

ANNUAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ending December 31st 2021



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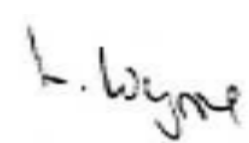
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and restrictions. Nevertheless church life continued and there is much that we can celebrate and give thanks for.

Daily Morning and Evening Prayers continued online although the decision was taken as life opened up in the summer to end the Evening Prayers. At the time of writing the Morning Prayers still continue to happen. We are grateful to all those who have made this possible, and we continue to be joined in worship by those around the country and indeed sometimes the world. Sunday worship has continued unabated through lockdown and in April we moved from one to two morning services, returning to our 9.30am and 11.15am pattern. It was also decided that for the time being the 6.30pm service would not return, although this decision will be periodically reviewed. We have continued to broadcast our services on Facebook and [www.thesundaysevice.org](http://www.thesundaysevice.org). The PCC has worked hard to enable our worshipping life to continue as fully and safely as possible in challenging times. We were blessed in being able to hold all our usual Easter and Christmas services. Our Christmas services also included a well-received Angel Festival where groups from around the church and community created and decorated angels that were displayed in the building. A new innovation was holding an all-age, all-in Nativity outside with live animals which was a considerable draw for the community.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. Rev Sandra Jones was priested at Liverpool Cathedral and supported by members of the St Paul's congregation. She continues her curacy in Wigan North-East hub. In the autumn it was agreed that Lizzy Ferguson would be Curate at St Paul's in 2022. We look forward to her ordination in June and her, Jon and Aoife joining us. Lawrence Smye-Rumsby completed his five year commission as Local Missional Leader for Men's Ministry and his work was recognised and celebrated at an 11.15am service. He continued his Men's Encouraging Conversations of Faith online through lockdown and has subsequently initiated the equivalent for Women. The men were able to return to Knock Christian Centre for their weekend away in September and also held a half-night of prayer in November. Further events are planned for 2022 including another weekend away in September.

In February we also recognised 10 years of Chris as our Priest-in-Charge. In the spring we ran the Wellbeing Journey Course. Four different groups ran with around 50 people looking at God's plan for our wellbeing. It felt really important at a difficult and challenging time such as this and there was significant blessing for the participants. In the autumn we preached the Life on the Frontline material at

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<b>Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)</b>	
<b>Address of Independent Examiner</b>	105 Blaguegate Lane Lathom, Lancashire
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our 11.15am services and ran the Fruitfulness on the Frontline course during the week. Both courses recognise we all have places where we spend much of our time, where we meet people who don't know Jesus. It's the place God has called us, and it's a place of possibility and potential. We can all make a difference for Christ in the places he has put us.

In the autumn we made the decision to reinstate a Parish Weekend away. For a number of years successful Parish Weekends at Home have been organised but it was felt that the time was right to spend time away together to build up the church and have time to get to know new-comers. Quinta has been booked for July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2022. Likewise a SPY weekend away was also planned for April 2022.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school in partnership with Trinity Methodist church is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We have been able to return to monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 45-95. Another joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This re-opened post-lockdown in May and is again growing in attendance.

Addressing our financial challenges has been another priority for us and we have come out of lockdown in a better financial situation than we feared. The introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme and facilities for contactless giving using a card reader have both been beneficial.

Although most of our church groups were paused during lockdown (SPY was a notable exception) it has been really encouraging to see many such as Craft Group, Wednesday Club, Mothers Union and Kings Kids restarting. Attendances at our Sunday worship have also shown signs of growth, and we hope, pray and will work for this to continue.

**Electoral Roll.** Is now 121

#### **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 electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date. During lockdown a small

team has worked on the Vestry Project and have made a significant difference to this area of the building. We are grateful for their efforts. A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2018, which although broadly positive raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls

**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.

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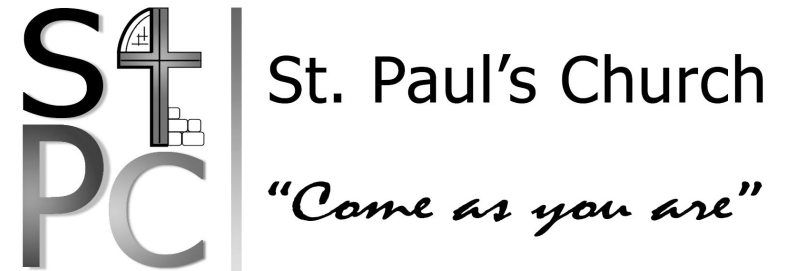
**General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account**

		2021		2020	
Receipts		£	£	£	£
<b>CBF code</b>	<b>Voluntary receipts</b>				
	<b>Regular Giving</b>				
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
	<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>				
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
	<b>Receipts from activities for generating funds</b>				
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
	<b>Receipts</b>				
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
	<b>Receipts from investments</b>				
301	Bank & CBF interest	112		114	
301	Dividend on CBF Church of England Investment Fund				
			112		114
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		113,933		109,494
	<b>Payments</b>				
	<b>Church activities</b>				
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	
	<b>Total Payments</b>		100,433		98,035
	<b>Excess of Receipts over payments</b>				
	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
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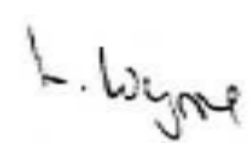
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and restrictions. Nevertheless church life continued and there is much that we can celebrate and give thanks for.

Daily Morning and Evening Prayers continued online although the decision was taken as life opened up in the summer to end the Evening Prayers. At the time of writing the Morning Prayers still continue to happen. We are grateful to all those who have made this possible, and we continue to be joined in worship by those around the country and indeed sometimes the world. Sunday worship has continued unabated through lockdown and in April we moved from one to two morning services, returning to our 9.30am and 11.15am pattern. It was also decided that for the time being the 6.30pm service would not return, although this decision will be periodically reviewed. We have continued to broadcast our services on Facebook and [www.thesundaysevice.org](http://www.thesundaysevice.org). The PCC has worked hard to enable our worshipping life to continue as fully and safely as possible in challenging times. We were blessed in being able to hold all our usual Easter and Christmas services. Our Christmas services also included a well-received Angel Festival where groups from around the church and community created and decorated angels that were displayed in the building. A new innovation was holding an all-age, all-in Nativity outside with live animals which was a considerable draw for the community.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. Rev Sandra Jones was priested at Liverpool Cathedral and supported by members of the St Paul's congregation. She continues her curacy in Wigan North-East hub. In the autumn it was agreed that Lizzy Ferguson would be Curate at St Paul's in 2022. We look forward to her ordination in June and her, Jon and Aoife joining us. Lawrence Smye-Rumsby completed his five year commission as Local Missional Leader for Men's Ministry and his work was recognised and celebrated at an 11.15am service. He continued his Men's Encouraging Conversations of Faith online through lockdown and has subsequently initiated the equivalent for Women. The men were able to return to Knock Christian Centre for their weekend away in September and also held a half-night of prayer in November. Further events are planned for 2022 including another weekend away in September.

In February we also recognised 10 years of Chris as our Priest-in-Charge. In the spring we ran the Wellbeing Journey Course. Four different groups ran with around 50 people looking at God's plan for our wellbeing. It felt really important at a difficult and challenging time such as this and there was significant blessing for the participants. In the autumn we preached the Life on the Frontline material at

## Parish Details

<b>PCC Name</b>	ST. PAUL. SKELMERSDALE
<b>Year (e.g. 2020)</b>	2021
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<b>Name of signature 2 on accounts</b>	Mrs J.Price
<b>Name of Independent Examiner</b>	Mrs D.L.Wynne
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<b>Date of Accounts approval by PCC</b>	8th February 2022
<b>Date of Independent Examiners Report</b>	28th April 2022

our 11.15am services and ran the Fruitfulness on the Frontline course during the week. Both courses recognise we all have places where we spend much of our time, where we meet people who don't know Jesus. It's the place God has called us, and it's a place of possibility and potential. We can all make a difference for Christ in the places he has put us.

In the autumn we made the decision to reinstate a Parish Weekend away. For a number of years successful Parish Weekends at Home have been organised but it was felt that the time was right to spend time away together to build up the church and have time to get to know new-comers. Quinta has been booked for July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2022. Likewise a SPY weekend away was also planned for April 2022.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school in partnership with Trinity Methodist church is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We have been able to return to monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 45-95. Another joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This re-opened post-lockdown in May and is again growing in attendance.

Addressing our financial challenges has been another priority for us and we have come out of lockdown in a better financial situation than we feared. The introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme and facilities for contactless giving using a card reader have both been beneficial.

Although most of our church groups were paused during lockdown (SPY was a notable exception) it has been really encouraging to see many such as Craft Group, Wednesday Club, Mothers Union and Kings Kids restarting. Attendances at our Sunday worship have also shown signs of growth, and we hope, pray and will work for this to continue.

**Electoral Roll.** Is now 121

#### **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 electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date. During lockdown a small

team has worked on the Vestry Project and have made a significant difference to this area of the building. We are grateful for their efforts. A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2018, which although broadly positive raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls

**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.