time as Parish Safeguarding Officer after a marathon of work which was necessary to get our parish up to date with this. I am also very thankful to Julie Watts who took on the role of treasurer – a job which has taken many hours in order to put in place new and even better systems and records than we had before. I am quite certain that her effort has us in a stronger place than we have been for some time.

We move into 2024 with much hope and expectation, watching to see how God will use us next as he builds his Church here in Bromborough.

**Jenny Gillies Rector**

### **Mission Partner report**

We pray for Marcio, Noemi and family. During the year, we have got to know them better through their letters and enabling us to understand what their vision is for the future. Their aim as Pioneer Missionaries is to connect with people beyond the reach of traditional church. In their early days in Brazil, as they were out prayer walking they discovered the boat in the park. If your house is north of the boat, you are in the better area, while if you live south of the boat, the park is neglected.

God found a house for them just 5 minutes' walk from the boat between North and South side. Since those first days they have met with people from both sides of the park, shared food and refreshments with them and are building relationships with people. Last year they even held a Passover supper in the park. Being in Brazil of course football, volley ball, spike ball and basketball have all been used as a means of sharing God's love. Their eldest son Giovanni was invited by a local Pastor to join them at the basketball court where soon friends were made. He blossomed and made the Indaiatuba City Basketball team. Around the boat there seems to be a drug problem. Children play in that area too. Marcio held a meeting to share his vision with local people. He imagines the boat becoming a place that is safe and being used as a Community Hub. They discussed this and spoke up to help people share what skills and strengths they had

and what the people themselves felt was needed. All sounds exciting! We gave £500 that we set apart for their support annually and an extra payment of £267 after a plea for funds from the Church Mission Society.

Best till last we are expecting Marcio and Noemi and...to visit us sometime in November. How good it will be to meet face to face.

**Lis Sedano**

## **Wirral South Deanery Synod Annual report**

There were three meetings during the year, the first in March was led by Zarah Ross Faith and Climate Co-Ordinator who led a short workshop on Faiths for Change and the plans for Net Zero Carbon. This meeting had to be cut short due to snowy weather. She returned to take matters further at the May meeting, unfortunately neither Jackie Williams nor myself were able to attend this meeting due to my holidays.

The Autumn meeting was held at St Mary's Eastham and was an open meeting which began with a delicious Scouse supper. This was a follow up to the Vision Café which we attended in 2022. We were given an update on Bishop Mark's project 'Casting the net wide' looking at how we can spread 'Sharing the hope together in Christ' trying to reach the over one million people in the Diocese who do not engage with Church in any way. Harriet Roberts who had led the project in the Diocese gave an update on progress so far and then introduced Jon Pocock, the newly appointed strategic development manager who explained what his role involves and the tools he has been given to develop the project.

Our Deanery Synod representatives are myself and Jackie Williams. We currently still need a further person to complete the St Barnabas contingent.

**Jenny Hope**

## **Children and Youth**

### **Team Report**

2023 was a busy year for us with 14 Baptisms taking place through the year, following the relevant number of pre-baptism meetings. From these we now have one family who regularly attend church services on Sunday and whose young son was Jesus in the Nativity on Christmas Eve. My thanks to the baptism team who are willing to help both in meetings and during baptism services.

Busy Bags have been regularly used since their inception and we have received many compliments on them from visitors to the church.

We have a regular teenage member of the congregation who is keen to help and join in where she is able. Two others regularly attend with their family.

Both Little Church and Messy Church continue to thrive with their respective leaders and teams of volunteers. I would like to thank them all but my especial thanks go to Jenny H and Fiona without whom I would struggle!

Harvest services took place with our schools as did Christmas services, including a choir concert from Mendel School which was a delight. Most of the schools were represented on Remembrance Sunday where pupils laid wreaths on the Memorial. Schools also decorated trees for display in the Christmas Tree Festival.

None of these things could take place without help and I would personally like to thank Carol Jones here for her constant and continued help and support. She is a fountain of knowledge and her support is both valued and valuable. Needless to say, more volunteers are always welcome!!

**Gill Walker, Team Leader**

## **Little Church 2023**

Little Church for preschoolers, their older siblings and often cousins & friends, in the school holidays, continue to meet in Church on a Thursday at 10.00 am. In the summer we had our annual Teddy Bear's picnic, in Church this year, when everyone brought their Teddy and after a short prayer and song we enjoyed refreshments, bubbles and playtime.

Over the summer we decided to change the name to Little Church, and we began the Autumn term with our new name and logo. Recently we have added some new songs to our repertoire, and I get my weekly exercise with all the actions for the songs and prayers. Sadly, I can no longer touch my toes but do my best!

At Christmas our tree at the festival following the theme 'King, Crowns and Coronations' was decorated with crowns that we made from polystyrene take away cups we can no longer use in the café, the children and adults had great fun with stick on 'jewels' and everyone added their name to their crown. After the festival these were taken home to display on their own tree. At Christmas the Carers suggested we all go out for lunch, and we trooped across the road to the Royal Oak where everyone had an enjoyable time.

We are always sad when the children move up to school having watched them grow up, but love it when new members join us and we watch them begin to sit up, crawl, walk and chatter. There is always room for new members. Please spread the word.

**Jenny Hope & the Little Church team**

## **Messy Church report**

In 2023 we continued to hold Messy Church on the second Tuesday of the month after school, from 3.30 - 5pm in the Centre. We now have a core group of very regular members who see Messy Church as **their Church**, which is wonderful to hear. Holding Messy Church after school, and the fact that we are providing a cooked meal for all who attend, has brought in more families from a variety of primary schools, which is most encouraging.

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

**Fiona Austin**

## **Mothers' Union**

Although only a small number of members the Branch has kept going throughout the year, meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday in the month to avoid a clash with Messy Church. Each month the short service has a theme and these have included 'Love and Marriage' in February for Valentines day, 'Mothering Sunday' in March, The Coronation of King Charles 111 in May, 'Rise up against Gender Violence' in November to coincide with the Mothers' Unions' annual 16 days of action against Gender Violence.

Talks after the service have included a talk on more hymns from Elisabeth Larkins, her time as a teacher and missionary in Peru from member Lis Sedano, his work on Wirral Borough Council by Phil Gilchrist. We have also had PowerPoint presentations on 'September Saints' and UK when members had fun trying to recognize the pictures of Cathedrals and working out how many UK cathedrals they have visited. Did you know that there are 44 Anglican Cathedrals in the UK?

We welcomed two new members this year and are always happy to have new members of any gender as long as they uphold Christian Marriage and Family Life.

### **J Hope Branch Leader**

## **The Centre report**

The Village Centre grows and develops each year. Last year we were able to announce that FUSS (Free Uniforms for Schools) would be moving into the Centre. This has proved really successful and the footfall has grown over the last year which has enabled lots of local families to access recycled school uniform and reduce waste to landfill. Some families go to Little Church first before coming into FUSS, in this way things link up. We are also pleased that Messy Church now takes place

The café, small room and office have been painted. Our thanks to Mollie's son for the paint which has reduced the cost to having this done. We plan to have the big room plastered where needed and painted as well. The café menu is continually changing and there are plans to add chips to the menu. We recognise the need to change for our changing cliental.

The Centre was given over £2500 from the Co-op grant fund. With this money, there are plans to improve The Centre building with new curtains and new lighting.

We welcomed Caritas into the Village Centre on Tuesday mornings. This is a group that is built around the belief that we are 'Stronger together' and this is very much part of the mission of St Barnabas. We still look for more groups wanting to use the rooms either as paying customers or as groups who develop the mission of St Barnabas.

### **Susan Jones Village Centre Management Team Leader**

## **Knit and Natter - Churches together in Bromborough and Eastham (CTBE)**

The group continues to meet in the Centre every Monday except for Bank Holidays and although the number of members is slightly reduced, a large number of knitted and sewn items have been produced during the year.



We continue to support Teams4U with items for shoe boxes; mainly hats, scarves and mittens and children's jumpers which are used as packing in the outer boxes. Hats for seafarers are always in demand and others go to charities helping those in need. Twiddle muffs are made for care homes and items for premature babies are donated to local special care baby units.

The group had a tree in the Christmas Tree festival which was covered in knitted crotchet crowns. As the theme was Kings, Crowns and Coronations there was also a life size crown, and a miniature corgi made by our most skillful knitter.

At Christmas and Easter we have special projects involving crème eggs and chocolate oranges which we sell in the Centre and to raise funds for a charity. It was Mary's Meals in 2023, and we raised £100 pounds which was match funded.

We can help people to learn to knit and crotchet and non-knitters are always welcome to just to natter.

**Jenny Hope**

## **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 or practice as often as we would have liked.

We rang ten quarter peals during the year. Our first quarter peal was to mark the passing of Brenda Humphreys, a ringer and friend to the band, from Christ Church Port Sunlight, with another being rung to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Don Peers who rang at St Barnabas for many years and who is still fondly remembered by many ringers across the Wirral. We also rang half muffled for Maundy Thursday. Our now traditional quarter peal at the end of the village summer fair also marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Steven becoming Tower Captain so we rang Stedman Triples, which was first rung as early as the late 1700's but which is still popular today. We were delighted that Jenny was able to hear part of our ringing as she returned home after her stay in hospital. We also rang to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS and for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jenny's induction as our Rector. For our Christmas Fair quarter peal, we tried a method that was new to all of us, but one which was also quite appropriate for the occasion, Christmas Tree Doubles.

For ringers across the country the highlight of the year was being able to ring to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties, King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Fourteen quarter peals were rung across the Wirral in a week of celebratory ringing, with all towers on the Wirral ringing something at some point across the Coronation weekend, with St Barnabas ending the celebrations with a quarter peal on the bank holiday Monday.

Over the year, sixteen ringers representing 9 different towers helped us with our quarter peals during the year. Steven was a member of the Wirral Band which competed in both the 8 and 10 bell competitions during the year, with Wirral being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in both competitions. The 8-bell competition was held at Barthomley near Crewe with the 10-bell being held at Stockton Heath. Steven was also a regular member of the Wirral band which rings on the first Sunday of every month at Chester Cathedral.

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**

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival took place once again in 2023. Each year we are pleased to report that it is even bigger than the last; 2023 really was the biggest yet. We broke the record for the number of trees on display and had a record number of visitors and a record amount of funds raised. The profit was £3,936.30. Our 3146 visitors had a difficult decision in deciding which tree to vote for as their favourite tree as the competition was fierce and all 80 trees really pulled out all the stops!

2023 also saw our first ever Santa's Grotto. With over 200 visitors and their grownups, Santa and his elves were very busy across the 2 days and 1 evening they were at St Barnabas & The Centre. We even managed to make a small profit for our efforts in spite of a significant outlay needed to set up the experience. I anticipate more of the same for 2024 – watch this space!

**Natalie Friel – Festival Coordinator**

## **Food for Families**

Food for Families has been running for 7 years now. When Jenny started it, there were 6 families to be fed, last year, December 2023, we fed 86 families (plus a couple of others just before Christmas). We fed 50 families from Co-op Academy Woodslee Primary School and 25 families from Mendell Primary School, together with a further 11 families from parishioners. Lin Longshaw-Parr and her team provided presents for each person in every family too.

I applied to the National Lottery and was awarded £9,800 towards feeding our families. I also applied to Wirral Borough Council for their Winter Grant and was awarded £11,447.00. In total £21,247.00.

I had ordered £3,500 of stock from Asda and £2,700 of stock from Aldi, all to be delivered to Kangaroo Storage, Bromborough on the morning of 11/12/23. On 10/12/23, just as our morning church service had ended, I received an email from Asda saying they couldn't fulfil the order and were letting us down! After a prayer from Jenny, I immediately went to Morrisons and completed a £300 shop, together with £1,200 shop on Sainsburys online and £2,000 shop with Tesco. I got them all to deliver to Kangaroo Storage for the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December (and it came in cheaper than Asda). By Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December lunchtime, we had packed and delivered to 86 families so that they had food & presents over the 2-week Christmas period. It felt great.

We have since had a meeting to evaluate lessons learned:

1. We are never using Asda again, as they did the same thing to us the year before!
2. We have decided that for Christmas 2024, we are going to have lanyards with people's names & photos on, as a lot of people wander in and out of Kangaroo.
3. We also need volunteers to sign in and out for Health & Safety, so we will have a register which has to be kept up to date.

On the back of feeding families, Rob Dunbar, Trev Jones and I have designed menus to suit 1 person 1 child, 1 adult 2 children etc., so that anyone helping to feed a family in need, has a ready made shopping list, an idea of how much it should cost and can leave the menu with the family we are supporting, to help them make the food last.

In addition, a link on the St Barnabas website is currently under construction (courtesy of Andrew Watts), where I will add sample menus with shopping lists, recipes etc so that any parishioner who is struggling to make ends meet, can see a way to feed their family properly & nutritiously, without breaking the bank. It will also contain any news about grants that I apply for or donations that we have received specifically for feeding families.

Can I add, that since I have been involved in feeding families (2 years now), I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and making friends with the volunteers, I love what we do, and it gets better and better as time goes on. We also welcome anyone who wants to get involved.

**Helene Kaye- Project Coordinator**

## **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 2023 are:

## **Ex-officio**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Rector	Revd. Jenny Gillies
Churchwarden	Thelma McGorry
Lay Reader	Lynne Whittaker
Deanery Synod	Jackie Williams
Deanery Synod	Jenny Hope

## **Elected Members**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of years remaining on PCC from 2023 APCM to 2024 APCM</b>
PCC Secretary, Safeguarding officer	Fiona Austin	3
	Julie Gordon	3
	Sue Holden	3
	Steve Hughes	3
	Barbara Baxter	2
Treasurer	Dorothy Clayton	2
	Ian Sneddon	2
	Julie Watts	2
	Pat Down	1
	Carol Jones	1
	Graham Jones	1
	Anita Roberts	1



## **Advisors to the Council:**

### **Bankers:**

HSBC plc  
58 Bromborough Village Road  
Bromborough Wirral

### **Investment Managers:**

CCLA Investment Management Ltd  
80 Cheapside  
London EC2V 6DZ

### **Independent Examiner:**

Barbara Morris

### **Insurers:**

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group  
Beaufort House  
Brunswick Road  
Gloucester

### **Architect:**

Mr Tony Barton BA (Hons) DipArch RIBA SCA  
Donald Insall Associates  
Bridgegate House  
5 Bridge Place  
Chester CH1 1SA

# **Annual Accounts**

## **Financial Report**

Given the current economic climate in the UK, when we all feel the pinch of the current cost of living crisis, it is encouraging to note that income from Donations and Legacies in 2023 increased by 4.6% on the previous year. Most givers in the congregation set up monthly standing orders to pay their donations, providing a known income to budget against.

Grants of more than £24,000 enabled St Barnabas to continue its work in the community, including feeding families in need throughout the year, and particularly at Christmas.

In 2023 a Tap to Give device was acquired by St Barnabas as part of the National Giving Strategy. This enabled donations to be made by contactless payment and by phone. Between October 2023 to the end of the year, the income from the machine came to a total of £1,154 at a total cost of just £35.

Events through the year brought in an incredible £7,900, a 30% increase on the previous year, due mainly to the success of the Christmas Tree festival and its new side-kick Santa's Grotto. Other community events undertaken through the year were positive from a social point of view, and although not huge income generators, they were enjoyed by many in and around St Barnabas and the wider community.

The Village Centre overall held its own in 2023 with a low but hard-earned gain of £1,100 over the year. Receipt of a grant for just under £2,800 brings the Centre's overall gain to just under £3,900. Room Hire takings were substantially lower (by nearly 50%) than the previous year. Takings for the Café remained similar to 2022, however supplies were a third more expensive. Running costs, in particular gas and electric, more than doubled, despite a credit of £1,277 after an electricity meter reading issue was resolved. Maintenance work was undertaken this year including repainting of the Café and most of the main areas. A 'warm hub' initiative where tea and coffee is provided free for those who need it, but where donations are given by those who are able, raised an additional £1,175.

The Church similarly suffered higher gas and electric costs than the previous year. Gas payments over the year were double what was paid in 2022, and electricity a third higher. However, a refund of more than £1,100 was received from the Church's water supplier due an error dating back to 2017.

Final figures for the Church income and expenditure over the year show a gain of £12,686. However, in September 2023, the PCC had concerns regarding the church's cash flow, and made the decision to reduce the September Parish Share payment to 50%, where it stayed for the remainder of the year. Thus, the Church's gain of £12,686 in 2023 must be viewed in the context of a reduced payment of parish share totalling almost £12,000.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of its congregation, its volunteers and its supporters, St Barnabas (the Church and the Village Centre together) made an overall gain of over £16,500. However, a very realistic view must take into account the deferred Parish Share which would reduce the final gain to nearer £4,500.

We move into 2024 with a positive view. Parish Share has been paid in full from Jan 2024 onwards. Donations continue to increase, and people are becoming more aware of Gift Aid. The Fund-Raising team continues its hard work, in the hope that events, fund-raisers and gifts will match those from previous years, and perhaps exceed our expectations and the income they draw. We have taken small steps, using the Tap to Give device to meet the needs of a society that expects paying digitally to be the norm, and we will take giant strides in our grant applications to fulfil the growing demand we see all around us to help families in need.

**Julie Watts -Treasurer**

# Bromborough Parochial Church Council

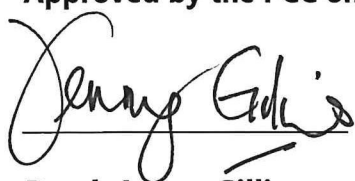
## Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	95,444.41	75,971.04
	<b>95,444.41</b>	<b>75,971.04</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,734.54	-1,194.14
	<b>1,734.54</b>	<b>-1,194.14</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>93,709.87</b>	<b>77,165.18</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>93,709.87</b>	<b>77,165.18</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>93,709.87</b>	<b>77,165.18</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	17,148.47	2,558.05
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Building Maintenance	0.51	0.14
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	-	25,476.35
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315	315
Designated - Music Fund	1,171.66	1.85
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	18,233.40	23,916.20
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	379.12	3,379.61
Designated - Youth Work	454.2	438.2
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,968.70	15,733.48
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.45
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	21,698.38	-241.34
Restricted - Flower Fund	88.09	120.02
Restricted - Help The Families	3,779.07	5,113.18
Restricted - The National Lottery Community Fund	9,534.75	-
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**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

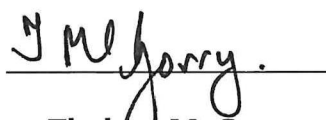
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	77,695.69	1,510.00	27,252.03	106,457.72	79,819.39
Income from charitable activities	8,428.00 -	-	-	8,428.00	6,090.59
Other trading activities	-	23,271.44 -	-	23,271.44	29,092.25
Investments	73.21	250.3	1,330.96	1,654.47	723.59
Other income	29,814.22 -	-	-	29,814.22	24,299.08
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>116,011.12</b>	<b>25,031.74</b>	<b>28,582.99</b>	<b>169,625.85</b>	<b>140,024.90</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Costs of generating funds	1,054.42 -	-	-	1,054.42 -	-
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,305.42	25.96 -	-	2,331.38	3,224.54
Expenditure on charitable activities	107,848.21	414.98	19,131.61	127,394.80	124,634.57
Other expenditure	-	22,300.56 -	-	22,300.56	11,303.23
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>111,208.05</b>	<b>22,741.50</b>	<b>19,131.61</b>	<b>153,081.16</b>	<b>139,162.34</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>4,803.07</b>	<b>2,290.24</b>	<b>9,451.38</b>	<b>16,544.69</b>	<b>862.56</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	10,100.00	312.65	25,476.35	35,889.00 -	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-312.65	-35,576.35 -	-	-35,889.00 -	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	14,590.42	-32,973.46	34,927.73	16,544.69	862.56
Net movement in funds	14,590.42	-32,973.46	34,927.73	16,544.69	862.56
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	2,558.05	53,527.35	21,079.78	77,165.18	76,302.62
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	17,148.47	20,553.89	56,007.51	93,709.87	77,165.18

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# Bromborough Parochial Church Council

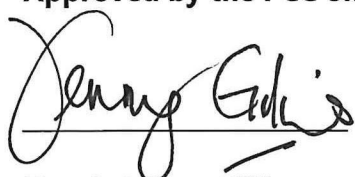
## Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	95,444.41	75,971.04
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,734.54	-1,194.14
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<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>93,709.87</b>	<b>77,165.18</b>
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<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	17,148.47	2,558.05
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Building Maintenance	0.51	0.14
Designated - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	-	25,476.35
Designated - Help The Families - Designated	315	315
Designated - Music Fund	1,171.66	1.85
Designated - St. Barnabas Village Centre	18,233.40	23,916.20
Designated - Village Centre Repair Fund	379.12	3,379.61
Designated - Youth Work	454.2	438.2
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Bell Fund	15,968.70	15,733.48
Restricted - Building Maintenance	11.45	11.45
Restricted - Fabric/Organ Fund 2020	21,698.38	-241.34
Restricted - Flower Fund	88.09	120.02
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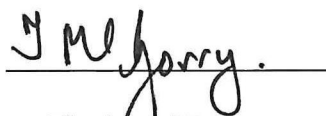
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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

BRAMBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

1 - 3

(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 31 DECEMBER 2023.

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:

21/5/24

Name:

MRS BARBARA MORRIS CEMAP

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

CEMAP

Address:

21 PARKWOOD CLOSE  
WIRRAL  
MORSEYSIDE CH462 7JT

**Section B****Disclosure**

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.**