

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL SKELMERSDALE

England & Wales - Charity number 1128068

Details

Other names ST PAUL'S SKELMERSDALE PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-02-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£126,656	£134,110	-	-
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2022-12-31	£97,402	£104,245	-	-
2021-12-31	£113,933	£100,433	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,494	£98,035	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev CHRISTOPHER BAMFORD SPITTLE	Chair	2011-04-11
BARBARA JONES		2016-04-26
BARBARA LYNN CURRY		
Denise Anne Bennett		2020-10-18
Eileen Kenyon		2020-10-18
JOHN DAVID TAYLOR		2012-05-20
JONATHAN GARETH DAVIES		2015-03-24
June Ann Price		2016-04-26
June Hughes		2021-05-09
KEN SKELTON		
LYNDA JUDITH OAKLEY		2015-03-24

Accounts

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.



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STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ending 31st December 2024**

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CURATE

Rev Lizzy Ferguson 6 Wilcove Skelmersdale

BANK

Barclays Bank

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Accounting Clinic
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Mrs D Bennett (until 2026)
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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

The Parish Church of St Paul's Skelmersdale

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1128068

Set out on pages

9 and 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Road

Date: 21/05/25

Name:

The Accounting Clinic

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

Address:

Liverpool Business School, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UG

Skelmersdale, St Paul (Charity Reg. 1128068)
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	91,645.96	2,995.31	380.00	95,021.27	119,312.93
Income from charitable activities	6,945.00	9,296.40	-	16,241.40	5,808.00
Other trading activities	796.75	-	-	796.75	1,139.67
Investments	178.37	306.64	-	485.01	395.17
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	99,566.08	12,598.35	380.00	112,544.43	126,655.77
Payments					
Raising funds	147.99	-	-	147.99	492.82
Expenditure on charitable activities	107,826.48	11,595.67	1,495.74	120,917.89	133,616.87
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	107,974.47	11,595.67	1,495.74	121,065.88	134,109.69
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(8,408.39)	1,002.68	(1,115.74)	(8,521.45)	(7,453.92)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	337.23	113.16	450.39	2,361.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(138.70)	(311.69)	-	(450.39)	(2,361.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(8,547.09)	1,028.22	(1,002.58)	(8,521.45)	(7,453.92)
Net movement in funds	(8,450.03)	1,028.22	(1,002.58)	(8,424.39)	(7,087.81)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	7,449.79	215,753.58	11,539.44	234,742.81	241,830.62
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	(1,000.24)	216,781.80	10,536.86	226,318.42	234,742.81

Structure, Management and Governance.

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Mrs Taylor reports that "The Diocese have introduced a new system for Parish Safeguarding Officers to help them meet the necessary requirements called The Dashboard. It is based on 3 levels and currently we have completed most of Level 1 and have moved to Level 2. The Vicar is able to view the Dashboard and could show it to the PCC. The PCC members all have an up-to-date DBS and have completed Safeguarding Training. All volunteers have also completed Safeguarding Training and where necessary have a DBS. Safeguarding is discussed at each PCC meeting to which I send a letter with any new information or concerns."

Objectives and Activities.

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- developing our small group life.
- improving our pastoral care.

Skelmersdale, St Paul (Charity Reg. 1128068)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6440: Shares & CBF investments - 334S	3,306.55	-	-	-	3,306.55	3,232.56
6441: Shares & CBF investments - 206S	1,017.40	-	-	-	1,017.40	994.33
Total	4,323.95	-	-	-	4,323.95	4,226.89
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6421: House (Wilcove)	-	160,000.00	-	-	160,000.00	160,000.00
Total	-	160,000.00	-	-	160,000.00	160,000.00
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Barclays current account (711)	(6,496.57)	25,894.73	11,146.86	-	30,545.02	39,604.11
6561: NS&I investment account 842	-	30,887.07	-	-	30,887.07	30,580.43
6581: LDBF (CBF) Deposit account (312D)	1,172.38	-	-	-	1,172.38	1,172.38
Total	(5,324.19)	56,781.80	11,146.86	-	62,604.47	71,356.92
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	610.00	-	610.00	841.00
Total	-	-	610.00	-	610.00	841.00
Net total assets	(1,000.24)	216,781.80	10,536.86	-	226,318.42	234,742.81
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	(1,000.24)	-	-	-	(1,000.24)	7,449.79
Designated - DeepRes	-	30,887.07	-	-	30,887.07	30,580.43
Designated - FB	-	6.00	-	-	6.00	-
Designated - FixedAssets	-	160,000.00	-	-	160,000.00	160,000.00
Designated - GiftDay	-	18,787.36	-	-	18,787.36	16,426.45
Designated - Knock	-	1.00	-	-	1.00	-
Designated - SPAPrshWhd	-	760.53	-	-	760.53	0.17
Designated - VestryDev	-	6,314.84	-	-	6,314.84	8,746.53
Designated - WM	-	25.00	-	-	25.00	-
Restricted - CS	-	-	10.00	-	10.00	10.00
Restricted - EcumenicalCentre	-	-	2,645.98	-	2,645.98	3,145.98
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	876.97	-	876.97	1,102.96
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	543.58	-	543.58	523.58
Restricted - GiftDay	-	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
Restricted - KingsKids	-	-	-	-	-	1.33
Restricted - LetThereBeLight	-	-	248.00	-	248.00	248.00
Restricted - SPY	-	-	212.33	-	212.33	196.04
Restricted - VestryDev	-	-	-	-	-	311.55
Total	(1,000.24)	216,781.80	10,536.86	-	226,318.42	234,742.81

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Finance

The Financial Statements can be found on pages 9 and 10.

The Trustees have carried out a review of the Parish’s internal financial controls during the year.

We can confirm that all funds designated as restricted or endowed are correctly recorded as such and are complete.

Addressing our financial challenges has been an ongoing priority for the Parish. We continue to encourage use of the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving using a card reader. In 2023 printed materials were produced, encouraging giving and explaining its importance.

Signed ... *C B Spittle*

Name ... Chris Spittle

Position: Trustee

Signed *June Price*

Name...June Price.....

Position: Treasurer

Achievements and Performance (including review of charitable achievements against objectives)

There has been much to celebrate and give thanks for in 2024.

In our worshipping life we have seen growth and attendances moving towards pre-Covid levels.

We took the decision to introduce a monthly Informal Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month to offer a more reflective and creative worship time. This has been appreciated by those who attend.

Easter and Christmas services were well-attended, the Christingle service was particularly full. A planned travelling Nativity service around the parish had to relocate to church in the light of bad weather but is an innovation we hope to introduce in 2025.

At Easter we once again offered a Way of the Cross service in Holy Week, and an all-age Maundy Thursday service with evening meal. These newer innovations have both been well received. Holding all-age services in Trinity school on a regular basis has led to increased attendances and a number of newcomers joining us at these services.

The Bright Lights worshipping community has gone from strength to strength and is now held monthly. It is not unusual for attendances to approach 100 children and adults.

The annual memorial service also drew a large number of people to give thanks for the lives of loved ones.

In June and July we ran the SHAPE Course on Thursday morning and evenings exploring Spiritual Gifts (God’s unique gifts to you); Heart’s Desire (what motivates and excites you; what you love to do); Abilities (your talents, knowledge and skills); Personality (your character, personal qualities and strengths); Experience (your life experiences and what you’ve gained from them).

A good number of church members attended and valued the sessions. This led on to the Cultivate Course shared jointly between the Fit for Mission parishes but hosted by ourselves and St John’s, Burscough. This explored the planting and growth of new worship communities through the encouragement of fresh planting, the development of lay leaders, and the growth of missional discipleship. A number of church members attended this course.

Considerable time was given in 2024 to Fit for Mission. Ormskirk Deanery was in the second cohort within Liverpool Diocese to discern whether to engage with this process of 5 Programme Actions: 1) Planting & Revitalising through Cultivate and Leading your Church into Growth, 2) Working to our strengths in larger teams and portfolios 3) High-quality support and clear lines of accountability 4) Having the right buildings to support future mission 5) Larger parishes with high-quality support services and simpler administration.

As part of this discernment process clergy, churchwardens, treasurers and safeguarding officers met together and valued the collegiality that has been fostered. Some Parish Snapshot evenings also allowed us to reflect on our church life and consider vision and plans for the future.

A third SPA weekend was held at Quinta in Shropshire. We were hugely blessed by our speaker Mark Greenwood. A booking has been made for 2025 and we are looking forward to Greg Downes joining us as our speaker. The men also enjoyed another excellent weekend away at Knock Christian Centre and were pleased to welcome Rev Canon David Banbury as our speaker.

We identified greater involvement in our community as an objective for 2024, and achieved this (among other ways) through the ongoing work of the Renew wellbeing café now running on two days a week and the chaplaincy in the Concourse shopping centre under the leadership of Paul Davies.

The chaplaincy team is growing and involves members from other local churches. This in turn led to an approach from West Lancs College for Chaplaincy there and in the autumn Paul Davies took on that role. Right from the start this ministry has been appreciated by staff and students alike. How this continues and develops is one of our considerations for 2025.

St Paul's has also become a hub for FUSS, offering free second-hand school uniform for local schools.

Communion is taken into local Nursing Homes, and the monthly service at Stocks Hall in particular has drawn together not only residents but their families for much appreciated times of worship.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson has continued her curacy at St Paul's, and we have been blessed by her ministry and a number of innovations she has introduced to church life. During the year she led on the creation of a pastoral visiting team as we recognise this as a key area for development. Lizzy's curacy will come to an end in 2025.

We have been blessed by Lizzy, Jon and Aoife being a part of the St Paul's family and we shared their joy at the arrival of Simeon at the end of 2023.

Paul Davies has continued his ordination training and placement at St Paul's. He will be ordained in 2025.

A number of church members attended the licensing of Rev Sandra Jones as Hub Leader in Wigan South Hub.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school, and that partnership has continued to grow and bear fruit. In 2024 Helen Winstanley our Deputy Head teacher was appointed to the Head's role, and Matthew Fairhurst to the Deputy Headship. An increasing amount of St Paul's members are involved in ministry to the school and that Helen is a member of the St Paul's congregation brings significant blessing and opportunities for ministry in and with the school.

We were pleased to run Experience Easter and welcome four local schools (Trinity, Crow Orchard, Kingsbury and St Edmunds) to explore the true meaning of Easter.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked through this year to make our Church a lively, loving and welcoming worshipping community.

The Electoral Roll is now 119.

Church Buildings.

Mr. Ken Skelton continues to work as "Building Manager". He has organised minor work that needed to be carried out on the church building. There is an ongoing programme to improve the church fabric. Important checks such as the electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2023, which although broadly positive, raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls. Remedial work was undertaken on the roof during the year.

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To do this, our aims and objectives for 2023 were:

To review, renew and refresh church life in light of a vision of growth in three dimensions:

- Up towards God,
- In towards one another, our church family, and
- Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share.

This would include:

- To engage with the Liverpool Diocese Fit for Mission initiative and discern whether it was right to be part of it.
- To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.
- To address the financial challenges that the church is facing.
- To maintain and develop our role in the community looking particularly to develop ministry in the town centre.
- To look at developing our building.
- To use the Holy Habits materials to build up our fellowship and to offer an Alpha Course to nurture faith.
- To develop our small group life.
- To improve our Pastoral Care.

Achievements and Performance (including review of charitable achievements against objectives)

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The annual memorial service also drew a large number of people to give thanks for the lives of loved ones, and we hosted the commissioning service for new Spiritual directors in Liverpool Diocese. Members of the congregation also attended the installation of Bishop John Perumbalath as the new Bishop of Liverpool.

Through the year we focussed on ten Holy Habits: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and making more disciples. As well as preaching on these at both Sunday morning services we also held monthly morning and evening gatherings to discuss the habits and people really appreciated the opportunity for fellowship and discussion. An Alpha Course held in the Spring/Summer drew together a range of people, those new to the church, those on the fringes, and those exploring the Christian faith.

Another significant initiative that we gave time to in 2023 was 'Fit For Mission'. Ormskirk Deanery was in the second cohort within Liverpool Diocese to discern whether to engage with this process of 5 Programme Actions:

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There were many meetings about this through the year and in November the 13 parishes of the deanery voted whether to continue in this process. St Paul's, along with Rainford, Halsall, Lydiate, Newburgh, Burscough and potentially Ormskirk voted to continue this process in 2024.

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café which moved from one day a week to two and launching a chaplaincy in the Concourse shopping centre under the leadership of Paul Davies, and it is encouraging to see how this has been welcomed and also that the chaplaincy team is growing and involves members from other local churches.

Initial discussions have begun for St Paul's to become a hub for FUSS, offering free second-hand school uniform for local schools. We hope to start this new initiative in 2024. We held a number of tabletop sales in the church, enabling local small businesses and organisations to raise funds and also come to our church building. Communion is taken into local Nursing Homes, and the monthly service at Stocks Hall in particular has drawn together not only residents but their families too for much appreciated times of worship.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson was ordained Priest in June. We have been blessed by Lizzy, Jon and Aoife being a part of the St Paul's family and we shared their joy at the arrival of Simeon at the end of the year. Paul Davies has continued his ordination training and placement at St Paul's. He will be ordained in 2025. We also attended the licensings of a few previous St Paul's members and curates though the year.

We were sorry to lose Rev Dr Anne Kazich from our ministry team when she moved back to Liverpool, but Chris was able to represent St Paul's at her licensing to the St Luke's in the City Team in November. We enjoyed having Hannah Owen (a teenager thinking about ordination) on work experience in the parish for a week in March. The blessing of having a large ministry team at St Paul's meant that Chris was able to have a month of Study Leave in November and also attend a course at St George's House, Windsor Castle in January 2024.

In December, Barbara Jones stood down as Mothers Union branch leader. We are exceedingly grateful for all that she brought to the role, she was a dedicated and faithful leader of the group. Currently with no-one else stepping into the leadership of the group, it is not meeting. However, work has been done in the church in the area of women's ministry and the ladies have held and organised a number of events.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity, our church school, and that partnership has continued to bear fruit. In December Tony Currie sadly had to retire as head teacher on health grounds, and we are exceedingly grateful for all that he brought to the school. We were very pleased that in 2024 Helen Winstanley our Deputy Head teacher was appointed to the Head's role. That both Helen and Tony are members of the St Paul's congregation brings significant blessing and opportunities for ministry in and with the school. Trinity school achieved an outstanding SIAMS inspection result during the year, and a number of church members are involved in school life.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked through this year to make our Church a lively, loving and welcoming worshipping community. weekends away in April and September respectively.

The Electoral Roll

There were 119 on the electoral roll at the end of 2023.

Church Buildings.

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Reserves Policy.

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Finance

The Financial Statements can be found on pages 8 and 9.

The Trustees have carried out a review of the Parish’s internal financial controls during the year.

We can confirm that all funds designated as restricted or endowed are correctly recorded as such and are complete.

Addressing our financial challenges has been an ongoing priority for the Parish. We continue to encourage use of the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving using a card reader. In 2023 printed materials were produced, encouraging giving and explaining its importance.

It has been necessary, due only to the change in accounting system, to restate the prior year figures as per the table below:

	Previously stated £	Adjustment £	Restated £
Agency Fees	0	1,121.50	1,121.50
Deficit of receipts over payments for y/e 22	-8,070.00	-1,003.00	-9,073.00
Funds as at 1 January 2022	251,022.50	-118.50	250,904.00

Signed *C B Spittle*

Name Rev Chris Spittle.

Position: Trustee

Signed *June Price*

Name June Price

Position: Treasurer

Skelmersdale, St Paul (Charity Reg. 1128068)
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	119,053	260	119,313	94,793
Income from charitable activities	5,808	-	5,808	10,776
Other trading activities	1,140	-	1,140	27
Investments	395	-	395	123
Other income	-	-	-	1,526
Total income	126,396	260	126,656	107,245
Payments				
Raising funds	493	-	493	103
Expenditure on charitable activities	132,284	1,333	133,617	116,215
Total expenditure	132,777	1,333	134,110	116,318
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(6,381)	(1,073)	(7,454)	(9,073)
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,361	-	2,361	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,361)	-	(2,361)	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	366	-	366	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(6,015)	(1,073)	(7,088)	(9,073)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	229,218	12,613	241,831	250,904
Total funds carried forward	223,203	11,539	234,743	241,831

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Skelmersdale, St Paul (Charity Reg. 1128068)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6440: Shares & CBF investments - 334S	3,233	-	-	-	3,233	2,952
6441: Shares & CBF investments - 206S	994	-	-	-	994	908
Total	4,227	-	-	-	4,227	3,861
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6421: House (Wilcove)	-	160,000	-	-	160,000	160,000
Total	-	160,000	-	-	160,000	160,000
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Barclays current account (711)	2,051	25,173	12,380	-	39,604	47,573
6561: NS&I investment account 842	-	30,580	-	-	30,580	30,346
6581: LDBF (CBF) Deposit account (312D)	1,172	-	-	-	1,172	1,172
Total	3,223	55,754	12,380	-	71,357	79,091
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	841	-	841	1,122
Total	-	-	841	-	841	1,122
Net total assets	7,450	215,754	11,539	-	234,743	241,831

Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	7,450	-	-	-	7,450	14,631
Designated - DeepRes	-	30,580	-	-	30,580	30,346
Designated - FixedAssets	-	160,000	-	-	160,000	160,000
Designated - GiftDay	-	16,426	-	-	16,426	5,681
Designated - SPA-PrshWhd	-	0	-	-	0	(687)
Designated - VestryDev	-	8,747	-	-	8,747	19,247
Restricted - CS	-	-	10	-	10	-
Restricted - EcumenicalCentre	-	-	3,146	-	3,146	3,376
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	1,103	-	1,103	978
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	524	-	524	528
Restricted - GiftDay	-	-	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Restricted - KingsKids	-	-	1	-	1	17
Restricted - LetThereBeLight	-	-	248	-	248	440
Restricted - SPY	-	-	196	-	196	285
Restricted - VestryDev	-	-	312	-	312	988
Total	7,450	215,754	11,539	-	234,743	241,831



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees The Parish Church of St Paul's Skelmersdale

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 **Charity no (if any)** 1128068

Set out on pages 8 and 9
(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 / 12 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: Rodd **Date:** 24/07/24

Name: The Accounting Clinic

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

Address: Liverpool Business Clinic, Liverpool John Moores University, L3 5UG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ending December 31st 2021



Diocese of Liverpool

INCUMBENT
Rev Chris Spittle
The Vicarage
Church Rd
Skelmersdale

Curate
Rev Lizzy Ferguson
6 Wilcove
Skelmersdale

BANK
Barclays — The Concourse, Skelmersdale

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
Accounting Clinic
John Moores University
Liverpool

Registered Charity No:1128068



Administrative Information

The Parish Church of St. Paul Skelmersdale, Church Road Skelmersdale WN8 8ND
Official correspondence to Parish Administrator Parish Office at the above address.

PCC Members are:

Incumbent	The Revd. Chris Spittle	Chairperson
Curate	The Revd. Lizzy Ferguson	

Church Wardens

Mr John Taylor

Readers Representative

Deanery Synod Reps	Mr J Davies (until 2023)
	Mrs J Price (until 2023)

Diocesan Synod Rep :

Elected members

	Mrs J. Cliff	(until 2025)
	Mrs J. Price	(until 2025)
	Mrs D. Bennett	(until 2023)
	Mrs E Kenyon	(until 2023)
	Mr J. Davies	(until 2024)
	Mrs A Faza	(until 2024)
	Mrs L. Oakley	(until 2024)
	Mrs B. Curry	(until 2024)

Treasurer	Mrs June Price
Secretary	Mrs Lynne Lomas
Child Protection Officer	Mrs Ann Taylor
Vulnerable Adults Officer	Mrs Ann Taylor

Bankers	Barclays Bank.
Auditor	The Accounting Clinic John Moores University Liverpool
Architect	Mr Robin Wolley

Day to day management control of the church is exercised by the Incumbent and Wardens: Revd. Chris Spittle, Mr Ken Skelton and Mr J. Taylor contactable via the Church Office 01695 716439 or the Vicarage 01695 722087

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St. Paul, Skelmersdale
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2012**

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1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forwards as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the Curates house so it is included at its 2005 valuation.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Structure, Management and Governance.

St. Paul's Skelmersdale PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates Two Subcommittees when needed:

The Standing Committee: Incumbent, Treasurer, Secretary, Church Wardens and three elected members

The Finance Committee: Incumbent, Treasurer, Secretary, and Church Wardens plus any member of the PCC who would like to attend.

Financial Risk.

The PCC continually reviews the financial position. Although our finances are a cause for concern particularly in light of rising energy prices, there is no immediate financial risk.

Health and Safety

The PCC has identified a review of our Health and Safety procedures as a priority. All formal risk assessments are listed within the PCC's Risk Register. Every year the Fire Alarm is checked to make sure that it is in good working order and the fire extinguishers are also checked on an annual basis. A five yearly Electrical Inspection is undertaken. A survey of the trees in the churchyard took place in 2018

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

At St Paul's the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. We continue to follow correct procedure and policy so that all people are recruited to teams and roles using the official 'Safer Recruitment' procedures. We are grateful to Mrs Ann Taylor who is our Safeguarding Officer for her work and for all the people in St Paul's who volunteer on our various teams, groups and PCC. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and all Disclosure and Barring Service checks are up to date. There were no formal safeguarding incidents in 2022.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to cooperate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, this includes the Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social, and Ecumenical ministry.


At St. Paul's we have a Mission Statement which confirms our mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the proclamation of the word and to encourage members of the congregation to put their faith into action, as we serve Christ in the Parish.

Mission Statement

Jesus Says, "Go and make Disciples" we try to do this:-
 Through the teaching of the Bible as God's Word to us in all matters of faith and moral behaviour,
 Through allowing God's Holy Spirit to work in us in order to make us more like Jesus,
 Through worshipping together: listening to God; talking to Him; responding to Him and encouraging one another.
 Through using the different gifts God has given us to love and serve Him, each other and the local community.
 Through making Jesus known to others by what we say and what we do.
 Through encouraging and supporting children and younger members of the Church family at St. Paul's and Trinity Anglican/Methodist School and making every effort to ensure that we are a "Child Friendly" Church.
 Through seeking to work with other Christians and by building links with the world-wide church.

In order to do this our aims and objectives for 2022 were:

To review, renew and refresh church life in light of a vision of growth in three dimensions:
 Up towards God,
 In towards one another, our church family, and
 Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share

 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	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL SKELMERSDALE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1128068
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022. As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
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Signed:	<i>Katie Hall</i>	Date:	27 th April 2023
Name:	Katie Hall		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	Accounting Clinic at Liverpool John Moores University, Redmonds Building.		
IER	1	Oct 2018	
Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG			
Section B Disclosure			
<small>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).</small>			
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IER	2	Oct 2018	

This would include:

To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.

To address the financial challenges that the church is facing

To maintain and develop our role in the community looking particularly to develop ministry in the town centre

To look at developing our building

To explore using the Holy Habits materials to build up our fellowship and to offer an Alpha Course to nurture faith

To develop our small group life.

To improve our Pastoral Care.

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

After the Covid affected years of 2020-21 it was a relief for normality to return in 2022 and for many valued aspects of church life to return more fully. Live streamed Morning Prayer continued through much of the year although this was eventually scaled back, and there were a significant amount of weddings and baptisms in church, some of which had been held over from previous years. We retained two Sunday morning services and it was encouraging to see attendances moving back towards pre-Covid levels. The PCC have continued to believe that it isn't currently right to reinstate a Sunday evening service. Easter and Christmas services were well attended, the All-age, All in Nativity with live animals has become a well-received part of our Christmas celebrations and Carol Singing in the Concourse for the first time was part of our plans to develop ministry in our local Shopping centre. We plan to launch a chaplaincy service there in 2023. In December we held a crown festival and church looked stunning through the Christmas period filled with crowns created and decorated by church organisations and local schools. In the autumn we agreed to start holding many of our monthly All-age Services in Trinity School. This has proved very successful and has seen a significant increase in those attending. Offering food after these services has also been very well received. At Easter the church ran Experience Easter for the first time. Over a period of two days every child from Trinity School was taken through the Easter story with different stations around the church, exploring Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We intend to run this again in the future and open it up to other schools and the wider community.

Parish Details

PCC Name	ST. PAUL. SKELMERSDALE
Year (e.g. 2020)	2022
Name of signature 1 on accounts:	Revd Christopher Spittle
Name of signature 2 on accounts	Mrs J.Price
Name of Independent Examiner	The Accounting Clinic
Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)	
Address of Independent Examiner	John Moores University Liverpool
Date of Accounts approval by PCC	
Date of Independent Examiners Report	21st February 2023

In September we responded to the death of Queen Elizabeth II by opening church for people to come and pray and remember, and held a Service of Remembrance ahead of her funeral. This again was appreciated by the local community and well attended.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson was ordained Curate in June and we were pleased to welcome her, Jon and Aoife to the St Paul's family. Paul Davies was accepted for Ordination training and he began this through Emmanuel Theological College in the autumn, combining training with a placement three days a week at St Paul's. In September Jane Cliff was licensed as a Reader and in April Chris became Area Dean of Ormskirk alongside being Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's.

A very successful SPA (St Paul's Away) weekend was held at Quinta in July with Revds Beth Anderson and Sandra Jones (both formerly of St Paul's) leading us. Dave Bilbrough led worship for us. In view of how successful this was another weekend has been booked for 2023 with Adrian and Bridget Plass as our speakers. SPY (St Paul's Youth) and the St Paul's Men both held very successful weekends away in April and September respectively.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We hold monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 60-95. A joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This is also growing in attendance and there are plans to open twice a week.

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

For the year ending December 31st 2021



Diocese of Liverpool

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Registered Charity
No:1128068



Variables to be answered

PCC Name (IN CAPITALS) ***** St Paul Skelmersdale

Year (e.g. 2000) ***** 2022

Name of signature 1 on accounts: ***** Revd Christopher Spittle

Name of signature 2 on accounts ***** Mrs June Price
Accounting Clinic

Name of Independent Examiner *****

Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)

Address of Independent Examiner ***** John Moores University
Liverpool

Date of Accounts approval by PCC (e.g. 23 March 2001) ***** 21/2/23

Date of Independent Examiner's Report (e.g. 24 March 2001) ***** _____

Notes

- 1 The Independent Examiners Report in this file is an unqualified report. If this is not appropriate, please amend accordingly.
There are two examples of qualified reports in the Treasurers Pack mailed in January 2002 which you can use as a basis for a qualified report.
- 2 Please check that Accounting Policy notes are correct for your PCC! You may need to make minor changes

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Paul Skelmersdale
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2022
General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
CBF code	Voluntary receipts				
	Regular Giving				
a	101 Tax efficient planned giving	22,229		27,032	
b	101 Gift Aided donations	120		290	
c	101 Tax efficient and other planned giving via PGS	20,546		16,184	
d	102 Income tax recovered from HMRC & PGS	12,097		15,170	
e	103a Other Planned Giving (non gift aid)	10,875		14,272	
f	104 Collections and other giving	3,449		4,712	
g	104 Collections and other giving via SUMUP	1,454		186	
h	10401 Appeals at Services- Ukraine	813		678	
j	10401 Appeals at Services- Harvest for Foodbank, Christingle	433		459	
			72,015		78,982
	Other voluntary receipts				
k*	202 Legacy	0		6,528	
m	105b Donations	4,354		4,019	
n	105b Donations towards leaving gifts - Lawrence & Cerys	167		445	
k	105b Donations towards heating and lighting costs	2,065		n/a	
			6,586		10,992
	Receipts from activities for generating funds				
p	0203b Examining Chaplain fee, Area Dean admin from deanery	1,000		0	
q	302 Diocese assistance for curate's housing	3,375		10,000	
r	203a Spring & Christmas Fayre, Brass Band	3,260		2,806	
r*	203a Carol singing for Foodbank	181			
			7,816		12,806
	Receipts				
s	404 Fees	9,089		7,023	
t	402b Hall Rental - 5+2 Centre + pool	170		100	
v	602 Sale of assets- organ pipes, pew, chairs	0		800	
w	602 Recycling ink cartridges and donation to printing	78		25	
x	602 Insurance claim for roof damage	1,526		3,092	
			10,863		11,040
	Receipts from investments				
y	301 Bank & CBF interest	123		112	
			123		112
	Total Receipts		97,402		113,933
	Payments				
	Church activities				
A	1002 Mission	2,381		1,811	
B	2001005 Diocesan parish share	62,282		65,378	
C	2002/3 Incumbant Expenses	4,121		3,338	
D	2004/11 Curate Expenses	5,416		1,232	
E	2005 Church running expenses	14,401		10,457	
F	2006/12 Buildings maintenance	3,263		8,094	
G	2007/9/2005035 Cost of services	2,353		1,666	
H	2008 Upkeep of Churchyard/Vicarage Gardens	20		0	
J	2016 Fees Paid for Weddings/Funerals (inc Sunday Organist)	3,650		3,050	
K	2017 Reader/Diocese Costs&Fees/Parish training	795		170	
M	3000 Cost of Events/Lunches/Parish Weekend	0		0	
N	3000 Men's Weekend in Knock	0		0	
P	4000 Office Costs (inc staff/equipment)	5,564		4,726	
			104,245		99,923
	Total Payments		104,245		99,923
	Excess of Receipts over payments				
	General	-6,843		14,009	
	Restricted	-1,227		2,121	
			-8,071		16,130
	Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January 22		85,961		69,828
	Interest on Deposit Account		28		3
	Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December 22		77,919		85,961

Restricted Fund Receipts & Payments Account			
Receipts			
Kings Kids	101	Tax efficient planned giving	60
SPY	101	Tax efficient planned giving	60
Church Fabric	104	Collections and other giving	25
Gift Day	101	Gift Aided donations	600
	105b	Donations	1,236
Vestry			0
SPA	105b	Donations	5,659
	203a	Fund raising car wash	150
Flower	105b	Donations	20
Fees	404	Diocese fees	8,017
Organist			
404 Fees			1,910
Wedding	0103A	Wedding deposits	3,616
LTBL (Let There Be Light)	104	Lighting Appeal	340
	1002	Transfer from Flower fund at request of	100
Eccy	3010	Church at the Centre reallocation of funds for use for the Ecumenical Centre	3,376
Total Receipts			25,169
Payments			
Kings Kids	2007	Service costs - resources for KK activities	295
SPY	3000	SPY weekend activity costs in the Year	276
	2007	Service costs - resources for SPY activities	68
Church Fabric			0
Gift Day	2006	Buildings Maintenance - Boiler	2,853
		Request for Gift Day was to fix the boiler	
Vestry	2012	Church repairs	25
	2012	Church improvement - architect fees not	300
SPA	1002	Parish Weekend costs - Quinta fee	4,100
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - Quinta deposits	200
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - D Bilborough	850
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - weekend food	1,465
Flower	1002	Transfer to Let There Be Light	100
Fees	404	Diocese fees	6,645
	2017	50% DBF fees	1,186
Organist	404	Fees	1,950
Wedding	2016	Fees - transfer to General at time of wedding	6,083
LTBL (Let There Be Light)			0
Eccy			0
Total Payments			26,396
Excess of Receipts over payments			
Restricted			-1,227

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
at 31 December 2022			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Cash Funds			
Bank current accounts		47,573	55,644
General Fund		9,598	16,441
Restricted Funds		37,975	39,203
			-6,843
	Kings Kids	17	252
	SPY	285	569
	Church Fabric	978	953
	Gift Day	11,681	12,699
	Vestry Fund	20,235	20,560
	SPA	-687	120
	Flower	528	608
	Fees to Diocese	188	1
	Organist	270	310
	Wedding Fees	664	3,131
	Let There Be Light	440	n/a
	Ecumenical Centre	3,376	n/a
Deposit Fund		30,346	30,317
Total bank current and deposit accounts		77,919	85,961
Other Monetary Assets			
End of year income tax claim		7,767	8,876
		7,767	8,876
Investment Assets			
Investment Fund shares (market value)		5,033	5,546
		5,033	5,546
Assets retained for the use of the Church (unrestricted funds)			
Freehold house at Wilcove		160,000	160,000
		160,000	160,000
Liabilities			
		0	0
Other Tangible Assets			
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2. The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Moveable church furnishings held by the church-wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.			
3. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small, immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.			
4. The payments to missions and overseas relief agencies included £1167 to Skelmersdale Foodbank and £266 to the Children's Society from the Christingle service (£448.32 to Foodbank and £100.90 to Children's Society last year)			
Approved by the PCC on 21/2/2023 and signed on their behalf			
	Revd Christopher Spittle	Mrs June Price	
	PCC Chairman	PCC Treasurer	



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Financial Risk.

The PCC continually reviews the financial position. Although our finances are a cause for concern particularly in light of rising energy prices, there is no immediate financial risk.

Health and Safety

The PCC has identified a review of our Health and Safety procedures as a priority. All formal risk assessments are listed within the PCC's Risk Register. Every year the Fire Alarm is checked to make sure that it is in good working order and the fire extinguishers are also checked on an annual basis. A five yearly Electrical Inspection is undertaken. A survey of the trees in the churchyard took place in 2018

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

At St Paul's the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. We continue to follow correct procedure and policy so that all people are recruited to teams and roles using the official 'Safer Recruitment' procedures. We are grateful to Mrs Ann Taylor who is our Safeguarding Officer for her work and for all the people in St Paul's who volunteer on our various teams, groups and PCC. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and all Disclosure and Barring Service checks are up to date. There were no formal safeguarding incidents in 2022.

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 Through using the different gifts God has given us to love and serve Him, each other and the local community.
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 Up towards God,
 In towards one another, our church family, and
 Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share

 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	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL SKELMERSDALE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1128068
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022. As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or • the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or • the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:	<i>Katie Hall</i>	Date:	27 th April 2023
Name:	Katie Hall		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	Accounting Clinic at Liverpool John Moores University, Redmonds Building.		
IER	1	Oct 2018	
Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG			
Section B Disclosure			
<small>Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).</small>			
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.			
IER	2	Oct 2018	

This would include:

To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.

To address the financial challenges that the church is facing

To maintain and develop our role in the community looking particularly to develop ministry in the town centre

To look at developing our building

To explore using the Holy Habits materials to build up our fellowship and to offer an Alpha Course to nurture faith

To develop our small group life.

To improve our Pastoral Care.

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

After the Covid affected years of 2020-21 it was a relief for normality to return in 2022 and for many valued aspects of church life to return more fully. Live streamed Morning Prayer continued through much of the year although this was eventually scaled back, and there were a significant amount of weddings and baptisms in church, some of which had been held over from previous years. We retained two Sunday morning services and it was encouraging to see attendances moving back towards pre-Covid levels. The PCC have continued to believe that it isn't currently right to reinstate a Sunday evening service. Easter and Christmas services were well attended, the All-age, All in Nativity with live animals has become a well-received part of our Christmas celebrations and Carol Singing in the Concourse for the first time was part of our plans to develop ministry in our local Shopping centre. We plan to launch a chaplaincy service there in 2023. In December we held a crown festival and church looked stunning through the Christmas period filled with crowns created and decorated by church organisations and local schools. In the autumn we agreed to start holding many of our monthly All-age Services in Trinity School. This has proved very successful and has seen a significant increase in those attending. Offering food after these services has also been very well received. At Easter the church ran Experience Easter for the first time. Over a period of two days every child from Trinity School was taken through the Easter story with different stations around the church, exploring Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We intend to run this again in the future and open it up to other schools and the wider community.

Parish Details

PCC Name	ST. PAUL. SKELMERSDALE
Year (e.g. 2020)	2022
Name of signature 1 on accounts:	Revd Christopher Spittle
Name of signature 2 on accounts	Mrs J.Price
Name of Independent Examiner	The Accounting Clinic
Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)	
Address of Independent Examiner	John Moores University Liverpool
Date of Accounts approval by PCC	
Date of Independent Examiners Report	21st February 2023

In September we responded to the death of Queen Elizabeth II by opening church for people to come and pray and remember, and held a Service of Remembrance ahead of her funeral. This again was appreciated by the local community and well attended.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson was ordained Curate in June and we were pleased to welcome her, Jon and Aoife to the St Paul's family. Paul Davies was accepted for Ordination training and he began this through Emmanuel Theological College in the autumn, combining training with a placement three days a week at St Paul's. In September Jane Cliff was licensed as a Reader and in April Chris became Area Dean of Ormskirk alongside being Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's.

A very successful SPA (St Paul's Away) weekend was held at Quinta in July with Revds Beth Anderson and Sandra Jones (both formerly of St Paul's) leading us. Dave Bilbrough led worship for us. In view of how successful this was another weekend has been booked for 2023 with Adrian and Bridget Plass as our speakers. SPY (St Paul's Youth) and the St Paul's Men both held very successful weekends away in April and September respectively.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We hold monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 60-95. A joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This is also growing in attendance and there are plans to open twice a week.

Addressing our financial challenges has been another ongoing priority for us. We continue to encourage use of the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving using a card reader. We are currently working with the diocese to produce printed materials encouraging giving and explaining its importance.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked through this year to make our Church a lively, loving and welcoming worshipping community.

The Electoral Roll. Is now 123

Church Buildings.

Mr. Ken Skelton continues to work as "Building Manager". He has organised minor work that needed to be carried out on the church building. There is an ongoing programme to improve the church fabric. Important checks such as the electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date.

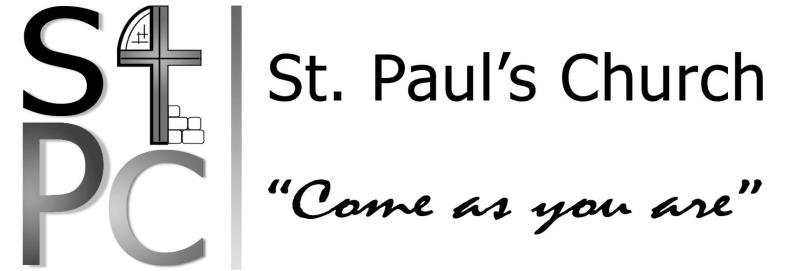
A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2018, which although broadly positive raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls. In 2022 some progress was made toward the Vestry Redevelopment. It is hoped that this will be completed in 2023.

Finance The Financial Accounts can be found elsewhere in this document.

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Accounts



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Steps forward have been taken in these areas, however our objectives for 2021 were affected once again by the implications of the Covid pandemic:

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

This time last year we reflected that 2020 had been a unique year. Sadly 2021 also was a year where church life was affected, as the country was, by lockdown

To the PCC of St Paul Skelmersdale

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on separate sheets, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and top be found in the church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

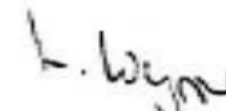
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to disbelieve that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met: or

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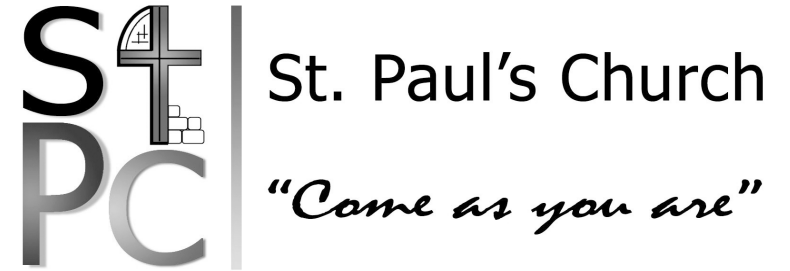
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For the year ended 31 December 2021

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

		2021		2020	
Receipts		£	£	£	£
CBF code	Voluntary receipts				
	Regular Giving				
101	Tax efficient planned giving	27,032		39,602	
101	Gift Aided donations	290		1,070	
101	Tax efficient planned giving via PGS	16,184		150	
102	Income tax recovered from HMRC & PGS	15,170		13,516	
103a	Other Planned Giving (non gift aid)	14,272		19,725	
104	Collections and other giving	4,712		4,064	
104	Collections and other giving via SUMUP	186			
10401	Appeals at Services- Uganda orphanage	678			
10401	Appeals at Services- Harvest for Foodbank, Christingle	459		446	
			78,982		78,572
	Other voluntary receipts				
202	Legacy	6,528		14,500	
105b	Donations	4,019		6,880	
105b	Donations towards leaving gifts - Norman& Eleanor	445		502	
				0	
			10,992		21,882
	Receipts from activities for generating funds				
0203b	Examining Chaplain fee, ecclesiastical bonus	0		250	
302	Rent from temp letting of curate's house/diocese assistance	10,000		1,250	
203a	Spring & Autumn Fayre, Brass Band, Christmas Star Event	2,806		263	
			12,806		1,763
	Receipts				
404	Fees	7,023		6,882	
402b	Hall Rental - 5+2 Centre + pool	100		185	
602	Sale of assets- organ pipes, pew, chairs	800		0	
602	Recycling ink cartridges and donation to printing	25		96	
602	Insurance claim for carpets & curtains	3,092			
			11,040		7,163
	Receipts from investments				
301	Bank & CBF interest	112		114	
301	Dividend on CBF Church of England Investment Fund				
			112		114
	Total Receipts		113,933		109,494
	Payments				
	Church activities				
1002	Mission	1,811		719	
2001005	Diocesan parish share	65,378		68,478	
2002/3	Incumbant Expenses	3,338		2,785	
2004/11	Curate Expenses	1,232		2,107	
2005	Church running expenses	10,457		11,592	
2006/12	Buildings maintenance	8,604		1,119	
2007/9/2005035	Cost of services	1,666		2,664	
2008	Upkeep of Churchyard/Vicarage Gardens	0		0	
2016	Fees Paid for Weddings/Funerals (inc Sunday Organist)	3,050		2,085	
2017	Reader/Diocese Costs&Fees/Parish training	170		86	
3000	Cost of Events/Lunches/Parish Weekend	0		0	
3000	Men's Weekend in Knock	0		0	
4000	Office Costs (inc staff/equipment)	4,726		6,398	
	Total Payments		100,433		98,035
	Excess of Receipts over payments				
	General	13,500		11,459	
	Restricted	0		441	
			13,500		11,900
	Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January 21		69,828		57,712
	Interest on Deposit Account		3		217
	Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December 21		83,331		69,828



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For the year ending December 31st 2021

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Curate

Church Wardens Mr Ken Skelton
 Mr John Taylor

Readers Representative

Deanery Synod Reps Mr J Davies (until 2023)
 Mrs J Price (until 2023)

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Elected members

Mrs B. Jones (until 2022)
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Bankers Barclays Bank.
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Day to day management control of the church is exercised by the Incumbent and Wardens:
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2012**

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forwards as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the Curates house so it is included at its 2005 valuation.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Structure, Management and Governance.

St. Paul's Skelmersdale PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates Two Subcommittees when needed:

The Standing Committee: Incumbent, Treasurer, Secretary, Church Wardens and three elected members

The Finance Committee: Incumbent, Treasurer, Secretary, and Church Wardens plus any member of the PCC who would like to attend.

Financial Risk.

The PCC continually reviews the financial position. This is currently a cause for concern, although there is no immediate financial risk. .

Health and Safety

The PCC has identified a review of our Health and Safety procedures as a priority. All formal risk assessments are listed within the PCC's Risk Register. Every year the Fire Alarm is checked to make sure that it is in good working order and the fire extinguishers are also checked on an annual basis. A five yearly Electrical Inspection has been undertaken. A survey of the trees in the churchyard took place in 2018

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

Those who work with children and young people in the church have had their Disclosure and Barring Service checks renewed, and we have completed an overhaul of our Vulnerable Adult procedures.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to cooperate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, this includes the Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social, and Ecumenical ministry. At St Pauls we have a Mission Statement which confirms our mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the proclamation of the word and to encourage members of the congregation to put their faith into action, as we serve Christ in the Parish.

Mission Statement

Jesus Says, "Go and make Disciples" we try to do this:-

Through the teaching of the Bible as God's Word to us in all matters of faith and moral behaviour,

Through allowing God's Holy Spirit to work in us in order to make us more like Jesus,

Through worshipping together: listening to God; talking to Him; responding to Him and encouraging one another.

Through using the different gifts God has given us to love and serve Him, each other and the local community.

Through making Jesus known to others by what we say and what we do.

Through encouraging and supporting children and younger members of the Church family at St. Paul's and Trinity Anglican/Methodist School and making every effort to ensure that we are a "Child Friendly" Church.

Through seeking to work with other Christians and by building links with the world-wide church.

In order to do this our aims and objectives for 2021 were:

To review, renew and refresh church life in light of a vision of growth in three dimensions:

Up towards God,

In towards one another, our church family, and

Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share

This would include:

To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.

To address the financial challenges that the church is facing

To maintain and develop our role in the community

To look at developing our building

To develop our small group life.

To improve our Pastoral Care.

Steps forward have been taken in these areas, however our objectives for 2021 were affected once again by the implications of the Covid pandemic:

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

This time last year we reflected that 2020 had been a unique year. Sadly 2021 also was a year where church life was affected, as the country was, by lockdown

To the PCC of St Paul Skelmersdale

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on separate sheets, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and top be found in the church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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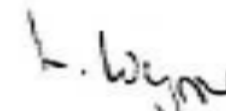
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