

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEWCHURCH, CULCHETH. (DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL.)

England & Wales · Charity number 1128702

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-03-20
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: Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our Deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children - our neighbours.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£81,926	£56,747	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,384	£71,021	-	-
2022-12-31	£81,866	£71,973	-	-
2021-12-31	£74,140	£70,385	-	-
2020-12-31	£74,765	£74,377	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN WRIGHT		
Ann Atkinson		2013-10-30
Ann Mills		2018-04-01
Carole Hardman		2013-01-01
Freda Wilcock		2013-10-30
Geoff Bent		2017-04-01
JEAN ANN WILLIAMS		
JEAN WRIGHT		
Jane Simmons		2013-10-30
Ken Quick		2013-10-30
MAUREEN HURLEY		
Nicola Seferta NJ		2025-01-01
RUPERT DAVID ANTHONY REES BVSC MRCVS		
Suzanne Quick		2013-10-30
William Leatherbarrow		2005-04-01

Accounts

*Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth
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*Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council*

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1128702

The Church is based on Church Lane, Culcheth. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence addresses are during the interregnum:

Mr Alan Wright
16 Bollin Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 5DU

Mr Geoff Bent
10 Burnham Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 4LJ

For the period from 1st January 2024 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent Rev Martin Cox

Churchwardens Mr Alan Wright
Mr Geoff Bent

Deanery Synod Mr Alan Wright
Mr Rupert Rees until September
Mrs Jean Williams
Rev Barbara Alldred from September

Elected members

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Jean Williams

PCC Secretary Mrs Ann Atkinson

Treasurer Vacant until December then Nicola Seferta
Mrs Jean Wright
Mr Kenneth Quick
Miss Maureen Hurley
Mrs Freda Wilcock
Mrs Chris Crye
Mrs Rachel Bunce
Rev Barbara Alldred
Mr Paul Campbell

Electoral Roll Officer Mr Bill Leatherbarrow

The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Bank NatWest, 32 Market Street Leigh Lancashire WN7 1DX

Independent Examiner Mr Alan Parkinson, 7 Spires Gardens, Winwick,
Warrington, WA2 8WB

Quinquennial Architect

Legal Advisors The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry (Lee Bolton, Monier-Williams, Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3JT).

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and wardens: Mr. Alan Wright, Mr. Geoff Bent.

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Newchurch, Culcheth PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The method of appointment of 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

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, forms part of a joint benefice with Christ Church, Croft.

Other related trusts:

Culcheth Educational Foundation - registered charity No. 526389, a religious instruction trust. The Rector and the two churchwardens are trustees.

The PCC operates three subcommittees:

Standing Committee: The terms of reference of this committee are to transact the business of the council between PCC meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC, to set the agenda for PCC meetings and to reflect on issues which may require more time than can be set aside at Council meetings due to pressure of business. This team is composed of the clergy and lay officers of the church plus one elected PCC member.

Rector's Worship Planning Group: This committee is comprised of clergy and readers. It is responsible for the rota and content of services.

Finance Committee: This committee is composed of the Nicola Seferta (PCC treasurer), the Church Wardens and Albert de Jong up to October and then transferred to Phillip Jeffs (the Freewill Offering registrars). Its role is to oversee all financial transactions of behalf of the PCC.

The PCC monitors basic policies and procedures for: Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Management, Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection. Individual members of the PCC receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC

These are as follows:-

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, procedures are in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows:

Financial Risk

Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use, however, Newchurch is unable to make any financial investments due to general lack of funds.

The PCC have reviewed internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling, and the Treasurer reviews and controls in line with regulatory requirements to ensure Financial Governance. These include:

- Formalisation of the monthly Finance Meeting with the Finance Committee with the following agenda items discussed and reviewed:
 - Agree cheques to be paid
 - Review progress on actions
 - Discuss risks and issues
 - AOB
- Minutes produced detailing invoices to be paid and key decisions made.
- Production and distribution of monthly income and expenditure sheets.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

A Health and Safety review has been undertaken by a member of the PCC. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being followed. These procedures are reviewed regularly. There are procedures for recording accidents and churchwardens and side persons are usually trained annually in fire safety, however this year this has not been possible. Training will be re-introduced as soon as time constraints allow.

Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed so that in the event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period then services will be held in the Parish Hall, if available.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC takes its duty and obligation to protect children and vulnerable adults seriously. Church members, where appropriate, are checked under child protection legislation through the agreed online DBS service; this includes Parochial Church Committee members as Trustees on the PCC of Newchurch. The PCC will continue to review its policies based on the diocesan and the Church of England guidelines.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has an aspirational reserves policy whereby it intends to hold three to four months running costs as a general reserve (circa £25,000 - £30,000).

At the end of the financial year, the reserve stood at £19,886.97 remaining the same as 2023. It will continue to be the aim of the PCC to add to this, should the opportunity arise.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' At Newchurch our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children - our neighbours.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2024 were to provide the following public benefits:

To Love the Lord our God and to be open to Him through

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer
- To review our services to enhance the beauty of our worship and to make occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.

- Taking assemblies for children in local schools and on church premises
- Promoting the mission of the Church through the provision of activities for the whole community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through fellowship

- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To continue to meet with our ecumenical partners locally and to support one another.

4.ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES

The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

The electoral roll is now 76.

Worship:

Church services are either 9.00am or 10.30am on Sundays except for the first Sunday of the month when there is a service with the other churches in the group. The venue for these joint services rotates amongst the parishes. Special services are arranged at relevant times, e.g. Carol services, Tree Festival services, Crib services, All Souls and Remembrance Day services.

Average attendance at Sunday services during 2024 was as follows:

10 30am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Adults: 56 Under 16's: 4 (27 services were held this year)

10.30am Morning Worship

Adults: 46 Under 16's: 4. (18 services were held this year.)

10.30am Average for both services :

Adults: 51 Under 16's: 4

6.30pm services held this year. All Souls 102 Adults 1 children. Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service 52 Adults 3 children and Choir Carol Service 52 Adults 2 children.

Crib service 90 children 150 adults.

Tuesday Service in the Parish Hall: 10. There were 32 services held this year.

Occasional Offices for 2024

Weddings 5

Baptisms 18

Funerals 26

Interment of ashes 22

Communion was also given in homes and care homes in the village.

Cafe Praise. A service of worship, reflections, prayer, and songs with a live band began in June 2022. It is held on the first Sunday of the month at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Care and Service to the Community

Visiting of members of the congregation who are unable to attend services has been possible and we are able to stay in touch with members of the congregation and friends of the church. Regular monthly communion services

in both Chatburn Court (sheltered accommodation) and Holcroft Grange (Care Home) continue. Members of the clergy team have also provided home communion when required.

Newchurch Junior Church

At present we have 6 children, the eldest of which is 9 and 5 are below school age. We have 3 leaders and several parent helpers. The age range for whom we cater is 2 -16 years. We were able to make our Easter Garden. We meet in the Family room every Sunday at 10.30am including when there is no service in church. Our Nativity Play this year was interactive and involved the whole congregation. The leaders organised 2 outreach/social events in Church, the Easter and Harvest Extravaganzas and also craft activities during the Christmas Tree Festival. These attracted a significant number of families from outside the usual congregation.

Mothers' Union

Mothers Union began 2024 in February with the AGM - including a financial statement and a recalling of the events of 2023. In March Newchurch hosted the Deanery festival, the Rev Martin Cox, newly instated as Rector for the parish, leading the service. This was followed by light refreshments; the proceeds being sent to M U Liverpool Diocese.

Once again, we hosted the Deanery afternoon tea, the proceeds going to Mother's Union summer appeal. We held an afternoon tea for St George's day and also after our Wave of Prayer service.

We were fortunate in having a full program of events for the year, with a variety of speakers. We continued to support the Merseyside Mission to seafarers, visiting their premises with the usual knitted products, toiletries and donations.

We enrolled 2 new members in 2024, but we were saddened by the death of one of our long serving members.

The year ended with an Advent Service and a Christmas lunch.

There are no changes in the leadership of the branch for the coming year.

Church Building Report

(January - December 2024)

We have not disposed of any assets and retain all our possessions and the general standard of maintenance of the Church building is relatively good, a fortuitous situation bearing in mind the continuing financial deficit.

The annual boiler service was completed, as was the clearing of the lower levels of the gutters to remove vegetation and debris.

There is evidence of rotting wood at the front of the lych gate where it meets the stone wall and also loose slates. These issues are being addressed.

The project to refurbish the porch is ongoing.

The poplar trees planted in 1928 were very tall and posed a possible risk. Consequently these were reduced to a more manageable height.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities in 2024 equated to a total of £8277.53.

This included the usual fundraising events undertaken by volunteers within the congregation such as the Christmas Tree Festival, regular film nights, music concerts, quizzes, tea & coffee activities, card sales, magazine sales.

The Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival raised £1,672.37 and £1,470 respectively. This is a decrease of income from £3,240 to £3,142.37

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

2024 has proven to be a challenging year financially with many factors impacting on incomings and expenditure, such as economic inflation, the energy crisis and cost of living increase.

Overall, the total income for the church in 2024 has increased on 2023 levels (up by 18% i.e. 2023 £69,383.64 and 2024 £81,925.86).

Planned giving in 2024 decreased by 18% to £23,268.40. The re-claim of tax rebate will be made in 2025 for 2024.

We would encourage all members of the congregation to continue to review their giving and, if not already part of the Free Will Offering scheme, to consider making regular donations via the Parish Giving Scheme, standing order, cheque or envelope. If you pay any form of tax, please sign a Gift Aid declaration.

We would encourage members of the congregation to consider bequest donations in their financial and will planning.

General fund donations for the year saw a decrease of 89% from £3402.31 of £390.

Income from funerals increased by 151% from £9544 in 2023 to £24,041 in 2024. Income from weddings decreased from £2,838 to £1,669.

The parish magazine is not produced now and so there was only £6.10 income this year.

In 2024 detailed figures for donations to charities have yet to be ratified.

Restricted Funds

Due to the Newchurch interregnum, the restricted fund required for the Sequestration account to keep a record of assigned fees has been maintained. The balance is currently £27847.40 in credit, due to the dedication of the clergy team who have carried out many services during the period without recompense.

Restricted funds are:

- Churchyard fund is set up to provide essential supplies for the improvements and maintenance of the churchyard. This is also intended to cover the cost of any contractors required. Monies have been used from the churchyard fund for general equipment expenses and maintenance, the expenses show a 67% decrease from £1,467 to £208.67.
- The separate fundraising project called the 'Drainage Project' which ran for the duration of 2017 to raise monies specifically to improve drainage within the churchyard paid out retention monies of £1,200 following acceptable re-seeding of the area. Another phase of work is required to complete the project; however, this would require further fundraising to supplement the balance of monies held within the Drainage Project restricted fund (£6,886).

- Bell Tower, and Porch Funds are for any supplies for improvements, maintenance and repairs to these areas.
- The clock fund has been set up to collect monies to assist with repairs to the clock and mechanism, which was in disrepair. Repairs are currently ongoing. It was agreed by the PCC that the restricted funds from the clock fund and also £7795.20 was paid from the porch fund. £560 remains in the from the clock fund.
- Choir Fund is for supplies, licences and payments to musicians and any other items necessary for the choir to function efficiently.
- Junior Church fund is for essential supplies, equipment, prizes and treats for members when in church or at any organized events.
- Tree Festival fund is for supplies, licence, prizes, electrical checks and sundries required to run the festival

Overall, there is a net decrease in restricted funds of £1,174.37, detailed in the table below.

	Church Yard	Drainage Project	Sequestration Fund	Bell Tower	Clock Fund	Choir Fund	Junior Church	Xmas Tree Festival	Porch Fund (Beryl's Legacy)	General Reserve Fund
Opening Balance:	£ 2,444.15	£ 6,886.79	£ 26,228.40	£ 1,133.39	£ -	£ 417.80	£ 365.68	£ 2,775.38	£ 13,019.44	£ 19,886.97
INCOME										
January	£ -	£ -	£ 789.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 830.00	£ -	£ 560.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 497.00	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 0.88	£ -	£ 573.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 70.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ 282.00	£ -	£ -	£ 49.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ -	£ -	£ 523.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ -	£ -	£ 450.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 864.00	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ -	£ -	£ 424.00	£ 223.86	£ -	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 140.00	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 161.00	£ -	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ 601.00	£ -	£ -	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ 482.00	£ -	£ -	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 1,470.00	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 280.88	£ -	£ 6,365.00	£ 524.86	£ 560.00	£ 349.50	£ 70.00	£ 1,470.00	£ -	£ -
EXPENDITURE										
January	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 19.74	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 14.15	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 135.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ 6.87	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ 159.27	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,340.80	£ -
July	£ 13.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 8.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ 6.69	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,454.40	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 137.00	£ -	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -
Subtotal	£ 228.67	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 272.00	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 7,795.20	£ -
Closing Balance	£ 2,496.36	£ 6,886.79	£ 32,593.40	£ 1,658.25	£ 560.00	£ 495.30	£ 435.68	£ 4,095.38	£ 5,224.24	£ 19,886.97

Pensions Regulation

New Pension law impacted the church during 2017 with the staging date set for pensions of 1/8/2017. The Finance Committee selected the government scheme NEST as the preferred pension offering, and the two eligible employees were offered the option of taking up a pension in the scheme. There was no take up. The declaration of compliance was completed & returned to the Pensions Regulator 4/9/2017, a further re-declaration was completed 05/08/2020 in line with Pension law requirements. There continues to be no take up of the scheme.

Expenditure

Expenditure continues to be monitored closely and restricted to essential expenses only, with cost savings made wherever possible.

Church Building costs were all funded by restricted funds, with close monitoring of costs. There was a decrease in spending on Gas, Electricity and water. In 2023 it was £7118.76 and in 2024 it was £5,672.

In 2024 the upkeep for services was £271. It was agreed by the PCC that £8,346 from the general account would be set aside for major repairs to fund the removal of several unsafe poplar trees surrounding the church in the church yard. The work was carried out in early 2024.

A Sequestration account has been maintained and the balance of assigned fees held in a restricted fund. PCC were unable to pay five of the 2024 Parish Share payments totaling £27,666, during the year due to lack of unrestricted funds, this combined with arrears from 2019 and 2022 gives a total of £44,265.68 due to Diocese in Parish Share arrears. There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

In conclusion, the overall financial position continues to be precarious, with the continuing increase in expenditure, continuing decline of average attendance figures and average age profile of the congregation needing to be reversed to secure the long-term financial future of the Parish. However, we are grateful for the continued support from our loyal and generous congregation.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2025 we intend to...

- Continue to refurbish the entrance way of the church.
- Make repairs to the lych gate.
- Look to explore how we can attract younger families to start attending on a more regular basis.
- Continue to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.
- Engage with the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' plan.
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Agent Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people / organisations:

- Treasurer and Wardens £4,746 was received in regard to assigned fees for weddings, funerals and burials from March to December 2024. This money is yet to be paid to the diocese.
- Organist, bells and vergers - £724 was received from funeral directors and wedding couples regarding funerals and weddings respectively. This money was passed directly to the appropriate individuals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Note 1 - this figure includes payments to Verger, Organist, Bells & Choir

		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Ministry													
Rector's Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	454.21	£	609.31
Rectory: Council Tax & Water	501	£	8,368.17	£	-	£	1,055.89	£	-	£	563.40	£	2,348.33
Rectory: Garden	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	590.00
Other Ministry:	501	£	-	£	-								
- Assistant Curate Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	149.96
- OLM Expenses	501	£	-	£	-					£	-	£	2,000.10
- Visiting Clergy Expenses	501	£	120.00	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	152.00
		£	8,488.17	£	-	£	1,055.89	£	-	£	1,017.61	£	5,849.70
Church Building													
Church Gas / Electricity / Water	510	£	5,677.20	£	7,118.76	£	2,945.19	£	1,670.63	£	1,985.47	£	3,260.57
Cleanse	506	£	-	£	1,040.00	£	1,080.00	£	890.00	£	500.00	£	1,000.00
Church Insurance	512	£	2,742.56	£	2,679.82	£	2,320.18	£	2,229.76	£	2,241.44	£	2,178.68
Organ Insurance	508	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	488.93	£	488.93
Church Repairs & Maintenance	509	£	969.23	£	618.26	£	499.78	£	1,625.79	£	1,217.50	£	2,301.47
Clock Fund	508	£	-	£	560.00	£	-						
Bell Tower	509	£	-	£	64.80	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	149.80
Porch Fund	508	£	7,795.20	£	2,911.80	£	-	£	1,099.41	£	2,006.24	£	540.00
Choir Fund	508	£	272.00	£	175.00	£	-						

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Analysis of resources		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Junior Church	508	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Churchyard	509	£ 228.67	£ 1,466.62	£ 4,430.86	£ 4,166.01	£ 5,246.55	£ 1,003.46
Drainage Project	508	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,200.00	£ 13,000.00
		£ 19,239.86	£ 17,190.06	£ 11,791.01	£ 12,186.60	£ 14,986.13	£ 23,922.91
Upkeep of Services							
Service costs (eg altar bread / wine & candles & Flowers)	507	£ 271.71	£ 88.40	£ 643.82	£ 27.50	£ 128.90	£ 346.45
Resources (eg books / PRS licence etc)	507	£ -	£ 861.62	£ 44.28	£ 586.58	£ 460.18	£ 450.43
Organist	506	£ 80.00	£ 135.00	£ 80.00	£ 500.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,120.00
Major repairs	509	£ -	£ 8,346.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 351.71	£ 9,431.02	£ 768.10	£ 1,114.08	£ 1,589.08	£ 1,916.88
Communication							
Stationery & Photocopying	511	£ 813.41	£ 44.33	£ 181.58	£ 304.10	£ 184.89	£ 264.69
Administration	511	£ 2,792.35	£ 2,661.57	£ 997.30	£ 999.26	£ 551.00	£ 846.24
Printing of Magazine	511	£ 202.00	£ 1,271.00	£ 1,182.40	£ 1,118.80	£ 689.60	£ 1,334.99
Mission costs	511	£ -	£ 267.00	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 190.44	£ -
		£ 3,807.76	£ 4,243.90	£ 2,436.28	£ 2,422.16	£ 1,615.93	£ 2,445.92
Due to Diocese							
Parish Share	505	£ 22,134.84	£ 38,732.47	£ 49,385.79	£ 47,329.28	£ 49,302.72	£ 58,523.30
Loan		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,180.97	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,600.00
Assigned Fees Weddings & Funerals		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,246.00
Sequestration Fund		£ -	£ 337.50	£ 938.00	£ 504.50	£ -	£ -
		£ 22,134.84	£ 39,069.97	£ 50,323.79	£ 52,014.75	£ 53,502.72	£ 65,369.30
Other Expenses							
Parish Activities	503	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 1,327.49	£ 1,225.19	£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72
		£ 150.00	£ -	£ 1,327.49	£ 1,225.19	£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72
Other Payments							
Wedding Pay (Verger, Bells, Organ & Choir)	502	£ 2,549.50	£ 724.00	£ 1,596.00	£ 870.45	£ 644.00	£ 2,017.50
Donations to Charity	504	£ 25.00	£ 362.00	£ 177.77	£ 552.00	£ 450.00	£ 2,425.10
Cost of generating funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 2,574.50	£ 1,086.00	£ 1,773.77	£ 1,422.45	£ 1,094.00	£ 4,442.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE & PAYMENTS		£ 56,746.84	£ 71,020.95	£ 69,476.33	£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Summary for the year						
Bank balance at 1 January	£ 89,477.77	£ 82,864.21	£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61
Plus						
Total Income & Receipts	£ 77,179.86	£ 67,571.08	£ 79,940.12	£ 74,140.10	£ 74,765.99	£ 109,232.51
Plus Unpresented Cheques (see Note 1)	£ 108.00	£ 14,106.53	£ 6,623.15	£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	£ -
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Fund	£ -	£ 1,812.56	£ 962.82	£ -	£ -	£ -
Previous years unpresented deposits presented this year	£ 4,276.86	£ 5,044.35	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Minus						
Total Expenditure & Payments	£ 56,746.84	£ 71,020.95	£ 69,476.33	£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03
Spreadsheet rounding/s						
Previous years o/s chqs presented this year	£ 14,106.53	£ 6,623.15	£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	£ 1,164.00	£ -
Unpresented deposits as 31 December (see note 4)	£ 2,453.41	£ 4,276.86	£ 5,044.35	£ -	£ -	£ -
Closing Balance at 31 December (see notes 2 - 7)	£ 97,735.71	£ 89,477.77	£ 82,864.21	£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09

Notes:

Note 1. Cheques not presented at the Bank as at 31/12/2024 totalled £108 breakdown detailed below:

Unpresented cheques	
Payee	Amount
PTSG (Lightning Conductor Inspection)	£ 108.00
Total	£ 108.00

Note 2. Balance at year end includes Restricted Funds:

Church yard	£ 2,496.36
Drainage Project	£ 6,886.79
Bell Tower	£ 1,658.25
Clock Fund	£ 560.00
Choir Fund	£ 495.30
Junior Church	£ 435.68
Xmas Tree Festival	£ 4,095.38
Porch Fund	£ 5,224.24

Total Restricted Fund Balance: **£ 21,852.00**

Note 3. Due to the Parish being Interregnum, sequestration commenced 01/05/2019. A sequestration restricted fund has been set up and reporting the account is in place.
The balance of the sequestration fund as at 31/12/2024 is

£ 27,847.40

Note 4. General Fund Balance at year end:

£ 30,494.75

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Analysis of resources		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Note 5. General Fund Reserve now stands at £19,886.97. These monies are held in line with our Reserve Policy requirement.							
Note 6 - Parish Share Loan set up with the Diocese in June 2017 to commence payment of arrears from 2017 and previous years. Initial Loan amount £16,180.97							
Parish Share Loan							
Total Loan	£	16,180.97					
Loan Repayment Plan:		Monthly			Payments Made to Date per annum		
2017 (July onwards)	£	200.00			£	1,200.00	
2018	£	250.00			£	3,000.00	
2019	£	300.00			£	3,600.00	
2020	£	350.00			£	4,200.00	
2021	£	350.00			£	4,180.97	
Parish Share Loan balance outstanding as at 31/12/2024 is nil following full scheduled repayments being paid. However, Parish Share is still in arrears (see note 7)							
Note 7 - as at 31st December 2023 Parish Share Arrears have increased further. November and December 2019 remained unpaid (totalling £11,704.66). Arrears from 2020 totalling £16,434.24 were offset by a grant received from the Church Commissioners for £16,906 with the balance to be credited against 2021 repayments. In 2021, challenging financial circumstances due to Covid-19 have continued with church closures and limited opportunities for fund raising events. A further 3 Parish Share payments of a revised plan agreed in March 2021 have not been made for August, November & December. It was agreed that any unpaid 2021 Parish Share would be written off by LDBF. As of 31/12/22 the parish share for November 2022 and December 2022 remain unpaid at a total amount of £10,922.74, due to insufficient monies in the general account. As of 31/12/23 the parish share for August 2023 to December 2023 remain unpaid at a total amount of £27,666.05, due to insufficient monies in the general account. Total Arrears are:							
					November 2019	£	5,852.33
					December 2019	£	5,852.33
					November 2022	£	5,461.37
					December 2022	£	5,461.37
					August 2023	£	5,533.21
					September 2023	£	5,533.21
					October 2023	£	5,533.21
					November 2023	£	5,533.21
					December 2023	£	5,533.21
					May 2024	£	5,533.21
					June 2024	£	5,533.21
					July 2024	£	5,533.21
					August 2024	£	5,533.21
					September 2024	£	5,533.21
					October 2024	£	5,533.21
					November 2024	£	5,533.21
					December 2024	£	5,533.21
					TOTAL	£	94,559.13
There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.							
Note 8 - a contract for the required annual inspection of the Lightning conductor has been entered into with PTSG Services group to save costs, £90 plus VAT (£108.00) per annum for the period 05/12/20 to 04/12/2025.							

2. Newchurch PCC: 200 Club Receipts & Payments Account

April 2025 - Section no longer relevant as account closed.

RECEIPTS		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Subscriptions	203a			£ 2,195.00	£ 2,916.00	£ 2,965.00	£ 3,395.00
Donations	203a			-	£ 99.00		
Cheques not Paid Out	203a			-	£ -	£ 60.00	£ 70.00
		£ _____	£ _____	£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
PAYMENTS							
Prizes	503			£ 1,770.00	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,410.50	£ 1,622.00
Transfer to PCC	503			£ 60.00	£ 1,596.00	£ 2,164.50	£ 1,200.00
Warrington Borough Council	503				£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 40.00
Credits not presented		£ _____	£ _____	£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00	£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00
Summary for the year							
Bank balance at 1 January				£ 518.50	£ 559.50	£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50
Plus Receipts				£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
Minus Payments				£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00		

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Analysis of resources		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Closing Balance at 31 December		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£ 883.50</u>	<u>£ 518.50</u>	<u>£ 4,154.50</u>	<u>£ 3,991.50</u>
Note 9 - 200 Club closed as of 08/11/22. Closing bank balance transfer to Main Account was £1,155.50							
3. Newchurch PCC: Junior Church Account							
April 2025 - Section no longer relevant as account closed. Restricted funds are tracked.							
RECEIPTS			2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Collections	203a			£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 17.49	£ 88.26
Donations	203a	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 162.00	£ 50.25
						£ 179.49	£ 138.51
PAYMENTS							
Stationery	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 13.00
Gifts / Prizes	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -		£ 39.15	£ 39.38
Miscellaneous	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Party	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -		£ 22.27	£ 21.11
Visits / Subscriptions	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 33.00	£ 102.00
		<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 94.42	£ 175.49
Summary for the year							
Bank balance at 1 January			£ 365.68	£ 315.68	£ 265.68	£ 180.61	£ 217.59
Plus Receipts				£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 179.49	£ 138.51
Minus Payments		<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 94.42	£ 175.49
			<u>£ 365.68</u>	<u>£ 365.68</u>	<u>£ 315.68</u>	<u>£ 265.68</u>	<u>£ 180.61</u>

4. Newchurch PCC: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Account

April 2025 - Section no longer relevant as account closed. Restricted funds are tracked.

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic there was no fundraising Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in 2020

The Christmas Tree Festival had a separate bank account with Barclays with a balance of £95.84. For some reason the account had been marked as 'gone away', and correspondence suppressed. As no takings were received last year due to Covid-19, the account became dormant. Barclays pre-populated a dormancy letter, however it was not sent as correspondence was suppressed and the account was closed on 17/11/21 and balance taken. The takings for the 2021 festival have been paid into the Newchurch PCC account held with Natwest, and monies for 2023 have been paid into this account. Note that 2023 Christmas Tree expenses have not yet been calculated and taken from the account as of 15/02/24. These expenses will be shown on the 2024 annual accounts.

RECEIPTS			2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	203a	<u>£</u>	£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
		<u>£</u>	£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
PAYMENTS							
Alan Wright	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 21.00	£ 142.16		£ 111.91
F Wilcock expenses	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Raffle	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Newchurch Parish Church (donation & heating)	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ 810.00		£ 900.00
Printers	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Band	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 300.00		£ 200.00
Ann Atkinson expenses	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ -	£ -		
Mulled Wine	503	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 62.00			
Children's Society	504	<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 434.16	£ 330.00		£ 350.00
		<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Summary for the year							
Bank balance at 1 January			£ 962.82	£ -	£ 95.84	£ 95.84	£ 170.01
Plus Receipts		<u>£</u>	£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
Minus Payments		<u>£</u>	£ -	£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Closing Balance at 31 December		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,775.38</u>	<u>£ 962.82</u>	<u>£ 94.49</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Monetary Assets	2024
	£
Newchurch PCC Main Account	£97,735.71
Junior Church	£0.00
Total Monetary Assets	£97,735.71

RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS									
	Newchurch a/c		200 Club/Bonus Ball		Junior Church		Christmas Tree*		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
VOLUNTARY INCOME										
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 22,257.70								£ 22,257.70	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 532.50								£ 532.50	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 8,560.53								£ 8,560.53	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 390.00	£ 1,715.24			£ -	£ 70.00			£ 390.00	£ 1,785.24
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ 5,269.93								£ 5,269.93	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 478.20								£ 478.20	£ -
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ -								£ -	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a	£ -								£ -	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 5,907.53		£ 500.00				£ -	£ 1,470.00	£ 6,407.53	£ 1,470.00
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 28,003.13	£ 1,619.00							£ 28,003.13	£ 1,619.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 406.10								£ 406.10	£ -
OTHER INCOMNG RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ -								£ -	£ -
									£ -	£ -
	£ 71,805.62	£ 3,334.24	£ 500.00	£ -	£ -	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 1,470.00	£ 72,305.62	£ 4,874.24
	£ 75,139.86								£ 75,139.86	£ -
	£ 75,139.86		£ 500.00		£ 70.00		£ 1,470.00		£ 77,179.86	£ -

14 Number of tax efficient planned givers

15 Number of other planned givers

16 Number of new legacies received

1

*Incl in Newchurch

Payments	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTAL	
									TOTALS	
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ 150.00		£ -				£ -		£ 150.00	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 25.00								£ 25.00	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 22,134.84								£ 22,134.84	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honararia- 506	£ 1,120.00								£ 1,120.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 11,037.67	£ -							£ 11,037.67	£ -
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangelism costs 507	£ 271.71								£ 271.71	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 515.00	£ 272.00							£ 515.00	£ 272.00
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 969.23	£ 228.67							£ 969.23	£ 228.67
23c Church insurance costs 512	£ 2,742.56								£ 2,742.56	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 5,677.20								£ 5,677.20	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 3,807.76								£ 3,807.76	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building		£ 7,795.20							£ -	£ 7,795.20
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014									£ -	£ -
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 48,450.97	£ 8,295.87	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 48,450.97	£ 8,295.87
									£ -	£ -
	£ 56,746.84		£ -		£ -		£ -		£ 56,746.84	£ -

31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December

32 Investments as at 31st December

33 Liabilities due within 1 year:

RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS									
	Newchurch a/c		200 Club/Bonus Ball		Junior Church		Christmas Tree*		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
VOLUNTARY INCOME										
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 27,103.49								£ 27,103.49	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 1,000.00								£ 1,000.00	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 7,335.90								£ 7,335.90	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 3,402.31	£ 2,874.80			£ -				£ 3,402.31	£ 2,874.80
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ -								£ -	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 430.00								£ 430.00	£ -
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ -								£ -	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a	£ -								£ -	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 5,190.96		£ 1,000.00				£ 1,812.56		£ 8,003.52	£ -
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 12,518.00	£ 4,805.00							£ 12,518.00	£ 4,805.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 1,910.62								£ 1,910.62	£ -
OTHER INCOMNG RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ -								£ -	£ -
									£ -	£ -
	£ 58,891.28	£ 7,679.80	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,812.56	£ -	£ 61,703.84	£ 7,679.80
	£ 66,571.08								£ 66,571.08	£ -
	£ 66,571.08		£ 1,000.00		£ -		£ 1,812.56		£ 69,383.64	£ -

14 Number of tax efficient planned givers

15 Number of other planned givers

16 Number of new legacies received

1

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Payments	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTAL	
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ -		£ -				£ -		£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 362.00								£ 362.00	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 38,732.47								£ 38,732.47	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honararia- 506	£ 1,215.00								£ 1,215.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 724.00	£ 337.50							£ 724.00	£ 337.50
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangelism costs 507	£ 950.02								£ 950.02	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 515.00	£ 175.00							£ 515.00	£ 175.00
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 618.26	£ 9,877.42							£ 618.26	£ 9,877.42
23c Church insurance costs 510	£ 2,679.82								£ 2,679.82	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 7,118.76								£ 7,118.76	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 4,243.90								£ 4,243.90	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building		£ 3,471.80							£ -	£ 3,471.80
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014									£ -	£ -
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 57,159.23	£ 13,861.72	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 57,159.23	£ 13,861.72
									£ -	£ -
	£ 71,020.95		£ -		£ -		£ -		£ 71,020.95	£ -

31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December

32 Investments as at 31st December

33 Liabilities due within 1 year:

Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2024

Church Number: 789	Church Name: Newchurch	Deanery: Winwick
Looking back across 2024, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide brief details with this form.		Diocese: Liverpool

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary Giving				Cost of generating funds		
1	Tax efficient planned giving (regular Gift Aid giving)	£ 22,258	£ -	17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ 150	£ -
2	Other planned giving (non Gift Aid)	£ 533	£ -		Church Activities & Church Expenses		
3	Collections at services	£ 8,561	£ -	18	Mission giving and donations	£ 25	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 390	£ 1,785	19	Deanery Share/Parish Share contribution	£ 22,135	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 5,270	£ -	20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 1,120	£ -
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£ 478	£ -	21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 11,038	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ -	£ -	22	Mission and evangelism costs	£ 272	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ -	23	a. Church running expenses (inc. Governance)	£ 515	£ 272
A	SUB-TOTAL Voluntary Giving:	£ 37,489	£ 1,785		b. Church building maintenance costs	£ 969	£ 229
	Activities for generating funds				c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£ 2,743	£ -
9	Income from fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 6,408	£ 1,470	24	Church utility bills	£ 5,677	£ -
	Income from investments			25	Cost of trading	£ 3,808	£ -
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ -	£ -	D	SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£ 48,451	£ 501
	Church Activities				Major expenditure		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£ 28,003	£ 1,619	27	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	£ 7,795
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds) e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall. NOT fundraising.	£ 406	£ -	28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	£ -
	Other			29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	£ -
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed	£ -	£ -	E	SUB-TOTAL for Major expenditure:	£ -	£ 7,795
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)			99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ -	£ -
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£ 72,306	£ 4,874		TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES			F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£ 48,451	£ 8,296
14	Number of regular Gift Aid givers (include PGS givers)	36			Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
15	Number of regular non Gift Aid givers (inc. PGS givers)	2		31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£ -	£ -
16	Number of new legacies received during year	0		32	Investments valued as at 31st December	£ -	£ -
C	Grand Total Receipts/Income	£ 77,180		33	Liabilities due within 1 year	£ 108	£ -
G	Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£ 56,747			Are your accounts Receipts&Payments or Accruals (indicate ONE)?		
				30	Receipts and payments []	Accruals []	

Please refer to the notes available from our diocesan website to help clarify what is included in each section. Line numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 5th edn. (https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/return-of-parish-finance/)	Date	30/04/2025	Note: Please complete this return directly online. Contact C Gaskell or Central Services at St James' House for details.
	Name	Nicola Seferta	
	Position	Treasurer	
	Tel or Email	07808 067179 nseferta@hotmail.co.uk	



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2024

Church Number: 789	Church Name: Newchurch	Deanery: Winwick
Looking back across 2024, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide brief details with this form.		Diocese: Liverpool

INCOMING RESOURCES			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary Giving					Cost of generating funds				
1	Tax efficient planned giving (regular Gift Aid giving)	£	22,258	£ -	17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£	150	£ -
2	Other planned giving (non Gift Aid)	£	533	£ -	Church Activities & Church Expenses				
3	Collections at services	£	8,561	£ -	18	Mission giving and donations	£	25	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£	390	£ 1,785	19	Deanery Share/Parish Share contribution	£	22,135	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£	5,270	£ -	20	Salaries, wages and honararia	£	1,120	£ -
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£	478	£ -	21	Clergy and staff expenses	£	11,038	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	-	£ -	22	Mission and evangelism costs	£	272	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£	-	£ -	23	a. Church running expenses (inc. Governance)	£	515	£ 272
A	SUB-TOTAL Voluntary Giving:	£	37,489	£ 1,785		b. Church building maintenance costs	£	969	£ 229
Activities for generating funds						c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£	2,743	£ -
9	Income from fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£	6,408	£ 1,470	24	Church utility bills	£	5,677	£ -
Income from investments					25	Cost of trading	£	3,808	£ -
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£	-	£ -	D	SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£	48,451	£ 501
Church Activities					Major expenditure				
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£	28,003	£ 1,619	27	Major repairs to the church building	£	-	£ 7,795
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds) e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall. NOT fundraising.	£	406	£ -	28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£	-	£ -
Other					29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£	-	£ -
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed	£	-	£ -	E	SUB-TOTAL for Major expenditure:	£	-	£ 7,795
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)					99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£	-	£ -
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£	72,306	£ 4,874	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)				
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES					F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£	48,451	£ 8,296
14	Number of regular Gift Aid givers (include PGS givers)		36		Cash and Investment Balances			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
15	Number of regular non Gift Aid givers (inc. PGS givers)		2		31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£	30,495	£ 74,332
16	Number of new legacies received during year		0		32	Investments valued as at 31st December	£	-	£ -
C	Grand Total Receipts/Income	£	77,180		33	Liabilities due within 1 year	£	108	£ -
G	Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£	56,747		Are your accounts Receipts&Payments or Accruals (indicate ONE)?				
					30	Receipts and payments []	Accruals []		

Please refer to the notes available from our diocesan website to help clarify what is included in each section. Line numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 5th edn. (<https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/return-of-parish-finance/>)

Date	30/04/2025
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Note: Please complete this return directly online. Contact C Gaskell or Central Services at St James' House for details.



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2023

Church Number: 789	Church Name: Newchurch	Deanery: Winwick
Looking back across 2023, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide brief details with this form.		

INCOMING RESOURCES

UNRESTRICTED
(nearest £)

RESTRICTED
(nearest £)

RESOURCES EXPENDED

UNRESTRICTED
(nearest £)

INCOMING RESOURCES			RESOURCES EXPENDED		
	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	
Voluntary Giving			Cost of generating funds		
1 Tax efficient planned giving (regular Gift Aid giving)	£ 27,103	£ -	17 Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ -	
2 Other planned giving (non Gift Aid)	£ 1,000	£ -	Church Activities & Church Expenses		
3 Collections at services	£ 7,336	£ -	18 Mission giving and donations	£ 362	
4 All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 3,402	£ 2,875	19 Deanery Share/Parish Share contribution	£ 38,732	
6 Gift Aid recovered	£ -	£ -	20 Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 1,215	
6a Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£ 430	£ -	21 Clergy and staff expenses	£ 724	
7 Legacies received (capital value)	£ -	£ -	22 Mission and evangelism costs	£ 950	
8 Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ -	23 a. Church running expenses (inc. Governance)	£ 515	
A SUB-TOTAL Voluntary Giving:	£ 39,272	£ 2,875	b. Church building maintenance costs	£ 618	
Activities for generating funds			c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£ 2,680	
9 Income from fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 8,004	£ -	24 Church utility bills	£ 7,119	
Income from investments			25 Cost of trading	£ 4,244	
10 Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ -	£ -	D SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£ 57,159	
Church Activities			Major expenditure		
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£ 12,518	£ 4,805	27 Major repairs to the church building	£ -	
12 Trading activities (gross proceeds) e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall. NOT fundraising.	£ 1,911	£ -	28 Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	
Other			29 New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed	£ -	£ -	E SUB-TOTAL for Major expenditure:	£ -	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)			99 Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ -	
B Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£ 61,704	£ 7,680	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES			F Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£ 57,159	
14 Number of regular Gift Aid givers (include PGS givers)	45		Cash and Investment Balances		
15 Number of regular non Gift Aid givers (inc. PGS givers)	1		UNRESTRICTED		
16 Number of new legacies received during year	0		31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£ -	
C Grand Total Receipts/Income	£ 69,384		32 Investments valued as at 31st December	£ -	
G Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£ 71,021		33 Liabilities due within 1 year	£ 14,107	
			Are your accounts Receipts&Payments or Accruals (indicate ONE)?		
			30 Receipts and payments []	Accruals []	

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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

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Newchurch

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

789

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.

Signed:

Alan P. Parkinson

Date:

2nd May 2025

Name:

Alan P Parkinson

Address:

7 Spires Gardens

Winwick

Warrington

WA2 8WB

Accounts

*Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth
Diocese of Liverpool*

*Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council*

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For the year ended 31st December 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1128702

The Church is based on Church Lane, Culcheth. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence addresses are during the interregnum:

Mr Alan Wright
16 Bollin Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 5DU

Mr Geoff Bent
10 Burnham Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 4LJ

For the period from 1st January 2023 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent

Vacant

Churchwardens

Mr Alan Wright
Mr Geoff Bent

Deanery Synod

Mr Alan Wright
Mr Rupert Rees
Mrs Jean Williams

Elected members

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Jean Williams

PCC Secretary Mrs Ann Atkinson

Treasurer Mrs Sophie Rice
Mrs Jean Wright
Mr Kenneth Quick
Miss Maureen Hurley
Mrs Freda Wilcock
Mrs Chris Crye
Mr Christopher Yates
Mrs Beverley Litton

Co-opted Mrs Rachel Bunce

Mrs Katy Berry

Electoral Roll Officer Mr Bill Leatherbarrow

The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Bank NatWest, 32 Market Street Leigh Lancashire WN7 1DX

Independent Examiner Mr Alan Parkinson, 7 Spires Gardens, Winwick,
Warrington, WA2 8WB

Quinquennial Architect Mr Robin Wolley, B Arch RIBA, The Studio, Ruthin,
LL15 2PW

Legal Advisors The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry (Lee Bolton, Monier-Williams, Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster,
London SW1P 3JT).

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and wardens: Mr. Alan Wright, Mr. Geoff Bent.

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Newchurch, Culcheth PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The method of appointment of 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

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, forms part of a joint benefice with Christ Church, Croft.

Other related trusts:

Culcheth Educational Foundation - registered charity No. 526389, a religious instruction trust. The Rector and the two churchwardens are trustees.

The PCC operates three subcommittees:

Standing Committee: The terms of reference of this committee are to transact the business of the council between PCC meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC, to set the agenda for PCC meetings and to reflect on issues which may require more time than can be set aside at Council meetings due to pressure of business. This team is composed of the clergy and lay officers of the church plus one elected member of the PCC.

Worship Group: This committee is comprised of clergy, readers and lay leaders from both Christ Church and Newchurch. It is responsible for the rota and content of services. During the last year and in anticipation of the appointment of the new rector representatives from Winwick have been included in this group.

Finance Committee: This committee is composed of the Sophie Rice (PCC treasurer), The Church Wardens and Albert De Jong up to October and then transferred to Phillip Jeffs (the Freewill Offering registrars). Its role is to oversee all financial transactions of behalf of the PCC.

The PCC monitors basic policies and procedures for: Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Management, Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection. Individual members of the PCC receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC
These are as follows:-

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, procedures are in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows:

Financial Risk

Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use, however, Newchurch is not currently able to make any financial investments due to general lack of funds.

The PCC have reviewed internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling, and the Treasurer reviews controls in line with regulatory requirements to ensure Financial Governance. These include:

- Formalisation of the monthly Finance Meeting with the Finance Committee with the following agenda items discussed and reviewed:

- o Agree cheques to be paid
- o Review progress on actions
- o Discuss risks and issues
- o AOB
- Minutes produced detailing invoices to be paid and key decisions made.
- Production and distribution of monthly income and expenditure sheets.
- Production of a 12 month budget forecast and quarterly management accounts showing progress against budget.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

A Health and Safety review has been undertaken by a member of the PCC. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being followed. These procedures are reviewed regularly. There are procedures for recording accidents and churchwardens and side persons are usually trained annually in fire safety, however this year this has not been possible. Training will be re-introduced as soon as time constraints allow.

Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed so that in the event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period then services will be held in the Parish Hall, if available.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC takes its duty and obligation to protect children and vulnerable adults seriously. Church members, where appropriate, are checked under child protection legislation through the agreed online DBS service; this includes Parochial Church Committee members as Trustees on the PCC of Newchurch. The PCC will continue to review its policies based on the diocesan and the Church of England guidelines.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has an aspirational reserves policy whereby it intends to hold three to four months running costs as a general reserve (circa £25,000 - £30,000).

At the end of the financial year, the reserve stood at £19,886.97 remaining the same as 2022. It will continue to be the aim of the PCC to add to this, should the opportunity arise.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' At Newchurch our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children – our neighbours.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

**Our objectives for 2023 were to provide the following public benefits:
To Love the Lord our God and to be open to Him through**

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer
- To review our services to enhance the beauty of our worship and to make occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.
- Taking assemblies for children in local schools and on church premises
- Promoting the mission of the Church through the provision of activities for the whole community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through fellowship

- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To continue to meet with our ecumenical partners locally and to support one another.

**4.ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REVIEW OF
CHARITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES**

The interregnum has prevented the PCC from achieving as much as we would have wished. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

The electoral roll is now 76.

Worship:

Church services are on Sundays at 10.30am. Joint services with the other churches in the group were arranged when there is a 5th Sunday in a month. Special services are arranged at relevant times, eg Carol services, Tree Festival services, Crib services, All Souls and Remembrance Day services.

Average attendance at Sunday services during 2023 was as follows:

10 30am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Adults: 56 Under 16's: 4 (27 services were held this year)

10.30am Morning Worship

Adults: 46 Under 16's: 4. (18 services were held this year.)

10.30am Average for both services :

Adults: 51 Under 16's: 4

6.30pm services held this year. All Souls 102 Adults 1 children. Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service 52 Adults 3 children and Choir Carol Service 52 Adults 2 children.

Crib service 90 children 150 adults.

Tuesday Service in the Parish Hall: 10. There were 32 services held this year.

Occasional Offices for 2023

Weddings 5

Baptisms 18

Funerals 26

Interment of ashes 22

Communion was also given in homes and care homes in the village.

18.30 Praise. A service of worship, reflections, prayer, and songs with a live band is began in June 2022. It is held fortnightly at 6.30pm on Sundays in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Care and Service to the Community

Some visiting of members of the congregation who are unable to attend services has been possible and we are able to stay in touch virtually with members of the congregation/ friends of the church, by distributing Easter/ Christmas cards etc. Regular monthly communion services in both Chatburn Court (sheltered accommodation) and Holcroft Grange (Care Home) continue.

Newchurch Junior Church

At present we have 8 children, the eldest of which is 9 and 5 are below school age. We have 3 leaders and several parent helpers. The age range for whom we cater is 2 -16 years. We were able to make our Easter Garden. We meet in the Family room every Sunday at 10.30am including when there is no service in church. Our Nativity Play this year was interactive and involved the whole congregation.

Mothers' Union

The leaders organised 2 outreach/social events in Church, the Easter and Harvest Extravaganzas. These attracted a significant number of families from outside the usual congregation.

Mother's Union commenced the year with the AGM, recalling the events of the previous year. The Worship Group provided any speakers we required, for which we are grateful. We held an afternoon tea to celebrate the King's Coronation, also we provided an afternoon tea when John Wilson came from the Seafarer's mission to receive our annual donation of woollen hats and toiletries, which are given to those Seafarers spending their Christmas in Liverpool. The Deanery Festival was held at St Peter's and members attended. We again hosted a Deanery afternoon tea, the proceeds going to Mother's Union funds. A trip to the Barn owl at Lymm was our summer trip. We did not increase our membership in 2023 but were active at the Christmas Fayre and the Tree festival. The Advent service was cancelled due to problems at the parish hall, making our Christmas lunch our final get together of the year. We hope to host the Deanery Festival in 2024, and also the afternoon tea.

Church Building Report

(January – December 2023)

We have not disposed of any assets and retain all our possessions and the general standard of maintenance of the Church building is relatively good, a fortuitous situation bearing in mind the continuing financial deficit.

The Quinquennial Report by the Diocesan architect was performed in September 2022 and several items were mentioned for maintenance, most of which has been done by our volunteer teams.

The annual boiler service was completed, as was the clearing of the lower levels of the gutters to remove vegetation and debris.

There is evidence of rotting wood at the front of the lych gate where it meets the stone wall and also loose slates. These issues are being addressed.

The project to refurbish the porch is ongoing.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities in 2023 equated to a total of £8,004.

This included the usual fundraising events undertaken by volunteers within the congregation such as the Christmas Tree Festival, regular film nights, music concerts, quizzes, tea & coffee activities, card sales, magazine sales.

The Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival, raised £1,427 and £1,813 respectively. This is a decrease of income from £4,038 to £3,240.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

2023 has proven to be a challenging year financially with many factors impacting on incomings and expenditure, such as economic inflation, the energy crisis and cost of living increase.

Overall, the total income for the church in 2023 has decreased on 2022 levels (down by 8% i.e. £12,264).

Planned Giving in 2023 increased by 11% to £28,534. The re-claim of tax rebate will be made in 2024 for 2023.

We would encourage all members of the congregation to continue to review their giving and, if not already part of the Free Will Offering scheme, to consider making regular donations via the Parish Giving Scheme, standing order, cheque or envelope. If you pay any form of tax, please sign a Gift Aid declaration.

We would encourage members of the congregation to consider bequest donations in their financial and will planning.

General fund donations for the year saw a decrease of £5,743 to £3,402.

Income from funerals decreased by 16% to £9,544, along with wedding income decreasing from £3,369 to £2,838.

Income from the Parish Magazine adverts and sales totalled £1,911 which is an increase on last year's income of £2,223, after an increase in printing expenses in 2023 this resulted in a net profit of £640.

In 2023 £362 was raised for charity which is an increase on 2022 by 51%.

Restricted Funds

Due to the Newchurch continuing interregnum, the restricted fund required for the Sequestration account to keep a record of assigned fees has been maintained. The balance is currently £26,228 in credit, due to the dedication of the clergy team who have carried out many services during the period without recompense.

Overall, there is a net increase in restricted funds of £3,977, detailed in the table below.

Monies have been used from the churchyard fund for general equipment expenses and maintenance, the expenses show a 67% decrease from £4,430 to £1,467.

The clock fund has been set up to collect monies to assist with repairs to the clock and mechanism, which is currently in disrepair. Repairs are currently ongoing. It was agreed by the PCC that the restricted funds from the clock fund and also the porch fund would fund these repairs. As of 31st December 2023, £560 from the clock fund has been spent along with £2,912 of the porch fund.

The separate fundraising project called the 'Drainage Project' which ran for the duration of 2017 to raise monies specifically to improve drainage within the churchyard paid out retention monies of £1,200 following acceptable re-seeding of the area. Another phase of work is required to complete the project; however this would require further fundraising to supplement the balance of monies held within the Drainage Project restricted fund (£6,886).

	Church Yard	Drainage Project	Sequestration Fund	Bell Tower	Clock Fund	Choir Fund	Xmas Tree Festival	Porch Fund (Beryl's Legacy)	General Reserve Fund
Opening Balance:	£ 2,825.77	£ 6,886.79	£ 21,760.90	£ 751.19	£ 220.00	£ 100.00	£ 962.82	£ 15,421.24	£ 19,886.97
INCOME									
January	£ -	£ -	£ 142.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 49.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 195.00	£ -	£ 404.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 160.00	£ -	£ 608.00	£ 382.00	£ 340.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ 94.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 510.00	£ -
June	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 840.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ -	£ -	£ 341.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 585.00	£ -	£ 410.00	£ 65.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ -	£ -	£ 229.00	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ -	£ -	£ 544.00	£ -	£ -	£ 142.80	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 567.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 577.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,812.56	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 1,085.00	£ -	£ 4,805.00	£ 447.00	£ 340.00	£ 492.80	£ 1,812.56	£ 510.00	£ -
EXPENDITURE									
January	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 619.06	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 16.90	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ 18.68	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ 40.13	£ -	£ 108.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ 22.75	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 664.74	£ -	£ 229.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ 84.36	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 560.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,803.80	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 64.80	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 108.00	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 175.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subtotal	£ 1,466.62	£ -	£ 337.50	£ 64.80	£ 560.00	£ 175.00	£ -	£ 2,911.80	£ -
Closing Balance	£ 2,444.15	£ 6,886.79	£ 26,228.40	£ 1,133.39	£ -	£ 417.80	£ 2,775.38	£ 13,019.44	£ 19,886.97

Pensions Regulation

New Pension law impacted the church during 2017 with the staging date set for pensions of 1/8/2017. The Finance Committee selected the government scheme NEST as the preferred pension offering, and the two eligible employees were offered the option of taking up a pension in the scheme. There was no take up. The declaration of compliance was completed & returned to the Pensions Regulator 4/9/2017, a further re-declaration was completed 05/08/2020 in line with Pension law requirements. There continues to be no take up of the scheme.

Expenditure

Expenditure continues to be monitored closely and restricted to essential expenses only, with cost savings made wherever possible.

In the absence of an incumbent, ministry expenses were £0 in 2023. Church Building costs were all funded by restricted funds, these were significantly higher than 2022 figures (an increase of 46% overall) with close monitoring of costs. There was a significant 59% increase on church gas/electric/water expenses from £2,945 in 2022 to £7,119.

There has been a 92% increase in the combined costs for the Upkeep of Services, from £688 to £9,431 (this figure includes major repairs). It was agreed by the PCC that £8,346 from the general account would be set aside for major repairs to fund the removal of several unsafe poplar trees surrounding the church in the church yard. The work will be carried out in early 2024.

A Sequestration account has been maintained and the balance of assigned fees held in a restricted fund. PCC were unable to pay five of the 2023 Parish Share payments totaling £27,666, during the year due to lack of unrestricted funds, this combined with arrears from 2019 and 2022 gives a total of £50,293 due to Diocese in Parish Share arrears. There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

In conclusion, the overall financial position continues to be precarious, with the continuing increase in expenditure, continuing decline of average attendance figures and average age profile of the congregation needing to be reversed to secure the long-term financial future of the Parish. However we are grateful for the continued support from our loyal and generous congregation.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2024 we intend to...

- Re-establish the Church community when welcome our new rector in February.
- Continue to refurbish the entrance way of the church.
- Work with the other local churches with a view to becoming a 'Dementia Friendly' group.
- Make repairs to the lych gate.
- Look to explore how we can attract younger families to start attending on a more regular basis.
- Continue to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.

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Agent Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people / organisations:

- Treasurer and Wardens £4,805 was received in regard to assigned fees for weddings, funerals and burials in 2023 and is held in a Sequestration Account.
- Organist, bells and vergers - £724 was received from funeral directors and wedding couples regarding funerals and weddings respectively. This money was passed directly to the appropriate individuals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Note 1 - this figure includes payments to Verger, Organist, Bells & Choir

		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		
Ministry												
Rector's Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	454.21	£	609.31	
Rectory: Council Tax & Water	501	£	-	£	1,055.89	£	-	£	563.40	£	2,348.33	
Rectory: Garden	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	590.00	
Other Ministry:	501	£	-									
- Assistant Curate Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	149.96	
- OLM Expenses	501	£	-					£	-	£	2,000.10	
- Visiting Clergy Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	152.00	
			£	-	£	1,055.89	£	-	£	1,017.61	£	5,849.70
Church Building												
Church Gas / Electricity / Water	510	£	7,118.76	£	2,945.19	£	1,670.63	£	1,985.47	£	3,260.57	
Cleaner	506	£	1,080.00	£	1,080.00	£	880.00	£	600.00	£	1,000.00	
Church Insurance	508	£	2,679.82	£	2,320.18	£	2,229.76	£	2,241.44	£	2,178.68	
Organ Insurance	508	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	488.93	£	488.93	
Church Repairs & Maintenance	509	£	618.26	£	499.78	£	1,625.79	£	1,217.50	£	2,301.47	
Clock Fund	508	£	560.00	£	-							
Bell Tower	508	£	64.80	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	149.80	
Porch Fund	508	£	2,911.80	£	515.00	£	1,099.41	£	2,006.24	£	540.00	
Choir Fund	508	£	175.00	£	-							
Churchyard	509	£	1,466.62	£	4,430.86	£	4,166.01	£	5,246.55	£	1,003.46	
Drainage Project	508	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	1,200.00	£	13,000.00	
			£	17,190.06	£	11,791.01	£	12,186.60	£	14,986.13	£	23,922.91
Upkeep of Services												
Service costs (eg altar bread / wine & candles & Flowers)	507	£	88.40	£	643.82	£	27.50	£	128.90	£	346.45	
Resources (eg books / PRS licence et	507	£	861.62	£	44.28	£	586.58	£	460.18	£	450.43	
Organist	506	£	135.00	£	80.00	£	500.00	£	1,000.00	£	1,120.00	
Major repairs		£	8,346.00	£	-	£	-					
			£	9,431.02	£	768.10	£	1,114.08	£	1,589.08	£	1,916.88
Communication												
Stationery & Photocopying	511	£	44.33	£	181.58	£	304.10	£	184.89	£	264.69	
Administration	511	£	2,661.57	£	997.30	£	999.26	£	551.00	£	846.24	
Printing of Magazine	511	£	1,271.00	£	1,182.40	£	1,118.80	£	689.60	£	1,334.99	
Mission costs	511	£	267.00	£	75.00	£	-	£	190.44	£	-	
			£	4,243.90	£	2,436.28	£	2,422.16	£	1,615.93	£	2,445.92
Due to Diocese												
Parish Share	505	£	38,732.47	£	49,385.79	£	47,329.28	£	49,302.72	£	58,523.30	
Loan		£	-	£	-	£	4,180.97	£	4,200.00	£	3,600.00	
Assigned Fees Weddings & Funerals		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	3,246.00	
Sequestration Fund		£	337.50	£	938.00	£	504.50					
			£	39,069.97	£							

Summary for the year					
Bank balance at 1 January	£82,864.21	£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61
Plus					
Total Income & Receipts	£67,571.08	£ 79,940.12	£ 74,140.10	£ 74,765.99	###
Plus Unpresented Cheques (see Note 1)	£14,106.53	£ 6,623.15	£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	£ -
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Fund	£ 1,812.56	£ 962.82	£ -	£ -	£ -
Previous years unpresented deposits presented this year	£ 5,044.35	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Minus					
Total Expenditure & Payments	£71,020.95	£ 69,476.33	£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	###
Spreadsheet rounding's					
Previous years o/s chqs presented this year	£ 6,623.15	£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	£ 1,164.00	£ -
Unpresented deposits at 31 December (see note 4)	£ 4,276.86	£ 5,044.35	£ -	£ -	£ -
Closing Balance at 31 December (see notes 2 - 7)	£ 89,477.77	£ 82,864.21	£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Analysis of resources	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
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Note 1. Cheques not presented at the Bank as at 31/12/2023 totalled £14,106.53 breakdown detailed below:

Unpresented cheques	Amount
Payee	£
Kenyon Cutters (Tree surgeon)	8,346.00
Water plus	19.32
PTSG (Lightning Conductor Inspection	108.00
Diocese of Liverpool, Central Readers Council-	100.00
Parish share - July 2023	5,533.21
Total	£ 14,106.53

Note 2. Balance at year end includes Restricted Funds:

Church yard	£	2,444.15
Drainage Project	£	6,886.79
Porch Fund	£	13,019.44
Clock Fund	£	-
Choir Fund	£	417.80
Bell Tower	£	1,133.39

Total Restricted Fund Balance: £ 23,901.57

Note 3. Due to the Parish being Interregnum, sequestration commenced 01/05/2019. A sequestration restricted fund has been set up and reporting the account is in place. The balance of the sequestration fund as at 31/12/2023 is £ 26,228.40

Note 4. General Fund Balance at year end: £ 6,855.78
This includes unpresented December bank deposits totalling £4,276.86 which will be paid into the general account in January 2024.

Note 5. General Fund Reserve now stands at £19,886.97. These monies are held in line with our Reserve Policy requirement.

Note 6 - Parish Share Loan set up with the Diocese in June 2017 to commence payment of arrears from 2017 and previous years. Initial Loan amount £16,180.97

Parish Share Loan

Total Loan ###

Loan Repayment Plan:	Monthly	Payments Made to Date per annum
2017 (July onwards)	£ 200.00	£ 1,200.00
2018	£ 250.00	£ 3,000.00
2019	£ 300.00	£ 3,600.00
2020	£ 350.00	£ 4,200.00
2021	£ 350.00	£ 4,180.97

Parish Share Loan balance outstanding as at 31/12/2023 is nil following full scheduled repayments being paid. However, Parish Share is still in arrears (see note 7)

Note 7 - as at 31st December 2023 Parish Share Arrears have increased further. November and December 2019 remained unpaid (totalling £11,704.66). Arrears from 2020 totalling £16,434.24 were offset by a grant received from the Church Commissioners for £16,906 with the balance to be credited against 2021 repayments. In 2021, challenging financial circumstances due to Covid-19 have continued with church closures and limited opportunities for fund raising events. A further 3 Parish Share payments of a revised plan agreed in March 2021 have not been made for August, November & December. It was agreed that any unpaid 2021 Parish Share would be written off by LDBF. As of 31/12/22 the parish share for November 2022 and December 2022 remain unpaid at a total amount of £10,922.74, due to insufficient monies in the general account. As of 31/12/23 the parish share for August 2023 to December 2023 remain unpaid at a total amount of £27,666.05, due to insufficient monies in the general account. Total Arrears are:

November 2019	£	5,852.33
December 2019	£	5,852.33
November 2022	£	5,461.37
December 2022	£	5,461.37
August 2023	£	5,533.21
September 2023	£	5,533.21
October 2023	£	5,533.21
November 2023	£	5,533.21
December 2023	£	5,533.21

TOTAL £ 50,293.45

There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

Note 8 - a contract for the required annual inspection of the Lightning conductor has been entered into with PTSG Services group to save costs, £90 plus VAT (£108.00) per annum for the period 05/12/20 to 04/12/2025.

2. Newchurch PCC: 200 Club Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Subscriptions	203a		£ 2,195.00	£ 2,916.00	£ 2,965.00	£ 3,395.00
Donations	203a		-	£ 99.00		
Cheques not Paid Out	203a		-	£ -	£ 60.00	£ 70.00
		£ -	£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
PAYMENTS						
Prizes	503		£ 1,770.00	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,410.50	£ 1,622.00
Transfer to PCC	503		£ 60.00	£ 1,596.00	£ 2,164.50	£ 1,200.00
Warrington Borough Council	503			£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 40.00
Credits not presented		£ -	£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00	£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00
		£ -	£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00	£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00
Summary for the year						
Bank balance at 1 January			£ 518.50	£ 559.50	£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50
Plus Receipts			£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
Minus Payments			£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00		
Closing Balance at 31 December		£ -	£ 883.50	£ 518.50	£ 4,154.50	£ 3,991.50

Note 9 - 200 Club closed as of 08/11/22. Closing bank balance transfer to Main Account was £1,155.50

3. Newchurch PCC: Junior Church Account

RECEIPTS		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Collections	203a		£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 17.49	£ 88.26
Donations	203a	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 162.00	£ 50.25
			£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 179.49	£ 138.51
PAYMENTS						
Stationery	503	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 13.00
Gifts / Prizes	503	£ -	£ -		£ 39.15	£ 39.38
Miscellaneous	503	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Party	503	£ -	£ -		£ 22.27	£ 21.11
Visits / Subscriptions	503	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 33.00	£ 102.00
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 94.42	£ 175.49
Summary for the year						
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 365.68	£ 315.68	£ 265.68	£ 180.61	£ 217.59
Plus Receipts			£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 179.49	£ 138.51
Minus Payments		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 94.42	£ 175.49

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Analysis of resources	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
		<u>£ 365.68</u>	<u>£ 365.68</u>	<u>£ 315.68</u>	<u>£ 265.68</u>	<u>£ 180.61</u>

4. Newchurch PCC: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Account

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic there was no fundraising Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in 2020

The Christmas Tree Festival had a separate bank account with Barclays with a balance of £95.84. For some reason the account had been marked as 'gone away', and correspondence suppressed. As no takings were received last year due to Covid-19, the account became dormant. Barclays pre-populated a dormancy letter, however it was not sent as correspondence was suppressed and the account was closed on 17/11/21 and balance taken. The takings for the 2021 festival have been paid into the Newchurch PCC account held with Natwest, and monies for 2023 have been paid into this account. Note that 2023 Christmas Tree expenses have not yet been calculated and taken from the account as of 15/02/24. These expenses will be shown on the 2024 annual accounts.

RECEIPTS		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	203a	£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
		£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
PAYMENTS						
Alan Wright	503	£ -	£ 21.00	£ 142.16		£ 111.91
F Wilcock expenses	503	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Newchurch Parish Church (donation)	503	£ -	£ -	£ 810.00		£ 900.00
Printers	503	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Band	503	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 300.00		£ 200.00
Ann Atkinson expenses	503	£ -	£ 62.00	£ -		£ -
Mulled Wine	503	£ -	£ 434.16	£ 330.00		£ 350.00
Children's Society	504	£ -				
		£ -	£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Summary for the year		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 962.82	£ -	£ 95.84	£ 95.84	£ 170.01
Plus						
Receipts		£ 1,812.56	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
Minus						
Payments		£ -	£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Closing Balance at 31 December		<u>£ 2,775.38</u>	<u>£ 962.82</u>	<u>£ 94.49</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Monetary Assets	2023
	£
Newchurch PCC Main Account	£89,477.77
Junior Church	£365.68
Total Monetary Assets	£89,843.45

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club/Bonus Ball		Junior Church		Christmas Tree*		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 27,103.49								£ 27,103.49	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 1,000.00								£ 1,000.00	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 7,335.90								£ 7,335.90	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 3,402.31	£ 2,874.80			£ -				£ 3,402.31	£ 2,874.80
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ -								£ -	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 430.00								£ 430.00	
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ -								£ -	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a	£ -								£ -	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 5,190.96		£ 1,000.00				£ 1,812.56		£ 8,003.52	£ -
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 12,518.00	£ 4,805.00							£ 12,518.00	£ 4,805.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 1,910.62								£ 1,910.62	£ -
OTHER INCOMNG RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ -								£ -	£ -
									£ -	£ -
	£ 58,891.28	£ 7,679.80	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,812.56	£ -	£ 61,703.84	£ 7,679.80
	£ 66,571.08								£ 66,571.08	£ -
	£ 66,571.08		£ 1,000.00		£ -		£ 1,812.56		£ 69,383.64	£ -

14 Number of tax efficient planned givers

*Incl in Newchurch

15 Number of other planned givers

16 Number of new legacies received

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TOTAL

Payments	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTALS	
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ -		£ -				£ -		£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 362.00								£ 362.00	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 38,732.47								£ 38,732.47	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honararia- 506	£ 1,215.00								£ 1,215.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 724.00	£ 337.50							£ 724.00	£ 337.50
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangelism costs 507	£ 950.02								£ 950.02	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 515.00	£ 175.00							£ 515.00	£ 175.00
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 618.26	£ 9,877.42							£ 618.26	£ 9,877.42
23c Church insurance costs 510	£ 2,679.82								£ 2,679.82	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 7,118.76								£ 7,118.76	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 4,243.90								£ 4,243.90	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building		£ 3,471.80							£ -	£ 3,471.80
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014									£ -	£ -
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 57,159.23	£ 13,861.72	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 57,159.23	£ 13,861.72
									£ -	£ -
	£ 71,020.95		£ -		£ -		£ -		£ 71,020.95	£ -

31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December

32 Investments as at 31st December

33 Liabilities due within 1 year:



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2023

Church Number:789	Church Name: Newchurch	Deanery: Winwick
Looking back across 2023, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide brief details with this form.		Diocese: Liverpool

INCOMING RESOURCES			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary Giving					Cost of generating funds		
1	Tax efficient planned giving (reglular Gift Aid giving)	£	27,103	£ -	17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£ - £ -
2	Other planned giving (non Gift Aid)	£	1,000	£ -	Church Activities & Church Expenses		
3	Collections at services	£	7,336	£ -	18	Mission giving and donations	£ 362 £ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£	3,402	£ 2,875	19	Deanery Share/Parish Share contribution	£ 38,732 £ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£	-	£ -	20	Salaries, wages and honararia	£ 1,215 £ -
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£	430	£ -	21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 724 £ 338
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	-	£ -	22	Mission and evangelism costs	£ 950 £ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£	-	£ -	23	a. Church running expenses (inc. Governance)	£ 515 £ 175
A	SUB-TOTAL Voluntary Giving:	£	39,272	£ 2,875		b. Church building maintenance costs	£ 618 £ 9,877
Activities for generating funds						c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£ 2,680 £ -
9	Income from fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£	8,004	£ -	24	Church utility bills	£ 7,119 £ -
Income from investments					25	Cost of trading	£ 4,244 £ -
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£	-	£ -	D	SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£ 57,159 £ 10,390
Church Activities					Major expenditure		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£	12,518	£ 4,805	27	Major repairs to the church building	£ - £ 3,472
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds) e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall. NOT fundraising.	£	1,911	£ -	28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ - £ -
Other					29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ - £ -
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed	£	-	£ -	E	SUB-TOTAL for Major expenditure:	£ - £ 3,472
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)					99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ - £ -
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£	61,704	£ 7,680	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES					F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£ 57,159 £ 13,862
14	Number of regular Gift Aid givers (include PGS givers)		45		Cash and Investment Balances		
15	Number of regular non Gift Aid givers (inc. PGS givers)		1		31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£ - £ -
16	Number of new legacies received during year		0		32	Investments valued as at 31st December	£ - £ -
C	Grand Total Receipts/Income	£	69,384		33	Liabilities due within 1 year	£ 14,107 £ -
G	Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£	71,021		Are your accounts Receipts&Payments or Accruals (indicate ONE)?		
					30	Receipts and payments []	Accruals []

Please refer to the notes available from our diocesan website to help clarify what is included in each section. Line numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 5th edn.
(<https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/return-of-parish-finance/>)

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Newchurch

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

789

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.

Signed:

Alan P. Parkinson

Date:

9th March 2024

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Accounts

*Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth
Diocese of Liverpool*

*Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council*

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For the year ended 31st December 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1128702

The Church is based on Church Lane, Culcheth. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence addresses are during the interregnum:

Mr Alan Wright
16 Bollin Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 5DU

Mr Geoff Bent
10 Burnham Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 4LJ

For the period from 1st January 2022 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent	Vacant
Churchwardens	Mr Alan Wright Mr Geoff Bent
Deanery Synod	Mr Alan Wright Mr Rupert Rees Mrs Jean Williams
Elected members	
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jean Williams
PCC Secretary	Mrs Ann Atkinson
Treasurer	Mrs Suzanne Kadodwala (resigned October 2022) Mrs Jean Wright Mr Kenneth Quick Miss Maureen Hurley Mrs Freda Wilcock Mrs Chris Crye Mr Christopher Yates Mrs Beverley Litton
Co-opted	Mrs Ann Mills Mrs Sophie Rice (from October 2022)
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Bill Leatherbarrow

The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Bank	NatWest, 32 Market Street Leigh Lancashire WN7 1DX
Independent Examiner	Mr Alan Parkinson, 7 Spires Gardens, Winwick, Warrington, WA2 8WB
Quinquennial Architect	Mr Robin Wolley, B Arch RIBA, The Studio, Ruthin, LL15 2PW
Legal Advisors	The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry (Lee Bolton, Monier-Williams, Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3JT).

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and wardens: Mr. Alan Wright, Mr. Geoff Bent.

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Newchurch, Culcheth PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The method of appointment of 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

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, forms part of a joint benefice with Christ Church, Croft.

Other related trusts:

Culcheth Educational Foundation - registered charity No. 526389, a religious instruction trust. The Rector and the two churchwardens are trustees.

The PCC operates three subcommittees:

Standing Committee: The terms of reference of this committee are to transact the business of the council between PCC meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC, to set the agenda for PCC meetings and to reflect on issues which may require more time than can be set aside at Council meetings due to pressure of business. This team is composed of the clergy and lay officers of the church plus one elected member of the PCC.

Worship Group: This committee is comprised of clergy, readers and lay leaders from both Christ Church and Newchurch. It is responsible for the rota and content of services.

Finance Committee: This committee is composed of the Sue Kadodwala up to October and Sophie Rice November/December (PCC treasurers), The Church Wardens and Albert De Jong (the Freewill Offering registrar). Its role is to oversee all financial transactions of behalf of the PCC.

The PCC monitors basic policies and procedures for: Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Management, Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection. Individual members of the PCC receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC
These are as follows:-

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, the PCC are undergoing a programme of assessments. Procedures are being put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows:

Financial Risk

Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use, however, Newchurch is not currently able to make any financial investments due to general lack of funds.

The PCC have reviewed internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling, and the Treasurer reviews controls in line with regulatory requirements to ensure Financial Governance. These include:

- Formalisation of the monthly Finance Meeting with the Finance Committee with the following agenda items discussed and reviewed:
 - Agree cheques to be paid
 - Review progress on actions
 - Discuss risks and issues
 - AOB

- Minutes produced detailing invoices to be paid and key decisions made.
- Production and distribution of monthly income and expenditure sheets.
- Production of a 12 month budget forecast and quarterly management accounts showing progress against budget.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

A Health and Safety review has been undertaken by a member of the PCC. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being complied with. These procedures are reviewed regularly. There are procedures for recording accidents and churchwardens and side persons are usually trained annually in fire safety, however this year this has not been possible. Training will be re-introduced as soon as regulations allow.

Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed so that in the event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period then services will be held in the Parish Hall, if available.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC takes its duty and obligation to protect children and vulnerable adults seriously. Church members, where appropriate, are checked under child protection legislation through the agreed online DBS service; this includes Parochial Church Committee members as Trustees on the PCC of Newchurch. The PCC will continue to review its policies based on the diocesan and the Church of England guidelines.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has an aspirational reserves policy whereby it intends to hold three to four months running costs as a general reserve (circa £25,000 - £30,000).

At the end of the financial year, the reserve stood at £19,886.97 remaining the same as 2021. It will continue to be the aim of the PCC to add to this, should the opportunity arise.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' At Newchurch our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children - our neighbours.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2022 were to provide the following public benefits:

To Love the Lord our God and to be open to Him through

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer
- To review our services in order to enhance the beauty of our worship and to make occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.
- Taking assemblies for children in local schools and on church premises
- Promoting the mission of the Church through the provision of activities for the whole community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through fellowship

- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To continue to meet with our ecumenical partners locally and to support one another.

During 2022 we aimed to achieve these objectives by:

- Following the relaxation of governmental restrictions with regard to Covid19, implementation the procedures for services and outreach events has been gradually introduced.

4.ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES

The interregnum has prevented the PCC from achieving as much as we would have wished. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

The electoral roll is now 83.

Worship:

Church services are on Sundays at 10.30am. Joint services with the other churches in the group were arranged when there is a 5th Sunday in a month. Special services are arranged at relevant times, eg Carol services, Tree Festival services, Crib services, All Souls and Remembrance Day services during 2022 was as follows:

Average attendance at Sunday services during 2022 was as follows:

10.30am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Adults: 49 Under 16's: 2 (26 services were held this year)

10.30am Morning Worship

Adults: 36 Under 16's: 1. (23 services were held this year.)

10.30am Average for both services :

Adults: 42 Under 16's: 2

6.30pm services held this year. All Souls 192 Adults 2 children. Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service 67 Adults 6 children and Choir Carol Service 79 Adults 7 children. Crib service 64 children 148 adults.

Tuesday Service in the Parish Hall: 11. There were 37 services held this year.

Occasional Offices for 2022

Weddings 5

Baptisms 22

Funerals 42

Interment of ashes 13

Communion was also given in care homes in the village.

18.30 Praise. A service of worship, reflections, prayer, and songs with a live band is began in June. It is held fortnightly at 6.30pm on Sundays in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Care and Service to the Community

As Covid 19 regulations eased the Pastoral Visiting Team considered recommencing visiting. Many found this challenging for a variety of reasons and could no longer be involved in the group.

We are able to stay in touch virtually with members of the congregation/ friends of the church, by distributing Easter/ Christmas cards etc. Regular monthly communion services in both Chatburn Court (sheltered accommodation) and Holcroft Grange (Care Home) continue.

Newchurch Junior Church

At present we have 8 children, the eldest of which is 8 and 5 are below school age. We have 3 leaders and several parent helpers. The age range for whom we cater is 2 -16 years. We were able to make our Easter Garden. We meet in the Family room every Sunday at 10.30am. Our Nativity Play this year was interactive and involved the whole congregation.

The leaders organised 2 outreach/social event in Church, the Easter and Harvest Extravaganzas. These attracted a significant number of families from outside the usual congregation.

Mothers' Union

We started the year with our AGM and we were pleased to enrol 2 new members. The Worship Group provided us with speakers when required. We celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a members afternoon tea, also providing commemorative bookmarks. We were able to host the Deanery Afternoon tea, the proceeds being sent to Mother's Union Summer Appeal. October is the month we recognise the Merseyside Mission to Seafarer's, as part of our M U commitment and in 2022 we were able to visit the mission, taking toiletries and articles of clothing for distribution within the port. Our Advent service was the final act of worship, the members attending a Christmas lunch at the Village Club.

Church Building Report

(January - December 2022)

We have not disposed of any assets and retain all our possessions and the general standard of maintenance of the Church building is relatively good, a fortuitous situation bearing in mind the continuing financial deficit.

The Quinquennial Report by the Diocesan architect was performed in September and several items were mentioned for maintenance, most of which can be done by our volunteer teams.

The annual boiler service was completed, as was the clearing of the lower levels of the gutters to remove vegetation and debris. The 5 year electrical inspection has been undertaken and was declared satisfactory.

There is evidence of rotting wood at the front of the lych gate where it meets the stone wall and also loose slates. These issues are being addressed.

The Graveyard drainage project completed in 2020 has proved to be largely successful. The project to refurbish the porch is ongoing.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities in 2022 equated to a total of £10,331.

This included the usual fundraising events undertaken by volunteers within the congregation such as the Christmas Tree Festival, regular film nights, music concerts, quizzes, tea & coffee activities, card sales, magazine sales and the 200 Club.

The Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival, raised £2,409 and £1,629 respectively. This is an increase of income from £3,840 to £4,038. Of the money raised from the Christmas Tree Festival, £434 was donated to the Children's Society.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

2022 has proven to be a challenging year financially with many factors impacting on incomings and expenditure, such as economic inflation, the energy crisis and cost of living increase.

Overall, the total income for the church in 2022 has increased on 2021 levels (up by 7% i.e. £5,800).

Planned Giving in 2022 decreased by a further 1% to £25,603, however there was a slight increase in the re-claim of tax rebate to £3,051. This income formed 46% of the total income stream for the year.

We would encourage all members of the congregation to continue to review their giving and, if not already part of the Free Will Offering scheme, to consider making regular donations via the Parish Giving Scheme, standing order, cheque or envelope. If you pay any form of tax please sign a Gift Aid declaration.

We would encourage members of the congregation to consider bequest donations in their financial and will planning.

General fund donations for the year saw a decrease of £592 to £9,145.

Income from funerals slightly increased by 8% to £11,392, whilst wedding income increased from £1,128 to £3,369 - although still only 56% of pre-pandemic levels (2019).

Income from the Parish Magazine adverts and sales totalled £2,223 which is an increase on last year's income of £1,970, after printing expenses this resulted in a net profit of £1,041.

Restricted Funds

Due to the Newchurch continuing interregnum, the restricted fund required for the Sequestration account to keep a record of assigned fees has been maintained. The balance is currently £21,760 in credit, due to the dedication of the clergy team who have carried out many services during the period without recompense.

Overall, there is a net increase in restricted funds of £3,961, detailed in the table below.

Monies have been used from the churchyard fund for general equipment expenses and maintenance, the expenses show a 6% increase from £4,166 to £4,430.

Two new restricted funds have been created in 2022, the choir fund and the clock fund. The clock fund has been set up to collect monies to assist with repairs to the clock and mechanism, which is currently in disrepair.

The separate fundraising project called the 'Drainage Project' which ran for the duration of 2017 to raise monies specifically to improve drainage within the churchyard paid out retention monies of £1,200 following acceptable re-seeding of the area. Another phase of work is required to complete the project, however this would require

further fundraising to supplement the balance of monies held within the Drainage Project restricted fund (£6,886).

	Church Yard	Drainage Project	Sequestration Fund	Bell Tower	Clock Fund	Choir Fund	Xmas Tree Festival	Porch Fund (Beryl's Legacy)	General Reserve Fund
Opening Balance:	£ 6,461.63	£ 6,886.79	£ 15,615.90	£ 581.19	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 15,421.24	£ 19,886.97
INCOME									
January	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 299.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 230.00	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 717.00	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 1,093.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ 686.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ -	£ -	£ 44.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ -	£ -	£ 437.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 94.49	£ -	£ -
August	£ 75.00	£ -	£ 941.00	£ -	£ 200.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 559.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 120.00	£ -	£ 942.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 442.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ 195.00	£ -	£ 693.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,535.49	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 795.00	£ -	£ 7,083.00	£ 170.00	£ 220.00	£ 100.00	£ 1,629.98	£ -	£ -
EXPENDITURE									
January	£ 2,044.06	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ 8.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 27.72	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ 176.23	£ -	£ 218.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ 84.44	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ 20.59	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 2,010.50	£ -	£ 109.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ 19.66	£ -	£ 251.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 39.16	£ -	£ 251.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ 109.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 667.16	£ -	£ -
Subtotal	£ 4,430.86	£ -	£ 938.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 667.16	£ -	£ -
Closing Balance	£ 2,825.77	£ 6,886.79	£ 21,760.90	£ 751.19	£ 220.00	£ 100.00	£ 962.82	£ 15,421.24	£ 19,886.97

Pensions Regulation

New Pension law impacted the church during 2017 with the staging date set for pensions of 1/8/2017. The Finance Committee selected the government scheme NEST as the preferred pension offering, and the two eligible employees were offered the option of taking up a pension in the scheme. There was no take up. The declaration of compliance was completed & returned to the Pensions Regulator 4/9/2017, a further re-declaration was completed 05/08/2020 in line with Pension law requirements. There continues to be no take up of the scheme.

Expenditure

Expenditure continues to be monitored closely and restricted to essential expenses only, with cost savings made wherever possible.

In the absence of an incumbent, ministry expenses were £1,055 in 2022 due to a council tax bill for the Rectory property. The Rectory continues to be let by the Diocese which reduces our liabilities to be paid on the property.

Church Building costs were all funded by restricted funds, these were slightly higher (an increase of 1% overall) with close monitoring of costs. There was a significant 76% increase on church gas/electric/water expenses from £1,670 in 2021 to £2,945, however it should be noted that the a grant of £1,000 was kindly gifted by the Diocese to assist with gas/electric expenses.

There has been a 12% increase in the combined costs for the Upkeep of Services, from £614 to £688.

A Sequestration account has been maintained and the balance of assigned fees held in a restricted fund. PCC were unable to pay two of the 2021 Parish Share payments totaling £11,704, during the year due to lack of unrestricted funds, this combined with arrears from 2019 gives a total of £22,627 due to Diocese in Parish Share arrears.

In conclusion, the overall financial position continues to be precarious, with the continuing increase in expenditure, continuing decline of average attendance figures and average age profile of the congregation needing to be reversed to secure the long-term financial future of the Parish. However we are grateful for the continued support from our loyal and generous congregation.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2023 we intend to...

- Re-establish the Church community when a new rector is appointed.
- Continue to refurbish the entrance way of the church.
- Work with the other local churches with a view to becoming a 'Dementia Friendly' group.
- Make repairs to the lych gate.
- Consolidate the changes to the way baptisms are carried out, and to look to explore how we can attract younger couples to start attending on a more regular basis.
- Continue to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.

Agent Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people / organisations:

- Treasurer and Wardens £7,083 was received in regard to assigned fees for weddings, funerals and burials in 2022 and is held in a Sequestration Account.
- Organist, bells and vergers - £1,596 was received from funeral directors and wedding couples regarding funerals and weddings respectively. This money was passed directly to the appropriate individuals.

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree*		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 24,268.78								£ 24,268.78	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 800.00								£ 800.00	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 8,245.59								£ 8,245.59	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 8,145.15	£ 1,285.00			£ 50.00				£ 8,195.15	£ 1,285.00
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ 3,051.36								£ 3,051.36	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 535.00								£ 535.00	£ -
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ -								£ -	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a	£ 1,000.00								£ 1,000.00	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 6,506.76		£ 2,195.00				£ 1,629.98		£ 10,331.74	£ -
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 14,761.52	£ 7,083.00							£ 14,761.52	£ 7,083.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising 401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 2,223.46								£ 2,223.46	£ -
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ 105.00								£ 105.00	£ -
	£ 69,642.62	£ 8,368.00	£ 2,195.00	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 1,629.98	£ -	£ 73,517.60	£ 8,368.00
	£ 78,010.62								£ 78,010.62	£ -
	£ 78,010.62		£ 2,195.00		£ 50.00		£ 1,629.98		£ 81,895.60	£ -

*Incl in Newchurch

- 14 Number of tax efficient planned givers
15 Number of other planned givers
16 Number of new legacies received

1

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
Payments										
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS.										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ 1,327.49		£ 1,830.00				£ 667.16		£ 3,824.55	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 177.77								£ 177.77	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 49,385.79								£ 49,385.79	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honoraria- 506	£ 1,160.00								£ 1,160.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 1,596.00	£ 1,993.89							£ 1,596.00	£ 1,993.89
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangelism costs 507	£ 688.10								£ 688.10	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 515.00								£ 515.00	£ -
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 499.78	£ 4,430.86							£ 499.78	£ 4,430.86
23c Church Insurance costs 510	£ 2,320.18								£ 2,320.18	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 2,945.19								£ 2,945.19	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 2,436.28								£ 2,436.28	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building- 2012									£ -	£ -
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014									£ -	£ -
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 63,051.58	£ 6,424.75	£ 1,830.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 667.16	£ -	£ 65,543.74	£ 6,424.75
	£ 69,476.33		£ 1,830.00		£ -		£ 667.16		£ 71,973.49	£ -

- 31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December
32 Investments as at 31st December
33 Liabilities due within 1 year:



Return of Parish Finance January to December 2022

Parish Name: Newchurch		If the form is NOT completed for the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Parish Code (6 digits)	
Are your accounts Receipts and Payments [X] OR Accruals [] ? (indicate ONE)		Newchurch		Deanery: Winwick	
Diocese: Liverpool					
RECEIPTS/INCOME		PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary giving		Costs of generating funds			
1 Regular giving	£ 25,069 £	17 Costs of fundraising activities	£ 3,825 £		
3 Collections at services	£ 8,246 £	Church activities			
4 All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 8,195 £	18 Mission giving and donations	£ 178 £		
6 Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 3,586 £	19 Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 49,386 £		
7 Legacies received (capital value)	£ - £	20 Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 1,160 £		
8 Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 1,000 £	21 Clergy and staff expenses	£ 1,596 £		1,994
Total voluntary giving	£ 46,096 £	Church expenses			
Activities for generating funds		22 Mission and evangelism costs	£ 688 £		
9 Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 10,332 £	23 Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 3,335 £		4,431
Income from investments		24 Church utility bills	£ 2,945 £		
10 Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ - £	25 Costs of trading	£ 2,436 £		
Church activities		Major capital expenditure			
11 Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 14,762 £	27 Major repairs to the church building	£ - £		
12 Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising	£ 2,223 £	28 Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	£ - £		
Other incoming resources		29 New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	£ - £		
13 Other receipts/income not already listed	£ 105 £	Other expenditure			
PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E		99 Other payments/expenditure not already listed	£ - £		
Totals (from Financial Statements)		PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E			
A RECEIPTS/INCOME	Unrestricted £ 73,518 £	Totals (from Financial Statements)		Unrestricted £ 65,549 £	Restricted £ 6,425
B COMBINED TOTAL	£ 81,886			COMBINED TOTAL £ 71,973	
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES		CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
14 Number of regular givers	45	Cash and deposit balances/Net current assets as at 31/12/22		£ 32,357 £	£ 48,929
16 Number of new legacies received in year		Investment assets as at 31/12/22		£ - £	£ -
Name Sophie Rice		Date		26/01/23	
Position Treasurer					
Email or telephone 01925 509826 ricesophieelizabeth@gmail.com					
Please refer to the accompanying notes to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in <i>PCC Accountability</i> , 5th edn.					
Looking back across 2022, was there any exceptional financial activity affecting movement on cash and investment balances? Please provide details in this box					
E These might include project or capital expenditure, major equipment purchases, property or asset disposals, new investment or investment sales, new loans or loan repayments					

30	Receipts and Payments OR Accruals ?	Your accounts and financial statements will have been prepared on one or other of these bases. Accruals accounting is mandatory for parishes with gross annual income of over £250,000. Please indicate which basis of accounting has been used to report these figures by placing an X in the centre of one of the brackets []
1	Regular giving <i>previous "Planned giving" RPF 1 and 2)</i>	Money given regularly (e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly) through a standing order or the parish giving scheme, by envelope or by cheque. Include gross amounts for money given through charity vouchers (e.g. CAF or Sovereign Giving) and payroll giving. Otherwise net amounts - report tax recovered separately under Gift Aid at RPF 6
3	Collections at services	Money given in collections at services, excluding money given through planned giving envelopes, but including one-off gifts given through Gift Aid envelopes (net amount). Do not include monies passed to a charity that do not 'go through the books'
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals <i>[Combines previous RPF 4 and 5]</i>	Money given in church boxes and wall safes, at Gift Days, through individual donations from givers, and the proceeds of special appeals Accruals Accounts: include (a) gifts of freehold or leasehold land or shares at market value; (b) donated services and facilities (expense the equivalent "value to the charity"); (c) gifts in kind for sale (estimated value at time of gift); (d) gifts in kind for own use (if material) - capitalise and expense over their useful economic life
6	Gift Aid recovered	Tax recovered from HMRC on all money given to the PCC under Gift Aid, split between restricted and unrestricted donations and allocated to the appropriate fund. This should include claims through the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme, on small cash and contactless donations. For limits see https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme
7	Legacies received	The capital amount of a legacy, together with interest from the probate process, should be recorded in the year(s) that it appears in the accounts. Any interest from legacy investments should be recorded as income from investments.
8	Grants <i>[Combines previous RPF 8 and 8A]</i>	External grants (whether one-off or recurring) received from trusts and other funding bodies for the PCC's General Fund or for a restricted purpose. Include VAT recovered through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. Do not include transfers within a benefice
	Total voluntary giving	These will be the totals of the figures reported in the six rows above
9	Fundraising activities	Money raised from sponsored activities, jumble sales, fetes, and other activities where the primary purpose is fundraising. Income should be stated gross, and any costs must be recorded separately as payments in RPF 17
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	Bank and other interest including any reclaimed tax on investment income; dividends from shareholdings and investments; rent received from land or buildings owned by PCC. Report monies from sale of buildings or investments in RPF 13
11	Fees retained by PCC	PCC Fees for weddings, funerals etc. Do not include fees received on behalf of the DBF or organist as these are not PCC funds
12	Trading activities	Money received from trading activities including bookstall, letting of the church hall, sales and advertising of church magazines, membership fees, payments for events etc., where these are distinct from fundraising. Income should be stated gross, and any costs must be recorded separately as payments in RPF 17
13	Other receipts/income not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E	These may include monies from the sale of buildings or investments, insurance claims, transfers from term deposits, loans received or transfers from other churches in the benefice Accruals Accounts: Proceeds from the sale or disposal of assets that have already been capitalised (property, investments, fixed assets etc.) should be noted where they exceed the book value of the asset sold or disposed of, i.e. where there has been a gain on disposal
A	Receipts/income totals (from Financial Statements)	These will be the totals of the figures reported under the numbered receipts/income headings above. For accounts prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis, they should equal the "Total Receipts" figures reported in the financial statements for Unrestricted and Restricted Funds (except where they form part of total receipts for a parish with included churches)
B	Combined Total	This will be the sum of the two totals reported in row A above. They will not usually be shown as a separate figure in the financial statements.
14	Number of regular givers <i>[Combines previous RPF "Planned givers" 14 and 15]</i>	Each regular giver should only be counted ONCE. If more than one person is associated with a regular giving scheme, only ONE person should be counted
16	Number of new legacies received in year	A legacy should only be counted in the first year that money from it is received. Each legacy should only be counted once
17	Costs of fundraising activities	Costs of fundraising events, which have contributed to the monies received in RPFs above. Also include fees paid to a professional fundraiser, the costs of a stewardship campaign and the costs of supporting regular giving e.g. envelopes

18	Mission giving and donations	Donations to external missions and charities that come from the PCC's receipts. Collections that go directly to external charities should not be included	
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	All payments made during the year, including arrears or prepayments	Accruals Accounts: Payment due for the year
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	Employments costs of assistant staff, youth worker, vergier, administrator, sexton, organist and choir etc. Include NI/Pension costs where applicable	
21	Clergy and staff expenses	Working expenses of the incumbent and assistant staff: e.g. telephone, postage, stationery, travel costs, secretarial assistance, office equipment, maintenance of robes, hospitality. Include costs relating to clergy/staff housing paid by the PCC (including where applicable repair costs, water rates, council tax, and redecoration)	
22	Mission and evangelism costs	Costs of mission and evangelistic outreach, including courses and activities, but excluding staff salaries	
23	Church running expenses <i>[Combines previous RPF 23 and 26]</i>	Insurance, routine maintenance, cleaning, church office costs, upkeep of services, organ tuning etc. Also include governance costs, e.g. fees for audit or independent examination.	Accruals Accounts: Where equipment, IT or other fixed asset costs have been capitalised, depreciation is included in church running expenses
24	Church utility bills	Total costs of electricity, gas, oil, water etc	
25	Costs of trading	Include the cost of trading activities that generated the monies received in RPF 12	
27	Major repairs to the church building	Include repairs that are not routine and internal and external decoration	Accruals Accounts: Works integral to the fabric or structure of consecrated church property may be expensed as incurred. Where works project costs have been otherwise capitalised, depreciation is expensed over their useful economic life
28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property		
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	New buildings, major alterations and extensions to church or other property, including professional fees	
99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E	These may include monies to purchase of buildings or investments, transfers to term deposits, loans repayments or contributions to other churches in the benefice to shared costs	Accruals Accounts: Proceeds from the sale or disposal of assets that have already been capitalised (property, investments, fixed assets etc.) should be noted where their book value has not been realised, i.e. where there has been a loss on disposal
C	Payments/expenditure totals (from Financial Statements)	These will be the totals of the figures reported under the numbered payments/expenditure headings above. For accounts prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis, they should equal the "Total Payments" figures reported in the financial statements for Unrestricted and Restricted Funds (except where part of total receipts for a parish with included churches)	
D	Combined Total	This will be the sum of the two totals reported in row C above. They will not usually be shown as a separate figure in the financial statements	
31	Cash and deposit balances/Net current assets as at 31/12/22	Total Restricted and Unrestricted balances as at 31/12/22 for all current, deposit and cash-based investment accounts, plus cash in hand	Accruals Accounts: Adjust cash, deposit and cash-based investment balances to account for (a) stock (net realisable value); (b) trade debtors and prepayments, and subtract (c) short-term liabilities, e.g. trade creditors (usually = "NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)")
32	Investment assets as at 31/12/22	Total Restricted and Unrestricted balances as at 31/12/22 for all investment assets, including shares, bonds, CBF funds, CCLA and long-term interest-bearing accounts. These should, where possible, be reported at market value as at that date. Exclude investments held for Endowment Funds. Exclude Tangible fixed assets	
E	Additional comments	This box is to report (a) any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures in this return; (b) detail of exceptional receipts/income from RPF 13; (b) detail of exceptional payments/expenditure from RPF 99	

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Analysis of resources		2022	2021	2020	2019
1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account							
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Income							
Planned Giving							
Free Will Offerings	101	£	25,603.78	£	25,834.59	£	27,451.68
Tax Rebate	102	£	3,051.36	£	3,045.77	£	4,184.81
Plate Collections	104	£	8,245.59	£	5,817.93	£	5,048.57
		£	36,900.73	£	34,698.29	£	36,695.06
Individual Donations							
Requests	202	£	-	£	300.00	£	2,000.00
General fund	104	£	9,145.15	£	9,737.32	£	5,762.41
Churchyard Fund	104	£	795.00	£	620.00	£	615.00
Other Restricted Funds:							
- Porch Fund	104	£	-	£	-	£	-
- Clock Fund	104	£	220.00	£	-	£	-
- 3:11 Tower Fund	104	£	170.00	£	85.00	£	25.00
- Drainage Project	104	£	-	£	50.00	£	-
- Sequestration Fund - Assigned fees	104	£	7,083.00	£	5,715.00	£	6,444.00
- Choir Fund	104	£	100.00	£	-	£	-
		£	17,513.15	£	16,507.32	£	14,846.41
Fund Raising Events & Activities							
Christmas Fair & Draw	203a	£	2,469.19	£	2,260.11	£	-
200 Club	203a	£	1,929.50	£	1,560.00	£	2,624.94
Tra / Coffee	203a	£	438.00	£	-	£	1,200.00
Income from rent of space	203a	£	-	£	300.00	£	82.21
Other Parish Activities	203a	£	3,659.57	£	4,829.66	£	2,532.07
		£	8,436.26	£	8,949.77	£	4,752.78
Other Income							
Fees to PCC		£	-	£	-	£	-
Weddings	404	£	3,369.32	£	1,128.64	£	781.00
Funerals	404	£	11,392.00	£	10,505.62	£	14,666.00
Memorials	404	£	-	£	-	£	110.00
		£	14,761.32	£	11,634.26	£	15,557.00
Parish Magazine							
Advertisements	403b	£	1,301.60	£	994.10	£	815.30
Sales	403a	£	921.86	£	976.35	£	1,159.76
		£	2,223.46	£	1,970.46	£	1,975.06
From Christ Church, Cnft							
Contribution to Council Tax	103a	£	-	£	-	£	489.68
Contribution to Rector's Expenses	103a	£	-	£	-	£	-
Contribution to Assistant Curate's Expense	103a	£	-	£	-	£	-
Contribution to Water Rates	103a	£	-	£	-	£	-
Other		£	-	£	-	£	-
		£	79,835.12	£	73,760.10	£	74,315.99
Other Receipts							
From reserve account		£	-	£	-	£	-
Churches together		£	-	£	-	£	-
Collections for Charity	104	£	105.00	£	380.00	£	450.00
		£	105.00	£	380.00	£	450.00
TOTAL INCOME & RECEIPTS		£	79,940.12	£	74,140.10	£	74,765.99

Note 1 - this figure includes payments to Verger, Organist, Bells & Choir

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account				2022	2021	2020	2019
PAYMENTS							
Ministry							
Rector's Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	454.21
Rector's Council Tax & Water	501	£	1,055.89	£	-	£	563.40
Rector's Garden	501	£	-	£	-	£	-
Other Ministry:	501	£	-	£	-	£	-
- Assistant Curate Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-
- OLM Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-
- Visiting Clergy Expenses	501	£	-	£	-	£	-
		£	1,055.89	£	-	£	1,017.61
Church Building							
Church Gas / Electricity / Water	510	£	2,945.19	£	1,670.63	£	1,985.47
Cleaner	506	£	1,080.00	£	880.00	£	600.00
Church Insurance	508	£	2,320.18	£	2,229.76	£	2,241.44
Organ Insurance	508	£	515.00	£	515.00	£	488.93
Church Repairs & Maintenance	509	£	499.78	£	1,625.79	£	1,217.50
Bell Tower	508	£	-	£	-	£	-
Porch Fund	508	£	-	£	1,099.41	£	2,006.24
Churchyard	500	£	4,430.86	£	4,166.01	£	5,246.55
Drainage Project	508	£	-	£	-	£	1,200.00
		£	11,791.01	£	12,186.60	£	14,986.13
Upkeep of Services							
Service costs (eg altar bread / wine & candles & flowers)	507	£	643.82	£	27.50	£	128.90
Resources (eg books / PRS licence etc)	507	£	44.28	£	586.58	£	460.18
Organist	506	£	80.00	£	500.00	£	1,000.00
Major repairs		£	-	£	-	£	-
		£	768.10	£	1,114.08	£	1,589.08
Communication							
Stationery & Photocopying	511	£	181.58	£	304.10	£	184.89
Administration	511	£	997.30	£	999.26	£	551.00
Printing of Magazine	511	£	1,182.40	£	1,118.80	£	689.60
Mission costs	511	£	75.00	£	-	£	190.44
		£	2,436.28	£	2,422.16	£	1,615.93
Due to Diocese							
Parish Share	505	£	49,385.79	£	47,329.28	£	49,302.72
Loan		£	-	£	4,180.97	£	4,200.00
Assigned Fees Weddings & Funerals		£	-	£	-	£	-
Sequestration Fund		£	938.00	£	504.50	£	-
		£	50,323.79	£	52,014.75	£	53,502.72
Other Expenses							
Parish Activities	503	£	1,327.49	£	1,225.19	£	571.68
		£	1,327.49	£	1,225.19	£	571.68
Other Payments							
Wedding Pay (Verger, Bells, Organ & Ch)	502	£	1,596.00	£	870.45	£	644.00
Donations to Charity	504	£	177.77	£	552.00	£	450.00
Cost of generating funds		£	-	£	-	£	-
		£	1,773.77	£	1,422.45	£	1,094.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE & PAYMENTS		£	69,476.33	£	70,385.23	£	74,377.15

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account

		2022	2021	2020	2019
Summary for the year					
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61
Plus					
Total Income & Receipts		£ 79,940.12	£ 74,140.10	£ 74,765.99	£ 109,232.51
Plus Unpresented Cheques (see Note 1)		£ 6,623.15	£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Fund		£ 962.82			
Minus					

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Analysis of resources	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Expenditure & Payments		£ 69,476.33	£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03
Spreadsheet rounding's					
Previous years o/s chqs presented this year		£ 1,294.33	£ 1,898.60	£ 1,164.00	
Unpresented deposits as 31 December (see note 4)		£ 5,044.35			
Closing Balance at 31 December (see notes 2 - 7)		<u>£ 82,864.21</u>	<u>£ 71,153.13</u>	<u>£ 67,991.93</u>	<u>£ 66,879.09</u>

Notes:

Note 1. Cheques not presented at the Bank as at 31/12/2022 totalled £6,623.15 breakdown detailed below:

Unpresented cheques	Amount
Payee	
Parish Share LDBF - October Payment	£ 5,461.37
Readers Sub 2022	£ 200.00
PPM Ltd Dec Magazine	£ 112.00
HMRC - October - December PAYE	£ 70.00
Sharespace (Website) Reimbursement	£ 150.00
The Children's Society - Xmas Tree Festival	£ 434.16
PPM Ltd - Poster Invoice	£ 14.40
PTSG - Lightning protection inspection	£ 108.00
UU - Water 1/4ly Bill	£ 73.22
Total	£ 6,623.15

Note 2. Balance at year end includes Restricted Funds:

Church yard	£ 2,825.77
Drainage Project	£ 6,886.79
Porch Fund	£ 15,421.24
Clock Fund	£ 220.00
Choir Fund	£ 100.00
Bell Tower	£ 751.19

Total Restricted Fund Balance: £ 26,204.99

Note 3. Due to the Parish being Interregnum, sequestration commenced 01/05/2019. A sequestration restricted fund has been set up and reporting the account is in place. The balance of the sequestration fund as at 31/12/2022 is £ 21,760.90

Note 4. General Fund Balance at year end: £ 12,469.73
This includes unpresented December bank deposits totalling £5,044.35 which will be paid into the general account in January 2023. This includes £1,000.00 heating grant from the Diocese paid into the general account in November 2022.

Note 5. General Fund Reserve now stands at £19,886.97. These monies are held in line with our Reserve Policy requirement.

Note 6 - Parish Share Loan set up with the Diocese in June 2017 to commence payment of arrears from 2017 and previous years. Initial Loan amount £16,180.97

Parish Share Loan

£ 16,180.97

Loan Repayment Plan:	Monthly	Payments Made to Date per annum
2017 (July onwards)	£ 200.00	£ 1,200.00
2018	£ 250.00	£ 3,000.00
2019	£ 300.00	£ 3,600.00
2020	£ 350.00	£ 4,200.00
2021	£ 350.00	£ 4,180.97

Parish Share Loan balance outstanding as at 31/12/2022 is nil following full scheduled repayments being paid. However, Parish Share is still in arrears (see note 7)

Note 7 - as at 31st December 2022 Parish Share Arrears have increased further.

November and December 2019 remained unpaid (totalling £11,704.66).

Arrears from 2020 totalling £16,434.24 were offset by a grant received from the Church Commissioners for £16,906 with the balance to be credited against 2021 repayments.

In 2021, challenging financial circumstances due to Covid-19 have continued with church closures and limited opportunities for fund raising events. A further 3 Parish Share payments of a revised plan agreed in March 2021 have not been made for August, November & December. It was agreed that any unpaid 2021 Parish Share would be written off by LDBF.

As of 31/12/22 the parish share for November 2022 and December 2022 remain unpaid at a total amount of £10,922.74, due to insufficient monies. Total Arrears are:

November 2019	£ 5,852.33
December 2019	£ 5,852.33
November 2022	£ 5,461.37
December 2022	£ 5,461.37

TOTAL £ 22,627.40

There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

Note 8 - a contract for the required annual inspection of the Lightning conductor has been entered into with PTSG Services group to save costs, £90 plus VAT (£108.00) per annum for the period 05/12/20 to 04/12/2025. The invoice for 2022 is included in the unpresented cheques total.

2. Newchurch PCC: 200 Club Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	2020	2019
Subscriptions	203a £ 2,195.00	£ 2,916.00	£ 2,965.00	£ 3,395.00
Donations	203a -	£ 99.00		
Cheques not Paid Out	203a -	£ -	£ 60.00	£ 70.00
	£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
PAYMENTS				
Prizes	503 £ 1,770.00	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,410.50	£ 1,622.00
Transfer to PCC	503 £ 60.00	£ 1,596.00	£ 2,164.50	£ 1,200.00
Warrington Borough Council	503 -	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 40.00
Credits not presented				
	£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00	£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00
Summary for the year				
Bank balance at 1 January	£ 518.50	£ 559.50	£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50
Plus Receipts	£ 2,195.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
Minus Payments	£ 1,830.00	£ 3,056.00		
Closing Balance at 31 December	<u>£ 883.50</u>	<u>£ 518.50</u>	<u>£ 4,154.50</u>	<u>£ 3,991.50</u>

Note 9 - 200 Club closed as of 08/11/22. Closing bank balance transfer to Main Account was £1,155.50

3. Newchurch PCC: Junior Church Account

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	2020	2019
Collections	203a £ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 17.49	£ 88.26
Donations	203a -	£ 50.00	£ 162.00	£ 50.25
	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 179.49	£ 138.51
PAYMENTS				
Stationery	503 £ -		£ -	£ 13.00
Gifts / Prizes	503 £ -		£ 39.15	£ 39.38
Miscellaneous	503 £ -		£ -	£ -
Party	503 £ -		£ 22.27	£ 21.11
Visits / Subscriptions	503 £ -		£ 33.00	£ 102.00

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Analysis of resources	2022	2021	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Summary for the year					
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 315.68	£ 265.68	£ 180.61	£ 217.59
Plus Receipts		£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 179.49	£ 138.51
Minus Payments		£ -	£ -	£ 94.42	£ 175.49
		<u>£ 365.68</u>	<u>£ 315.68</u>	<u>£ 265.68</u>	<u>£ 180.61</u>

4. Newchurch PCC: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Account

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic there was no fundraising Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in 2020

The Christmas Tree Festival had a separate bank account with Barclays with a balance of £95.84. For some reason the account had been marked as 'gone away', and correspondence suppressed. As no takings were received last year due to Covid-19, the account became dormant. Barclays pre-populated a dormancy letter, however it was not sent as correspondence was suppressed and the account was closed on 17/11/21 and balance taken. Actions are currently being taken with Barclays to recover the £95.84. The takings for the 2021 festival have been paid into the Newchurch PCC account held with Natwest, and monies will in future be paid into this account.

		2022	2021	2020	2019
RECEIPTS					
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	203a	£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
		£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
PAYMENTS					
Alan Wright	503	£ 21.00	£ 142.16		£ 111.91
F Wilcock expenses	503		£ -		
Newchurch Parish Church (donation & hi	503		£ 810.00		£ 900.00
Printers	503		£ -		£ 200.00
Band	503	£ 150.00	£ 300.00		
Ann Aikinson expenses	503		£ -		
Mulled Wine	503	£ 62.00			
Children's Society	504	£ 434.16	£ 330.00		£ 350.00
		£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Summary for the year					
Bank balance at 1 January		£ -	£ 95.84	£ 95.84	£ 170.01
Plus Receipts		£ 1,629.98	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
Minus Payments		£ 667.16	£ 1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Closing Balance at 31 December		<u>£ 962.82</u>	<u>£ 94.49</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Monetary Assets

2022

£

Newchurch PCC Main Account

£82,864.21

Junior Church

£365.68

Total Monetary Assets

£83,229.89



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Newchurch

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

789

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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 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.

Signed:

Alan P. Parkinson

Date:

8th March 2023

Name:

Alan P Parkinson

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Accounts

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For the year ended 31st December 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1128702

The Church is based on Church Lane, Culcheth. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence addresses are during the interregnum :

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For the period from 1st January 2021 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent	Vacant
Churchwardens	Mr Alan Wright Mr Geoff Bent
Deanery Synod	Mr Alan Wright Mr Rupert Rees Mrs Jean Williams
Elected members	
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jean Williams
PCC Secretary	Mrs Ann Atkinson
Treasurer	Mrs Suzanne Kadodwala Mrs Jean Wright Mr Kenneth Quick Miss Maureen Hurley Mrs Freda Wilcock Mrs Ann Mills Mrs Chris Crye
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Bill Leatherbarrow

The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Bank	NatWest, 32 Market Street Leigh Lancashire WN7 1DX
Independent Examiner	Mr Alan Parkinson, 7 Spires Gardens, Winwick, Warrington, WA2 8WB
Quinquennial Architect	Mr Robin Wolley, B Arch RIBA, The Studio, Ruthin, LL15 2PW
Legal Advisors	The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry (Lee Bolton, Monier-Williams, Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3JT).

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and wardens: Mr. Alan Wright, Mr. Geoff Bent.

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Newchurch, Culcheth PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The method of appointment of 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

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, forms part of a joint benefice with Christ Church, Croft.

Other related trusts:

Culcheth Educational Foundation - registered charity No. 526389, a religious instruction trust. The Rector and the two churchwardens are trustees

The PCC operates three subcommittees:

Standing Committee: The terms of reference of this committee are to transact the business of the council between PCC meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC, to set the agenda for PCC meetings and to reflect on issues which may require more time than can be set aside at Council meetings due to pressure of business. This team is composed of the clergy and lay officers of the church plus one elected member of the PCC.

Worship Group: This committee is comprised of clergy, readers and lay leaders from both Christ Church and Newchurch. It is responsible for the rota and content of services.

Finance Committee: This committee is composed of the Sue Kadodwala (PCC treasurer), The Church Wardens and Albert De Jong (the Freewill Offering registrar). Its role is to oversee all financial transactions of behalf of the PCC.

The PCC monitors basic policies and procedures for: Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Management, Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection. Individual members of the PCC receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC

These are as follows:-

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, the PCC are undergoing a programme of assessments. Procedures are being put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows:

Financial Risk

Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use, however, Newchurch is not currently able to make any financial investments due to general lack of funds.

The PCC have reviewed internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling, and the Treasurer reviews controls in line with regulatory requirements to ensure Financial Governance. These include:

- Formalisation of the monthly Finance Meeting with the Finance Committee with the following agenda items discussed and reviewed:
 - Agree cheques to be paid
 - Review progress on actions
 - Discuss risks and issues
 - AOB
- Minutes produced detailing invoices to be paid and key decisions made.

- Production and distribution of monthly income and expenditure sheets.
- Production of a 12 month budget forecast and quarterly management accounts showing progress against budget.

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Compliance with Law and Regulation

A Health and Safety review has been undertaken by a member of the PCC. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being complied with. These procedures are reviewed regularly. There are procedures for recording accidents and churchwardens and side persons are usually trained annually in fire safety, however this year this has not been possible. Training will be re-introduced as soon as regulations allow.

Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed so that in the event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period then services will be held in the Parish Hall.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC takes its duty and obligation to protect vulnerable people seriously. Church members, where appropriate are checked under child protection legislation. During 2021 checks have been completed where appropriate. This includes PCC members. The PCC will continue to review its policies based on the diocesan and the Church of England guidelines. It is recommended that the online safeguarding training is completed by as many parishioners as possible. The safeguarding officer has taken part in a number of online training seminars during the year.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has an aspirational reserves policy whereby it intends to hold three to four months running costs as a general reserve (circa £25,000 - £30,000).

At the end of the financial year, the reserve stood at £19,886.97 remaining the same as 2020. It will continue to be the aim of the PCC to add to this, should the opportunity arise.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' At Newchurch our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children - our neighbours.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2021 were to provide the following public benefits:

To Love the Lord our God and to be open to Him through

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer
- To review our services in order to enhance the beauty of our worship and to make occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.
- Taking assemblies for children in local schools and on church premises
- Promoting the mission of the Church through the provision of activities for the whole community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through fellowship

- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To continue to meet with our ecumenical partners locally and to support one another.

During 2021 we aimed to achieve these objectives by:

- Continuing to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.

During 2021:

- The finance group have monitored our financial situation but during the present Covid 19 restrictions it has not been possible to carry out the usual range of fundraising activities. The group have also investigated other forms of giving.

4.ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES

Due to the interregnum and the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions the PCC has been prevented from achieving as much as we would have wished. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

The electoral roll is now 80.

Worship:

Coronavirus affected the numbers at services and the Church was not open for worship from 4th. January until 3rd. April.

Average attendance at Sunday services during 2021 was as follows:

09 00am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd Sunday of the month) Services not held.

10 30am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Adults: 41 Under 16's: 3 (25 services were held this year)

10.30am Morning Worship

Adults: 36 Under 16's: 3. (18 services were held this year.)

10.30am Average for both services :

Adults: 38.5 Under 16's: 3

Three 6.30pm services held this year. All Souls 58 Adults 2 children. Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service 52 Adults 6 children and Choir Carol Service 51 Adults 3 children. Average 54 Adults 4 children.

Tuesday Service in the Parish Hall: 10. There were 34 services held this year.

Occasional Offices for 2021

Weddings 2

Baptisms 13

Funerals 19

Interment of ashes 16

Communion was also given in care homes in the village.

Other services.

Two additional All Souls Memorial Services were held on 29th and 30th. October with an average attendance of 31.

The Remembrance Day Service on 14th. November 55 Adults and 2 children.

Two Crib Services were held on Christmas Eve with an average attendance of 34 adults and 13 children.

Pastoral Care and Service to the Community

Regular monthly communion services in both Chatburn Court (sheltered accommodation) and Holcroft Grange (Care Home) restarted in September/October 2021.

Due to the coronavirus 19 outbreak and lockdowns, it has been challenging staying in touch with people because of Government restrictions in relation to social distancing, shielding and restrictions on visits care homes and use of public areas in sheltered accommodation. However, Easter, birthday, Christmas, 'thinking of you' cards, prayer sheets and At the Heart of Christmas booklets hand delivered to older members of the church family, Additionally, 'Weekly Sheets,' and prayer sheets have been distributed advising people of changes in relation to church opening, closing and services. Where possible, and appropriate, regular 'phone calls have been made to people to maintain contact.

Newchurch Junior Church

At the beginning of the year, we had 9 members of Junior Church, with 3 leaders and several adult parent helpers. The age range of the children, for whom we cater is between 2 and 16. Because church closed after Sunday 3rd. January because of Covid we did not meet again until Church re-opened at Easter on Sunday 4th. April. We were able to make our Easter Garden.

After Easter we met in the Family Room every week except during August, when there were alternative activities available. Numbers had dropped and we didn't give feedback in the 10.30am. service to comply with Covid regulations.

We were however able to take part in our Nativity Play, which this year was an interactive performance involving the whole congregation.

Mothers' Union

Newchurch Mother's Union restarted on the 25th September, when we discussed the Covid 19 lock down. During lock down the leader kept in touch with the members, by phone calls and posting a series of Prayers and also Easter cards.

We were also able to provide our annual gifts to the Seafarers Mission.

We held an Advent service and ended the year with a Christmas lunch.

Church Building Report

(January - December 2021)

We have not disposed of any assets and retain all our possessions and the general standard of maintenance of the Church building is relatively good, a fortuitous situation bearing in mind the continuing financial deficit.

The annual boiler service was completed, as was the clearing of the lower levels of the gutters to remove vegetation and debris. The 5 year electrical inspection has been undertaken.

There is evidence of rotting wood at the front of the lych gate where it meets the stone wall and also loose slates. These issues are being addressed.

The Graveyard drainage project completed in 2020 has proved to be largely successful.

The project to refurbish the porch is ongoing. The church path has been re-laid.

Fundraising for other Charities

Unfortunately, in 2021, fund raising activities continued to be restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Usual fundraising events of the Christmas Tree Festival, Macmillan Coffee Morning and the Remembrance Day Service did go ahead albeit on a reduced scale with some capacity constraints.

The Christmas Tree Festival donated £330 to the Children's Society, the September Coffee morning raised £50 for MacMillan, and the Remembrance Day Service £122 for the British Legion.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

2021 has continued to be an extremely challenging year due to the Covid pandemic initially closing churches, then re-opening with reduced capacity, but also preventing the many fundraising activities undertaken by the parishioners which has significantly impacted the financial position.

Overall the total income for the church in 2021 continued to be down at 2020 levels (down just 0.8% by £625).

Planned Giving in 2021 decreased by a further 5.4% to £25,834.59 and there was also a decrease in the re-claim of tax rebate to £3045.77 (a decrease of 27.2%). This income formed 47% of the total income stream for the year with continued reliance on planned giving due to our inability to fund raise during the Covid-19 pandemic. It only covers 50% of expenditure for the year - it should also be noted that PCC were unable to pay three of the Parish Share payments totaling £17,936.22, during the year due to lack of unrestricted funds, combined with arrears from 2019 there is a total of £29,640.88 due to Diocese.

We would encourage all members of the congregation to continue to review their giving and, if not already part of the Free Will Offering scheme, to consider make regular donations via the Parish Giving Scheme, standing order, cheque or envelope. If you pay any form of tax please sign a Gift Aid declaration.

We would encourage members of the congregation to consider bequest donations in their financial and will planning.

General fund donations for the year saw an increase of £3,974 to £9,737 which has been encouraging in a difficult year.

Various fundraising activities undertaken by volunteers within the congregation including regular film nights, music concerts, etc. have all been hit by the pandemic and unable to take place. However we have been able to undertake Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival, raising £2,260 and £1,280 respectively resulting in an increase of income from £4,752 to £8,949.

Income from funerals fell by 28% to £10,505, whilst wedding income increased slightly to £1,128 - although still short of pre-pandemic levels of circa £6,000.

Income from the Parish Magazine adverts and sales totalled £1,970 remaining static, after printing expenses this resulted in a net profit of £851.

Restricted Funds

Due to the Newchurch continuing interregnum, the restricted fund required for the Sequestration account to keep a record of assigned fees has been maintained. The balance is currently £15,615.90 in credit, due to the dedication of the clergy team who have carried out many services during the period without recompense.

Overall net increase in restricted funds of £700, detailed in the table below.

Monies were spent from the porch fund of £1,099 continuing to refurbish the church entrance porch with new oak units. Monies have been used from the churchyard fund for general equipment expenses and 50% payment of £3,285 for the new footpath leading to the church on completion of the work.

The separate fundraising project called the 'Drainage Project' which ran for the duration of 2017 to raise monies specifically to improve drainage within the churchyard paid out retention monies of £1,200 following acceptable re-seeding of the area. Another phase of work is required to complete the project, however this would require further fundraising to supplement the balance of monies held within the Drainage Project restricted fund (£6,886.79).

	Church Yard	Drainage Project	Sequestration Fund	Bell Tower	Porch Fund (Beryl's Legacy)	General Reserve Fund
Opening Balance:	£ 10,007.64	£ 6,836.79	£ 10,405.40	£ 496.19	£ 16,520.65	£ 19,886.97
INCOME						
January	£ 245.00	£ 50.00	£ 461.00	£ 20.00	£ -	£ -
February	£ -	£ -	£ 14.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 1,222.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 140.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ 419.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 1,071.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ -	£ -	£ 996.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 15.00	£ -	£ -	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -
September	£ -	£ -	£ 881.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 192.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 249.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ 120.00	£ -	£ 70.00	£ 25.00	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 620.00	£ 50.00	£ 5,715.00	£ 85.00	£ -	£ -
EXPENDITURE						
January	£ 3,985.00	£ -	£ 99.50	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ 41.58	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 173.85	£ -
May	£ 13.27	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 580.56	£ -
June	£ 27.69	£ -	£ 194.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ 14.14	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 35.81	£ -	£ 211.00	£ -	£ 345.00	£ -
September	£ 34.92	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 13.60	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subtotal	£ 4,166.01	£ -	£ 504.50	£ -	£ 1,099.41	£ -
Closing Balance	£ 6,461.63	£ 6,886.79	£ 15,615.90	£ 581.19	£ 15,421.24	£ 19,886.97

Pensions Regulation

New Pension law impacted the church during 2017 with the staging date set for pensions of 1/8/2017. The Finance Committee selected the government scheme NEST as the

preferred pension offering, and the two eligible employees were offered the option of taking up a pension in the scheme. There was no take up. The declaration of compliance was completed & returned to the Pensions Regulator 4/9/2017, a further re-declaration was completed 05/08/2020 in line with Pension law requirements. There continues to be no take up of the scheme.

Expenditure

Expenditure continued to be monitored closely and restricted to essential expenses only, with cost savings made wherever possible.

Ministry expenses were nil in 2021 in the absence of an incumbent. The Rectory continues to be let by the Diocese which reduces our liabilities to be paid on the property.

Church Building costs excluding footpath replacement (£3,285), and porch improvements (£1,009) which were all funded by restricted funds, decreased by £1,574 to £6,921 with close monitoring of costs. Significant savings on church gas/electric and water continued to be made due to the church being closed part of the year, with increased energy costs we can anticipate this figure will increase significantly in 2022.

There has been a decrease in the combined costs for the Upkeep of Services, again due to the church closure.

A Sequestration account has been maintained and the balance of assigned fees held in a restricted fund. The Parish share loan repayments were also kept up to date for the year, however Parish Share is three months in arrears for 2021 (total £17,936.22), added to previous arrears the new total outstanding is £29,640.88. The Parish Share loan was repaid in December 2021. Payments to Diocese covering Parish Share and Parish Share loan repayments totalled £51,510 accounting for 73% of total expenditure for the year.

In conclusion, the overall financial position continues to be precarious, with the continuing decline of average attendance figures and average age profile of the congregation needing to be reversed to secure the long-term financial future of the Parish.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2022 we intend to...

- Re-establish the Church community once services restart and consider the relevance of any changes that were introduced this year.
- Continue to refurbish the entrance way of the church.
- Make repairs to the lych gate.
- Consolidate the changes to the way baptisms are carried out, and to look to explore how we can attract younger couples to start attending on a more regular basis.
- Continue to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.
- Looking forward to working within the new Joint Council and to welcoming our new rector, the Rev. Canon Stephen Grey.

Agent Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people / organisations:

- Treasurer and Wardens £5,715 was received in regard to assigned fees for weddings, funerals and burials in 2021 and is held in a Sequestration Account.
- Organist, bells and vergers - £870.45 was received from funeral directors and wedding couples regarding funerals and weddings respectively. This money was passed directly to the appropriate individuals.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Analysis of resources	2021	2020	2019
1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account					
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income					
Planned Giving					
Free Will Offerings	101	£	25,834.59	£ 27,461.68	£ 30,430.14
Tax Rebate	102	£	3,045.77	£ 4,184.81	£ 5,192.12
Plate Collections	104	£	5,817.93	£ 5,048.57	£ 8,003.60
		£	34,698.29	£ 36,695.06	£ 43,625.86
Individual Donations					
Bequests	202	£	300.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 10,000.00
General fund	104	£	9,737.32	£ 5,762.41	£ 4,267.00
Churchyard Fund	104	£	620.00	£ 615.00	£ 8,165.00
Other Restricted Funds:					
- Porch Fund	104	£	-	£ -	£ -
- Bell Tower Fund	104	£	85.00	£ 25.00	£ 255.75
- Drainage Project	104	£	50.00	£ -	£ 125.00
- Sequestration Fund - Assigned fees	104	£	5,715.00	£ 6,444.00	£ 5,961.50
		£	16,507.32	£ 14,846.41	£ 28,774.25
Fund Raising Events & Activities					
Christmas Fair & Draw	203a	£	2,260.11	£ -	£ 2,624.94
200 Club	203a	£	1,560.00	£ 2,138.50	£ 1,200.00
Tea / Coffee	203a	£	-	£ 82.21	£ 731.74
Income from rent of space	203a	£	300.00	£ -	£ 300.00
Other Parish Activities	203a	£	4,829.66	£ 2,532.07	£ 5,747.61
		£	8,949.77	£ 4,752.78	£ 10,604.29
Other Income					
Fees to PCC					
Weddings	404	£	1,128.64	£ 781.00	£ 5,962.00
Funerals	404	£	10,505.62	£ 14,666.00	£ 14,559.50
Memorials	404	£	-	£ 110.00	£ 108.00
		£	11,634.26	£ 15,557.00	£ 20,629.50
Parish Magazine					
Advertisements	403b	£	994.10	£ 815.30	£ 663.00
Sales	403a	£	976.36	£ 1,159.76	£ 1,045.56
		£	1,970.46	£ 1,975.06	£ 1,708.56
From Christ Church Croft					
Contribution to Council Tax	103a				
Contribution to Rector's Expenses	103a				
Contribution to Assistant Curate's Expen	103a				
Contribution to Water Rates	103a	£	-	£ 489.68	£ 1,464.95
Other		£	-	£ 489.68	£ 1,464.95
			£ 73,760.10	£74,315.99	#####
Other Receipts					
From reserve account					
Churches together					
Collections for Charity	104	£	380.00	£ 450.00	£ 2,425.10
			£ 74,140.10	£74,765.99	#####

Note 1 - this figure includes payments to Verger, Organist, Bells & Choir

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account					
PAYMENTS					
			2021	2020	2019
Ministry					
Rector's Expenses	501	£	-	£ 454.21	£ 609.31
Rectory: Council Tax & Water	501	£	-	£ 563.40	£ 2,348.33
Rectory: Garden	501	£	-	£ -	£ 590.00
Other Ministry:	501				
- Assistant Curate Expenses	501	£	-	£ -	£ 149.96
- OLM Expenses	501	£	-	£ -	£ 2,000.10
- Visiting Clergy Expenses	501	£	-	£ -	£ 152.00
		£	-	£ 1,017.61	£ 5,849.70
Church Building					
Church Gas / Electricity / Water	510	£	1,670.63	£ 1,985.47	£ 3,260.57
Cleaner	506	£	880.00	£ 600.00	£ 1,000.00
Church Insurance	508	£	2,229.76	£ 2,241.44	£ 2,178.68
Organ Insurance	508	£	515.00	£ 488.93	£ 488.93
Church Repairs & Maintenance	509	£	1,625.79	£ 1,217.50	£ 2,301.47
Bell Tower	508	£	-	£ -	£ 149.80
Porch Fund	508	£	1,099.41	£ 2,006.24	£ 540.00
Churchyard	508	£	4,166.01	£ 5,246.55	£ 1,003.46
Drainage Project	508	£	-	£ 1,200.00	£ 13,000.00
		£	12,186.60	£ 14,986.13	£ 23,922.91
Upkeep of Services					
Service costs (eg altar bread / wine & candles & Flowers)	507	£	27.50	£ 128.90	£ 346.45
Resources (eg books / PRS licence etc)	507	£	586.58	£ 460.18	£ 450.43
Organist	506	£	500.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,120.00
Major repairs		£	-		
		£	1,114.08	£ 1,589.08	£ 1,916.88
Communication					
Stationery & Photocopying	511	£	304.10	£ 184.89	£ 264.69
Administration	511	£	999.26	£ 551.00	£ 846.24
Printing of Magazine	511	£	1,118.80	£ 689.60	£ 1,334.99
Misson costs	511	£	-	£ 190.44	£ -
		£	2,422.16	£ 1,615.93	£ 2,445.92
Due to Diocese					
Parish Share	505	£	47,329.28	£ 49,302.72	£ 58,523.30
Loan		£	4,180.97	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,600.00

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Analysis of resources	2021	2020	2019
Assigned Fees Weddings & Funerals		£ -	£ -	£ 3,246.00
Sequestration Fund		£ 504.50		
		£ 52,014.75	£ 53,502.72	£ 65,369.30
Other Expenses				
Parish Activities	503	£ 1,225.19	£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72
		£ 1,225.19	£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72
Other Payments				
Wedding Pay (Vergar, Bells, Organ & Ch	502	£ 870.45	£ 644.00	£ 2,017.50
Donations to Charity	504	£ 552.00	£ 450.00	£ 2,425.10
Cost of generating funds		£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 1,422.45	£ 1,094.00	£ 4,442.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE & PAYMENTS		£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	#####
1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account				
		2021	2020	2019
Summary for the year				
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61
Plus				
Total Income & Receipts		£ 74,140.10	£ 74,765.99	£ 109,232.51
Plus Unpresented Cheques (see Note 1)		£ 1,294.33	£ 1,888.00	
Minus				
Total Expenditure & Payments		£ 70,385.23	£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03
Spreadsheet roundings				
Previous years o/s chqs presented this year		£ 1,888.00	£ 1,164.00	
Closing Balance at 31 December (see notes 2 - 7)		£ 71,153.13	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09

Notes:

Note 1. Cheques not presented at the Bank as at 31/12/2021 totalled £1,294.33 breakdown detailed below:

Unpresented cheques	
Payee	Amount
MacMillan Coffee Morning	£ 50.00
PPM Ltd - November Magazine	£ 105.60
PPM Ltd Dec Magazine	£ 105.60
PTSG	£ 108.00
Royal British Legion - 50% collection monies 14/11	£ 122.00
The Children's Society - Xmas Tree Festival	£ 330.00
A Wright Xmas Tree Festival expenses	£ 142.16
Parish Share Loan Repyt	£ 330.97
Total	£ 1,294.33

Note 2. Balance at year end includes Restricted Funds:		
Church yard	£	6,461.63
Drainage Project	£	6,886.79
Porch Fund	£	15,421.24
Bell Tower	£	581.19

Total Restricted Fund Balance: £ 29,350.85

Note 3. Due to the Parish being Interregnum, sequestration commenced 01/05/2019. A sequestration restricted fund has been set up and reporting the account is in place. The balance of the sequestration fund as at 31/12/2021 is £ 15,615.90

Note 4. General Fund Balance at year end £ 5,005.08

Note 5. General Fund Reserve now stands at £19,886.97. These monies are held in line with our Reserve Policy requirement.

Note 6 - Parish Share Loan set up with the Diocese in June 2017 to commence payment of arrears from 2017 and previous years. Initial Loan amount £16,180.97

Parish Share Loan

Total Loan	#####	
Loan Repayment Plan:	Monthly	Payments Made to Date per annum
2017 (July onwards)	£ 200.00	£ 1,200.00
2018	£ 250.00	£ 3,000.00
2019	£ 300.00	£ 3,600.00
2020	£ 350.00	£ 4,200.00
2021	£ 350.00	£ 4,180.97

Parish Share Loan balance outstanding as at 31/12/2021 is nil following full scheduled repayments being paid. However, Parish Share is still in arrears (see note 7)

Note 7 - as at 31st December 2021 Parish Share Arrears have increased further.

November and December 2019 remained unpaid (totalling £11,704.66).

Arrears from 2020 totalling £16,434.24 were offset by a grant received from the Church Commissioners for £16,906 with the balance to be credited against 2021 repayments.

In 2021, challenging financial circumstances due to Covid-19 have continued with church closures and limited opportunities for fund raising events. A further 3

November 2019	£	5,852.33
December 2019	£	5,852.33
August 2021	£	5,978.74
November 2021	£	5,978.74
December 2021	£	5,978.74
TOTAL	£	29,640.88

There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

Note 8 - a contract for the required annual inspection of the Lightning conductor has been entered into with PTSG Services group to save costs, £90 plus VAT per annum for the period 05/12/20 to 04/12/2025. The invoice for 2021 is included in the unpresented cheques total.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Analysis of resources

2021

2020

2019

Note 9 - a donation of £7,000 was given in 2019 for the replacement of the footpath leading to the church entrance. This work was completed at the end of 2020/ start of 2021 with 50% (£3,285) of the costs paid to Culcheth Paving & Groundwork on 16/11/20. The remaining balance of £3,285 was paid 5/1/21 on

2. Newchurch PCC: 200 Club Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS

2021

2020

2019

Subscriptions	203a	£ 2,916.00			
Donations	203a	£ 99.00		£ 2,965.00	£ 3,395.00
Cheques not Paid Out	203a	£ -			
		£ 3,015.00	£ 60.00		£ 70.00
			£ 3,025.00		£ 3,465.00

PAYMENTS

Prizes	503	£ 1,440.00			
Transfer to PCC	503	£ 1,596.00		£ 1,410.50	£ 1,622.00
Warrington Borough Council	503	£ 20.00		£ 2,164.50	£ 1,200.00
Credits not presented			£ 20.00		£ 40.00
		£ 3,056.00		£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00

Summary for the year

Bank balance at 1 January		£ 559.50		£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50
Plus Receipts		£ 3,015.00		£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00
Minus Payments		£ 3,056.00		£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00
Closing Balance at 31 December		£ 518.50		£ 559.50	£ 1,129.50

3. Newchurch PCC: Junior Church Account

RECEIPTS

2021

2020

2019

Collections	203a				
Donations	203a	£ 50.00		£ 17.49	£ 88.26
		£ 50.00	£ 162.00		£ 50.25
			£ 179.49		£ 138.51

PAYMENTS

Stationery	503				
Gifts / Prizes	503		£ -	£ 13.00	
Miscellaneous	503		£ 39.15	£ 39.38	
Party	503		£ -	£ -	
Visits / Subscriptions	503	£ -	£ 22.27	£ 21.11	
		£ -	£ 33.00	£ 102.00	
			£ 94.42		£ 175.49

Summary for the year

Bank balance at 1 January		£ 265.68		£ 180.61	£ 217.59
Plus Receipts		£ 50.00		£ 179.49	£ 138.51
Minus Payments		£ -		£ 94.42	£ 175.49
		£ 315.68		£ 265.68	£ 180.61

4. Newchurch PCC: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Account

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic there was no fundraising Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in 2020

The account was dormant last year due to Covid-19, the account became dormant. Barclays pre-populated a dormancy letter, however it was not sent as correspondence was suppressed and the account was closed on 17/11/21 and balance taken. Actions are currently being taken with Barclays to recover the £95.84. The takings for the 2021 festival have been paid into the Newchurch PCC account held with Natwest, and monies will in future be paid into this account.

RECEIPTS

2021

2020

2019

Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	203a	£ 1,580.81			
		£ 1,580.81	£ -		£ 1,487.74
			£ -		£ 1,487.74

PAYMENTS

Alan Wright	503	£ 142.16			
F Wilcock expenses	503	£ -			£ 111.91
Newchurch Parish Church (donation & h	503	£ 810.00			
Printers	503	£ -		£ 900.00	
Band	503	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -	
Ann Atkinson expenses	503	£ -		£ 200.00	
Children's Society	504	£ 330.00			
		£ 1,582.16		£ -	£ 350.00
					£ 1,561.91

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Analysis of resources	2021 2021	2020 2020	2019 2019
<u>Summary for the year</u>				
Bank balance at 1 January	£	95.84	£ 95.84	£ 170.01
Plus Receipts	£	1,580.81	£ -	£ 1,487.74
Minus Payments	£	1,582.16	£ -	£ 1,561.91
Closing Balance at 31 December		<u>£ 94.49</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>	<u>£ 95.84</u>

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH - CULCHETH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Monetary Assets	2021
	£
Newchurch PCC Main Account	£71,153.13
200 Club	£814.50
Junior Church	£315.68
 Total Monetary Assets	 £72,283.31

RECEIPTS

VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree*		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 23,840.59								£ 23,840.59	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 1,130.00								£ 1,130.00	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 5,817.93								£ 5,817.93	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 9,737.32	£ 755.00			£ 50.00				£ 9,787.32	£ 755.00
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ 3,045.77								£ 3,045.77	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 864.00								£ 864.00	
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ 300.00								£ 300.00	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a									£ -	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 7,089.77		£ 1,560.00				£ 1,580.81		£ 10,230.58	£ -
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 11,634.26	£ 5,715.00							£ 11,634.26	£ 5,715.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 2,270.46								£ 2,270.46	£ -
OTHER INCOMNG RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ 380.00								£ 380.00	£ -
									£ -	£ -
	£ 66,110.10	£ 6,470.00	£ 1,560.00	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 1,580.81	£ -	£ 69,300.91	£ 6,470.00
	£ 72,580.10								£ 72,580.10	£ -
	£ 72,580.10		£ 1,560.00		£ 50.00		£ 1,580.81		£ 75,770.91	£ -

14 Number of tax efficient planned givers

15 Number of other planned givers

16 Number of new legacies received

1

*Incl in Newchurch

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTAL	
Payments										
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ 1,225.19		£ 3,056.00				£ -		£ 4,281.19	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 552.00								£ 552.00	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 51,510.25								£ 51,510.25	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honararia- 506	£ 1,380.00								£ 1,380.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 870.45	£ 504.50							£ 870.45	£ 504.50
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangalism costs 507	£ 614.08								£ 614.08	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 515.00								£ 515.00	£ -
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 1,625.79	£ 1,980.42							£ 1,625.79	£ 1,980.42
23c Church insurance costs 510	£ 2,229.76								£ 2,229.76	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 1,670.63								£ 1,670.63	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 2,422.16								£ 2,422.16	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building- 2012									£ -	£ -
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014		£ 3,285.00							£ -	£ 3,285.00
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments										
assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 64,615.31	£ 5,769.92	£ 3,056.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 67,671.31	£ 5,769.92
									£ -	£ -
	£ 70,385.23		£ 3,056.00		£ -		£ -		£ 73,441.23	£ -

31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December

32 Investments as at 31st December

33 Liabilities due within 1 year:



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2021

Church Number:	789	Deanery: Winwick	
Church Name:	Newchurch	Diocese:	Liverpool

INCOMING RESOURCES			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Donations and Legacies					Raising Funds				
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£	23,841		17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£	1,225	
2	Other planned giving	£	1,130		Charitable Activities				
3	Collections at services	£	5,818		18	Mission giving and donations	£	552	
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£	9,737	£ 755	19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£	51,510	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£	3,046		20	Salaries, wages and honararia	£	1,380	
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£	864		21	Clergy and staff expenses	£	870	£ 505
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	300		22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£	614	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)				23	a. Church running expenses	£	515	£ -
A	SUB-TOTAL Donations and Legacies:	£	44,736	£ 755		b. Church building maintenance costs	£	1,626	£ 1,980
Other Trading Activities						c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£	2,230	
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£	8,650		24	Church utility bills	£	1,671	
Investments					25	Cost of trading	£	2,422	
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.				26	Governance costs			
Charitable Activities					D	SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£	64,615	£ 2,485
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£	11,634	£ 5,715	Major capital expenditure				
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£	2,270		27	Major repairs to the church building			
Other					28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration			£ 3,285
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£	380		29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property			
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)					E	SUB-TOTAL for Major capital expenditure:	£	-	£ 3,285
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£	67,670	£ 6,470	99	Other outgoing resources/ payments			
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES					TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)				
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers		45		F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£	64,615	£ 5,770
15	Number of other planned givers		0		Cash and Investment Balances			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
16	Number of new legacies received		0		31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£	24,892	£ 44,967
C	Grand Total Receipts/Income	£	74,140		32	Investments as at 31st December			
G	Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£	70,385		33	Liabilities due within 1 year	£	108	

Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)
 30 Receipts and payments [x] Accruals []

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.	Date	1/3/2022
	Name	Sue Kadodwala
	Position	Treasurer
	Tel or Email	01925 765652 sue.kadodwala@gmail.com

Independent Examiner's Report 2021

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Newchurch on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out in your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the Independent Examiner's statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Signed: Alan P. Parkinson

Date: 9th February 2022

Independent Examiner: Alan P. Parkinson
Address: 7 Spires Gardens
Winwick
Warrington
WA2 8WB

Accounts

*Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth
Diocese of Liverpool*

*Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council*

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For the year ended 31st December 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parochial Church Council of Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1128702

The Church is based on Church Lane, Culcheth. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence addresses are during the interregnum :

Mr Alan Wright
16 Bollin Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 5DU

Mr Geoff Bent
10 Burnham Close
Culcheth
Warrington
WA3 4LJ

For the period from 1st January 2019 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Incumbent	Vacant
	Rev Ian Hopkins (Interim from October 2019 until June 2020)
Churchwardens	Mr Alan Wright Mr Geoff Bent
Deanery Synod	Mr Alan Wright Mr Rupert Rees Mrs Jean Williams
Elected members	
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jean Williams
PCC Secretary	Mrs Ann Atkinson
Treasurer	Mrs Suzanne Kadodwala Mrs Jean Wright Mr Kenneth Quick Miss Maureen Hurley Mrs Freda Wilcock Mrs Ann Mills Mrs Chris Crye
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Bill Leatherbarrow

The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as Custodian Trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Bank	NatWest, 32 Market Street Leigh Lancashire WN7 1DX
Independent Examiner	Mr Alan Parkinson, 7 Spires Gardens, Winwick, Warrington, WA2 8WB
Quinquennial Architect	Mr Robin Wolley, B Arch RIBA, The Studio, Ruthin, LL15 2PW
Legal Advisors	The Bishop of Liverpool's Registry (Lee Bolton, Monier-Williams, Solicitors, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3JT).

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and wardens: Mr. Alan Wright, Mr. Geoff Bent .

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Newchurch, Culcheth PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The method of appointment of 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

Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, forms part of a joint benefice with Christ Church, Croft.

Other related trusts:

Culcheth Educational Foundation - registered charity No. 526389, a religious instruction trust. The Rector and the two churchwardens are trustees

The PCC operates three subcommittees:

Standing Committee: The terms of reference of this committee are to transact the business of the council between PCC meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC, to set the agenda for PCC meetings and to reflect on issues which may require more time than can be set aside at Council meetings due to pressure of business. This team is composed of the clergy and lay officers of the church plus two elected members of the PCC.

Worship Group: This committee is comprised of clergy, readers and lay leaders from both Christ Church and Newchurch. It is responsible for the rota and content of services.

Finance Committee: This committee is composed of the Sue Kadodwala (PCC treasurer), The Church Wardens and Albert De Jong (the Freewill Offering registrar). Its role is to oversee all financial transactions of behalf of the PCC.

The PCC monitors basic policies and procedures for: Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Management, Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection. Individual members of the PCC receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC

These are as follows:-

Risk Assessments

To identify their major risks, the PCC are undergoing a programme of assessments. Procedures are being put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk has been taken as follows:

Financial Risk

Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use, however, Newchurch is not currently able to make any financial investments due to general lack of funds.

The PCC have reviewed internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheque handling, and the Treasurer reviews controls in line with regulatory requirements to ensure Financial Governance. These include:

- Formalisation of the monthly Finance Meeting with the Finance Committee with the following agenda items discussed and reviewed:
 - Agree cheques to be paid
 - Review progress on actions
 - Discuss risks and issues
 - AOB
- Minutes produced detailing invoices to be paid and key decisions made.

- Production and distribution of monthly income and expenditure sheets.
- Production of a 12 month budget forecast and quarterly management accounts showing progress against budget.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

A Health and Safety review has been undertaken by a member of the PCC. The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being complied with. These procedures are reviewed regularly. There are procedures for recording accidents and churchwardens and side persons are usually trained annually in fire safety, however this year this has not been possible. Training will be re-introduced as soon as regulations allow.

Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed so that in the event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period then services will be held in the Parish Hall.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC takes its duty and obligation to protect vulnerable people seriously. Church members, where appropriate are checked under child protection legislation. During 2019 DBS checks have completed where appropriate. The PCC will continue to review its policies based on the diocesan and the Church of England guidelines. It is recommended that the online safeguarding training is completed by as many parishioners as possible.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has an aspirational reserves policy whereby it intends to hold three to four months running costs as a general reserve (circa £25,000 - £30,000).

At the end of the financial year, the reserve stood at £19,886.97 increasing by £900 as a result of the inclusion of a portion of the £2,000 legacy monies received. It will continue to be the aim of the PCC to add to this, should the opportunity arise.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. This states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' At Newchurch our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love his children - our neighbours.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2020 were to provide the following public benefits:

To Love the Lord our God and to be open to Him through

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer
- To review our services in order to enhance the beauty of our worship and to make occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.
- Taking assemblies for children in local schools and on church premises
- Promoting the mission of the Church through the provision of activities for the whole community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through fellowship

- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To continue to meet with our ecumenical partners locally and to support one another.

During 2020 we aimed to achieve these objectives by:

- Re-consider the way in which we offer baptisms to allow part of the service to be held within the context of our Morning Worship.
- Continuing to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.

During 2020:

- The finance group have monitored our financial situation but during the present Covid 19 restrictions it has not been possible to carry out the usual range of fundraising activities. The group have also investigated other forms of giving.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REVIEW OF CHARITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES

Due to the interregnum and the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions the PCC has been prevented from achieving as much as we would have wished. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

The electoral roll is now 81.

Worship:

Coronavirus has effected the numbers at services and the Church was not open for worship from 16th March until 12th July and from 2nd November until 6th December.

Average attendance at Sunday services during 2020 was as follows:

09 00am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd Sunday of the month)

Adults: 12 (2 services held this year)

10 30am Holy Communion: (held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Adults: 46 Under 16's: 4 (14 services were held this year)

10.30am Morning Worship

Adults: 41 Under 16's: 4

10.30am Average for both services :

Adults: 42 Under 16's: 4

No 6.30pm services held this year.

Tuesday Holy Communion in the Parish Hall: 14. 20 services held this year.

Occasional Offices for 2020

Weddings 0

Baptisms 2

Burials 21

Cremations 15 (No service in Church)

Interment of ashes only 23

Communion was also given in care homes in the village until March.

Pastoral Care and Service to the Community

This year has been difficult to undertake our usual level of activity. Face to face meetings particularly in care homes have been impossible. We have continued to contact people using the telephone. The schools did contribute to the display of trees and cribs at Christmas but there was limited opening of the Church. Pictures were circulated on Facebook and the website.

Newchurch Junior Church

At present we have 13 members of Junior Church, with 3 leaders and several adult, parent helpers. The age range of the children, for whom we cater is between 2 and 16. We meet every week in the Family Room except during August, when there are alternative activities available and during major festivals when we join the rest of the congregation. We take part in several morning services and provide feedback about our activities at most 10:30 am services.

This year because of Coronavirus restrictions we met outdoors in the churchyard until the church closed for services. We were unable to perform our annual Nativity Play the Sunday before Christmas with the involvement of all the children and several of the parents.

We were also unable to crown Newchurch Rose Queen for 2020.

The Easter and Harvest Extravanzas with games and activities for children and adults from the church congregation and the village community were also cancelled.

We hope to restart these and other Junior Church activities when regulations allow.

Mothers' Union

The AGM at the beginning of the year followed by hot pot. Members attended a Deanery Lunch at Haydock Park Golf Club.

Members received a sheet of prayers, letters and Easter cards. Christmas cards with the Mother's Union prayer card and chocolates were also sent. Although no meetings have been held since early in the year, members have been contacted by phone.

Church Building Report

(January - December 2020)

We have not disposed of any assets and retain all of our possessions and the general standard of maintenance of the Church building is relatively good, a fortuitous situation bearing in mind the continuing financial deficit.

The annual boiler service was completed, as was the clearing of the lower levels of the gutters to remove vegetation and debris.

There is evidence of rotting wood at the front of the lych gate where it meets the stone wall.

Work on phase 1 of the Graveyard drainage project was finished and conditions have improved.

The refurbishing of the porch has been begun and a new carpet laid. Oak cupboards have been installed.

The church path has been re-laid.

Fundraising for other Charities

Unfortunately, in 2020, like so many organisations, fund raising activities were halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Frugal lunches were stopped mid March having raised a total of £400, which was distributed equally between the Church Urban Fund and Derian House.

Usual fundraising events of the Christmas Tree Festival, Macmillan Coffee Morning and the Remembrance Day Service were unable to go ahead.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

2020 has been an extremely challenging year due to the Covid pandemic initially closing churches, then re-opening with reduced capacity, but also preventing the many fundraising activities undertaken by the parishioners which has significantly impacted the financial position.

Overall the total income for the church in 2020 was down 30% on income received in 2019, however the 2019 income included two 'out of the ordinary' receipts of a £10,000 legacy, and a £7,000 donation specifically for the repair of the footpath leading to the church. When these 2 items are excluded from the figures, the underlying trend is a reduction in income of 17.2% (£15,491).

Planned Giving in 2020 decreased by 15.9% to £36,695.06, and there was also a decrease in the re-claim of tax rebate to £4,184.81 (a decrease of 19.4%). This income formed 49% of the total income stream for the year (up almost 10%) with increased reliance on planned giving due to our inability to fund raise during the Covid-19 pandemic. It only covers 50% of expenditure for the year - it should also be noted that PCC were unable to pay three of the Parish Share payments totaling £16,434.24, during the year due to lack of unrestricted funds, however due to the exceptional and challenging financial circumstances in 2020 the Church Commissioners have granted Parish Share Credit of £16,906 to write off debts from 2020 arrears and credit against future parish share repayments.

We would encourage all members of the congregation to continue to review their giving and, if not already part of the Free Will Offering scheme, to consider make regular donations via the Parish Giving Scheme, standing order, cheque or envelope. If you pay any form of tax please sign a Gift Aid declaration.

We would encourage members of the congregation to consider bequest donations in their financial and will planning.

General fund donations for the year saw an increase by £1,495 to £5,762 which has been encouraging in a difficult year.

Various fundraising activities undertaken by volunteers within the congregation including Christmas Fayre, Christmas Tree Festival, regular film nights, music concerts, Harvest Supper etc. have all been hit by the pandemic and unable to take place, resulting in a drop of income from £10,604 to £4,752. Looking ahead it seems unlikely that these events will be able to restart in the first half of 2021 and it's concerning if such events need to be re-established if they will attract the same support.

Income from funerals remained fairly static despite no income being received by PCC for crematorium only services. Wedding income is however down due to weddings being banned or numbers strictly limited during 2020, with a decrease of 87% to just £781.

Income from the Parish Magazine adverts and sales totalled £1,975, increasing by 15.5%, after printing expenses this resulted in a net profit of £1,285.46.

Restricted Funds

Due to the Newchurch continuing interregnum, the restricted fund required for the Sequestration account to keep a record of assigned fees has been maintained. The balance is currently £10,405.40 in credit, due to the dedication of the clergy team who have carried out many services during the period without recompense.

Overall net decrease in restricted funds of £847, detailed in the table below.

Monies were spent from the porch fund of £2,006 to refurbish the church entrance porch with new oak units, display stand and carpet. Monies have been used from the churchyard fund for cutting back the Lime trees (£1,350) and 50% payment of £3,285 for the new footpath leading to the church (the remainder to be paid on satisfactory completion of the work).

The separate fundraising project called the 'Drainage Project' which ran for the duration of 2017 to raise monies specifically to improve drainage within the churchyard paid out retention monies of £1,200 following acceptable re-seeding of the area. Another phase of work is required to complete the project, however this would require further fundraising to supplement the balance of monies held within the Drainage Project restricted fund (£6,836.79).

	Church Yard	Drainage Project	Sequestration Fund	Bell Tower	Porch Fund (Beryl's Legacy)	General Reserve Fund
Opening Balance:	£ 14,639.19	£ 8,036.79	£ 3,961.40	£ 471.19	£ 18,526.89	£ 19,365.97
INCOME						
January	£ 215.00	£ -	£ 477.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ -	£ -	£ 647.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ -	£ -	£ 852.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ -	£ -	£ 388.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ 1,620.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ -	£ -	£ 257.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 752.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 163.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
September	£ -	£ -	£ 916.00	£ -	£ -	£ 900.00
October	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 212.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
November	£ -	£ -	£ 52.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
December	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 108.00	£ 25.00	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 615.00	£ -	£ 6,444.00	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 900.00
EXPENDITURE						
January	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
February	£ 287.39	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
March	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
April	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
May	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
June	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
July	£ -	£ 1,200.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
August	£ 226.42	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,158.77	£ 379.00
September	£ 1,368.99	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
October	£ 72.19	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 597.08	£ -
November	£ 3,291.56	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 217.00	£ -
December	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 33.39	£ -
Subtotal	£ 5,246.55	£ 1,200.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,006.24	£ 379.00
Closing Balance	£ 10,007.64	£ 6,836.79	£ 10,405.40	£ 496.19	£ 16,520.65	£ 19,886.97

Pensions Regulation

New Pension law impacted the church during 2017 with the staging date set for pensions of 1/8/2017. The Finance Committee selected the government scheme NEST as the preferred pension offering, and the two eligible employees were offered the option of taking up a pension in the scheme. There was no take up. The declaration of compliance was completed & returned to the Pensions Regulator 4/9/2017, a further re-declaration was completed 05/08/2020 in line with Pension law requirements. There continues to be no take up of the scheme.

Expenditure

Expenditure continued to be monitored closely and restricted to essential expenses only, with cost savings made wherever possible.

Ministry expenses in 2020 fell to £1,017.61 to cover expenses for Rev Ian Hopkins until his departure at the end of June. The Rectory continues to be let by the Diocese which reduces our liabilities to be paid on the property.

Church Building costs excluding the Drainage Project retention monies (£1,200), footpath replacement (£3,285), and porch improvements £2,006) which were all funded by restricted funds, decreased by £2,427 to £8,495 with close monitoring of costs. Significant savings (40%) on church gas/electric and water were made due to the church being closed.

There has been a decrease in the combined costs for the Upkeep of Services and Communication, again due to the church closure.

A Sequestration account has been maintained and the balance of assigned fees held in a restricted fund. The Parish share loan repayments were also kept up to date for the year, however Parish Share is three months in arrears (total £16,434.24). The Parish Share loan stood at £4,190.97 as at 31/12/2020. Payments to Diocese covering Parish Share and Parish Share loan repayments totalled £53,502.72 accounting for 71% of total expenditure for the year.

In conclusion, the overall financial position continues to be precarious, with the continuing decline of average attendance figures and average age profile of the congregation needing to be reversed to secure the long-term financial future of the Parish.

6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2020 we intend to...

- Re-establish the Church community once services restart and consider the relevance of any changes that were introduced this year.
- Continue to refurbish the entrance way of the church.
- Make repairs to the lych gate.
- Consolidate the changes to the way baptisms are carried out, and to look to explore how we can attract younger couples to start attending on a more regular basis.
- Continue to be part of our deanery in the deanery mission plan.

Agent Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people / organisations:

- Treasurer and Wardens £6,444 was received in regard to assigned fees for weddings, funerals and burials in 2020 and is held in a Sequestration Account.
- Organist, bells and vergers - £1,491.00 was received from funeral directors and wedding couples regarding funerals and weddings respectively. This money was passed directly to the appropriate individuals.

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		Analysis of resources		2020	2019	2018		
1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account								
RECEIPTS								
Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving								
Free Will Offerings	101	£	27,461.68	£	30,430.14	£	27,635.11	
Tax Rebate	102	£	4,184.81	£	5,192.12	£	5,469.30	
Plate Collections	104	£	5,048.57	£	8,003.60	£	8,791.02	
			£	36,695.06	£	43,625.86	£	41,895.43
Individual Donations								
Bequests	202	£	2,000.00	£	10,000.00	£	-	
General fund	104	£	5,762.41	£	4,267.00	£	5,608.97	
Churchyard Fund	104	£	615.00	£	8,165.00	£	1,555.00	
Other Restricted Funds:								
- Porch Fund	104	£	-	£	-	£	-	
- Bell Tower Fund	104	£	25.00	£	255.75	£	764.00	
- Drainage Project	104	£	-	£	125.00	£	2,276.49	
- Sequestration Fund - Assigned fees	104	£	6,444.00	£	5,961.50			
			£	14,846.41	£	28,774.25	£	10,204.46
Fund Raising Events & Activities								
Christmas Fair & Draw	203a	£	-	£	2,624.94	£	3,083.33	
200 Club	203a	£	2,138.50	£	1,200.00	£	2,460.00	
Tea / Coffee	203a	£	82.21	£	731.74	£	1,220.53	
Income from rent of space	203a	£	-	£	300.00	£	1,400.00	
Other Parish Activities	203a	£	2,532.07	£	5,747.61	£	5,511.28	
			£	4,752.78	£	10,604.29	£	13,675.14
Other Income								
Fees to PCC								
Weddings	404	£	781.00	£	5,962.00	£	5,400.00	
Funerals	404	£	14,666.00	£	14,559.50	£	22,561.00	
Memorials	404	£	110.00	£	108.00	£	-	
			£	15,557.00	£	20,629.50	£	27,961.00
Parish Magazine								
Advertisements	403b	£	815.30	£	663.00	£	884.00	
Sales	403a	£	1,159.76	£	1,045.56	£	1,580.91	
			£	1,975.06	£	1,708.56	£	2,464.91
From Christ Church Croft								
Contribution to Council Tax	103a							
Contribution to Rector's Expenses	103a							
Contribution to Assistant Curate's Expenses	103a							
Contribution to Water Rates	103a	£	489.68	£	1,464.95	£	6,718.60	
Other			£	489.68	£	1,464.95	£	6,718.60
			£	74,315.99	£	106,807.41	£	102,919.54
Other Receipts								
From reserve account								
Churches together								
Collections for Charity	104	£	450.00	£	2,425.10	£	1,262.35	
TOTAL INCOME & RECEIPTS								
			£	74,765.99	£	109,232.51	£	104,181.89

Note 1 - this figure includes payments to Verger, Organist, Bells & Choir

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account
PAYMENTS

		2020		2019		2018	
Ministry							
Rector's Expenses	501	£	454.21	£	609.31	£	1,279.34
Rectory: Council Tax & Water	501	£	563.40	£	2,348.33	£	3,945.10
Rectory: Garden	501	£	-	£	590.00	£	1,815.00
Other Ministry:	501						
- Assistant Curate Expenses	501	£	-	£	149.96	£	453.36
- OLM Expenses	501	£	-	£	2,000.10		
- Visiting Clergy Expenses	501	£	-	£	152.00	£	280.76
			£ 1,017.61		£ 5,849.70		£ 7,773.56
Church Building							
Church Gas / Electricity / Water	510	£	1,985.47	£	3,260.57	£	3,333.23
Cleaner	506	£	600.00	£	1,000.00	£	1,080.00
Church Insurance	508	£	2,241.44	£	2,178.68	£	2,750.36
Organ Insurance	508	£	488.93	£	488.93	£	476.93
Church Repairs & Maintenance	509	£	1,217.50	£	2,301.47	£	2,520.89
Bell Tower	508	£	-	£	149.80	£	418.76
Porch Fund	508	£	2,006.24	£	540.00	£	901.00
Churchyard	508	£	5,246.55	£	1,003.46	£	214.96
Drainage Project	508	£	1,200.00	£	13,000.00	£	1,104.00
			£ 14,986.13		£ 23,922.91		£ 12,800.13
Upkeep of Services							
Service costs (eg altar bread / wine & candles & Flowers)	507	£	128.90	£	346.45	£	681.53
Resources (eg books / PRS licence etc)	507	£	460.18	£	450.43	£	184.25
Organist	506	£	1,000.00	£	1,120.00	£	1,040.00
Major repairs						£	-

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	Analysis of resources	2020	2019	2018
		£ 1,589.08	£ 1,916.88	£ 1,905.78
Communication				
Stationery & Photocopying	511	£ 184.89	£ 264.69	£ 245.30
Administration	511	£ 551.00	£ 846.24	£ 547.47
Printing of Magazine	511	£ 689.60	£ 1,334.99	£ 1,220.00
Mission costs	511	£ 190.44	£ -	£ 420.00
		£ 1,615.93	£ 2,445.92	£ 2,432.77
Dues to Diocese				
Parish Share	505	£ 49,302.72	£ 58,523.30	£ 69,528.96
Loan		£ 4,200.00	£ 3,600.00	£ 3,000.00
Assigned Fees Weddings & Funerals		£ -	£ 3,246.00	£ 6,151.00
		£ 53,502.72	£ 65,369.30	£ 78,679.96
Other Expenses				
Parish Activities	503	£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72	£ 683.29
		£ 571.68	£ 1,592.72	£ 683.29
Other Payments				
Wedding Pay (Verger, Bells, Organ & Choir)	502	£ 644.00	£ 2,017.50	£ 1,491.00
Donations to Charity	504	£ 450.00	£ 2,425.10	£ 1,262.35
Cost of generating funds		£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 1,094.00	£ 4,442.60	£ 2,753.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURE & PAYMENTS		£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03	£ 107,028.84

1. Newchurch PCC: Main Account: Receipts & Payments Account

	2020	2019	2018
Summary for the year			
Bank balance at 1 January	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61	£ 65,793.06
Plus			
Total Income & Receipts	£ 74,765.99	£ 109,232.51	£ 104,181.89
Plus Unpresented Cheques (see Note 1)	£ 1,888.00		£ 1,164.00
Minus			
Total Expenditure & Payments	£ 74,377.15	£ 105,540.03	£ 107,028.84
Spreadsheet roundings			
Previous years o/s chqs presented this year	£ 1,164.00		£ 923.50
Closing Balance at 31 December (see notes 2 - 7)	£ 67,991.93	£ 66,879.09	£ 63,186.61

Notes:

Note 1. Cheques not presented at the Bank as at 31/12/2020 totalled £1,888 breakdown detailed below:

Unpresented cheques	
Payee	Amount
Kenyon Cutters - see note 11	£ 1,350.00
Culcheth Educational Foundation - Church Hall hire	£ 80.00
PTSG Lightning conductor check - see note 9	£ 108.00
Parish Share Loan Repyt - Dec	£ 350.00
Total	£ 1,888.00

Note 2. Balance at year end includes Restricted Funds:

Church yard	£ 10,007.64
Drainage Project	£ 6,836.79
Porch Fund	£ 16,520.65
Bell Tower	£ 496.19

Total Restricted Fund Balance: **£ 33,861.27**

Note 3. Due to the Parish being Interregnum, sequestration commenced 01/05/2019. A sequestration restricted fund has been set up and reporting the account is in place.

The balance of the sequestration fund as at 31/12/2020 is **£ 10,405.40**

Note 4. General Fund Balance at year end **£ 1,950.29**

Note 5. General Fund Reserve now stands at £19,886.97. Further funds £900 have been set aside following receipt of bequest to meet our Reserve Policy requirement and align with Newchurch PCCs Legacy Policy to spend monies bequested within Newchurch. Spend of funds this year was to purchase a camcorder to facilitate the recording of funerals and weekly services which has been essential due to Covid restrictions.

Note 6 - Parish Share Loan set up with the Diocese in June 2017 to commence payment of arrears from 2017 and previous years. Initial Loan amount £16,180.97

Parish Share Loan

Total Loan £ 16,180.97

Loan Repayment Plan:	Monthly
2017 (July onwards)	£ 200.00
2018	£ 250.00
2019	£ 300.00
2020	£ 350.00
2021	£ 350.00

Payments Made to Date per annum	
£ 1,200.00	
£ 3,000.00	
£ 3,600.00	
£ 4,200.00	

Parish Share Loan balance outstanding as at 31/12/2020 £4,180.97, repayments are up to date.

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Analysis of resources

2020

2019

2018

Note 7 - as at 31st December 2020 Parish Share for November and December 2019 remained unpaid. In addition to this during 2020 and the Covid crisis the majority of church fund raising activities have been cancelled and Parish Share for July, October and December 2020 has not been paid due to lack of funds in the General Fund. Arrears are:

November 2019	£	5,852.33
December 2019	£	5,852.33
July 2020	£	5,478.08
October 2020	£	5,478.08
December 2020	£	5,478.08
TOTAL	£	28,138.90

Due to the exceptional and challenging financial circumstances of 2020 due to Covid-19 the Church Commissioners have granted Parish Share Credit (as per letter 15/12/2020) of £16,906 to write off debts from 2020 arrears and credit against future parish share payments.

After this credit of £16,906, arrears for 2019 remain at £11,704.66 with a credit of £471.76 for 2021 repayments. There is no repayment plan in place currently for these arrears.

Note 8 - the retention monies of £1,200 for the initial phase of the drainage project have been paid following completion of re-seeding the ground.

Note 9 - a contract for the required annual inspection of the Lightning conductor has been entered into with PTSG Services group to save costs, £90 plus VAT per annum for the period 05/12/20 to 04/12/2025. the invoice for the initial inspection is currently awaited.

Note 10 - a donation of £7,000 was given in 2019 for the replacement of the footpath leading to the church entrance. This work is in the process of being completed and 50% (£3,285) of the costs have been paid to Culcheth Paving & Groundwork on 16/11/20. The remaining balance of £3,285 will be paid in 2021 on satisfactory completion of the work.

Note 11 - work to cut down Lime Trees in the church grounds has been agreed as per quotation of 23/09/20 for £1,350 with Kenyon Cutters. This work is currently being scheduled an

2. Newchurch PCC: 200 Club Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS		2020	2019	2018
Subscriptions	203a	£ 2,965.00	£ 3,395.00	£ 3,430.00
Donations	203a			£ 46.50
Cheques not Paid Out	203a	£ 60.00	£ 70.00	£ -
		£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00	£ 3,476.50
PAYMENTS				
Prizes	503	£ 1,410.50	£ 1,622.00	£ 1,620.00
Transfer to PCC	503	£ 2,164.50	£ 1,200.00	£ 2,370.00
Warrington Borough Council	503	£ 20.00	£ 40.00	£ 20.00
Credits not presented				
		£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00	£ 4,010.00
Summary for the year				
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50	£ 1,060.00
Plus				
Receipts		£ 3,025.00	£ 3,465.00	£ 3,476.50
Minus				
Payments		£ 3,595.00	£ 2,862.00	£ 4,010.00
Closing Balance at 31 December		£ 559.50	£ 1,129.50	£ 526.50

3. Newchurch PCC: Junior Church Account

RECEIPTS		2020	2019	2018
Collections	203a	£ 17.49	£ 88.26	£ 91.90
Donations	203a	£ 162.00	£ 50.25	£ 50.00
		£ 179.49	£ 138.51	£ 141.90
PAYMENTS				
Stationery	503	£ -	£ 13.00	£ 19.32
Gifts / Prizes	503	£ 39.15	£ 39.38	£ 53.77
Miscellaneous	503	£ -	£ -	£ 5.00
Party	503	£ 22.27	£ 21.11	£ 104.29
Visits / Subscriptions	503	£ 33.00	£ 102.00	£ -
		£ 94.42	£ 175.49	£ 182.38
Summary for the year				
Bank balance at 1 January		£ 180.61	£ 217.59	£ 258.07
Plus				
Receipts		£ 179.49	£ 138.51	£ 141.90
Minus				
Payments		£ 94.42	£ 175.49	£ 182.38

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Analysis of resources		2020		2019		2018	
		£ 265.68		£ 180.61		£ 217.59	
4. Newchurch PCC: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival Account							
Due to Covid-19 Pandemic there was no fundraising Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in 2020							
		2020		2019		2018	
RECEIPTS							
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	203a	£	-	£	1,487.74	£	1,817.92
			£ -		£ 1,487.74		£ 1,817.92
PAYMENTS							
Alan Wright	503			£	111.91	£	167.00
F Wilcock expenses	503					£	-
Newchurch Parish Church (donation & heating)	503			£	900.00	£	1,008.00
Printers	503	£	-	£	-	£	-
Band	503			£	200.00	£	250.00
Ann Atkinson expenses	503					£	-
Children's Society	504			£	350.00	£	442.00
			£ -		£ 1,561.91		£ 1,867.00
<u>Summary for the year</u>							
		2020		2019		2018	
Bank balance at 1 January		£	95.84	£	170.01	£	219.09
Plus Receipts		£	-	£	1,487.74	£	1,817.92
Minus Payments		£	-	£	1,561.91	£	1,867.00
Closing Balance at 31 December			£ 95.84		£ 95.84		£ 170.01

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Monetary Assets	2020
	£
Newchurch PCC Main Account	£67,991.93
200 Club	£559.50
Junior Church	£265.68
Christmas Tree & Crib Festival	£95.84
Total Monetary Assets	£68,912.95

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTALS	
	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted	unrestricted	restricted
1 Tax Efficient planned giving(101)	£ 25,208.38								£ 25,208.38	£ -
2 Other Planned Giving- 103a	£ 1,643.70								£ 1,643.70	£ -
3 Collections at Services- 104	£ 5,048.57								£ 5,048.57	£ -
3a - 103b									£ -	£ -
4 All other giving & voluntary receipts including Special Appeals- 105	£ 4,862.41	£ 1,540.00							£ 4,862.41	£ 1,540.00
5 - 203b									£ -	£ -
6 Gift Aid Recovered- 102	£ 4,184.81								£ 4,184.81	£ -
6a GA Small Donations Scheme	£ 609.60								£ 609.60	
7 Legacies received (capital value)- 202	£ 2,000.00								£ 2,000.00	£ -
8 Grants (incl one off & recurring)- 201a									£ -	£ -
8a - 201b									£ -	£ -
ACTIVITES FOR GENERATING FUNDS									£ -	£ -
9 Gross Income from Fundraising Activities- 203a	£ 4,752.78		£ 3,025.00		£ 179.49		£ -		£ 7,957.27	£ -
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									£ -	£ -
10 Dividends, interest, income from property- 301 & 302									£ -	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITIES									£ -	£ -
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings , funerals etc)- 404	£ 15,557.00	£ 6,444.00							£ 15,557.00	£ 6,444.00
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall) NOT fundraising 401 / 402 / 403 & 500	£ 1,975.06								£ 1,975.06	£ -
OTHER INCOMNG RESOURCES									£ -	£ -
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed- 601 & 602	£ 939.68								£ 939.68	£ -
									£ -	£ -
	£ 66,781.99	£ 7,984.00	£ 3,025.00	£ -	£ 179.49	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 69,986.48	£ 7,984.00
	£ 74,765.99								£ 74,765.99	£ -
	£ 74,765.99		£ 3,025.00		£ 179.49		£ -		£ 77,970.48	£ -

14 Number of tax efficient planned givers

15 Number of other planned givers

16 Number of new legacies received

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TOTAL

Payments	Newchurch a/c		200 Club		Junior Church		Christmas Tree		TOTALS	
PAYMENTS										
COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME AND GENERATING FUNDS										
17 Fund raising activities (Costs & Payments)- 503	£ 571.68		£ 3,595.00		£ 94.42		£ -		£ 4,261.10	£ -
CHURCH ACTIVITES									£ -	£ -
18 Mission giving and donations- 504	£ 450.00								£ 450.00	£ -
19 Diocesan parish share contribution- 505	£ 53,502.72								£ 53,502.72	£ -
20 Salaries wages and honararia- 506	£ 1,600.00								£ 1,600.00	£ -
21 - Clergy and staff expenses 501 & 502	£ 1,661.61								£ 1,661.61	£ -
22 - Church Expenses : Mission and Evangalism costs 507									£ -	£ -
23a - Church running expenses 508	£ 1,078.01	£ 1,961.55							£ 1,078.01	£ 1,961.55
23b Church building maintenance costs 509	£ 1,217.50	£ 2,006.24							£ 1,217.50	£ 2,006.24
23c Church insurance costs 510	£ 2,241.44								£ 2,241.44	£ -
24 Church Utility Bills- 510	£ 1,985.47								£ 1,985.47	£ -
25 - Cost of Trading 511	£ 1,615.93								£ 1,615.93	£ -
COST OF GOVERNANCE									£ -	£ -
26 Governance costs- 4000b									£ -	£ -
MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE									£ -	£ -
27 Major repairs to the church building- 2012									£ -	£ -
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property incl redecoration 2013 & 2014		£ 4,485.00							£ -	£ 4,485.00
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property 2015									£ -	£ -
99 Other outgoing resources/payments										
assigned fees - NOT INCLUDED	£ -								£ -	£ -
	£ 65,924.36	£ 8,452.79	£ 3,595.00	£ -	£ 94.42	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 69,613.78	£ 8,452.79
									£ -	£ -
	£ 74,377.15		£ 3,595.00		£ 94.42		£ -		£ 78,066.57	£ -

31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 December

32 Investments as at 31st December

33 Liabilities due within 1 year:



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2020

Church Number:	789	Deanery: Winwick	
Church Name:	Newchurch	Diocese:	Liverpool

INCOMING RESOURCES			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Donations and Legacies					Raising Funds				
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£	25,208		17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£	4,261	
2	Other planned giving	£	1,644		Charitable Activities				
3	Collections at services	£	5,049		18	Mission giving and donations	£	450	
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£	4,862	£ 1,540	19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£	53,503	
6	Gift Aid recovered	£	4,185		20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£	1,600	
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment	£	610		21	Clergy and staff expenses	£	1,662	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	2,000		22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs			
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)				23	a. Church running expenses	£	1,078	£ 1,962
A	SUB-TOTAL Donations and Legacies:	£	43,557	£ 1,540		b. Church building maintenance costs	£	1,218	£ 2,006
Other Trading Activities						c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£	2,241	
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£	7,957		24	Church utility bills	£	1,985	
Investments					25	Cost of trading	£	1,616	
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.				26	Governance costs			
Charitable Activities					D	SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:	£	69,614	£ 3,968
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£	15,557	£ 6,444	Major capital expenditure				
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£	1,975		27	Major repairs to the church building			
Other					28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration			£ 4,485
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£	940		29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property			
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)					E	SUB-TOTAL for Major capital expenditure:	£	-	£ 4,485
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	£	69,986	£ 7,984	99	Other outgoing resources/ payments			
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES					TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)				
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers		49		F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	£	69,614	£ 8,453
15	Number of other planned givers		2		Cash and Investment Balances			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
16	Number of new legacies received		2		31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£	21,837	£ 44,267
C	Grand Total Receipts/Income	£	77,970		32	Investments as at 31st December			
G	Grand Total Payments/Expenditure	£	78,067		33	Liabilities due within 1 year	£	4,289	
					Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)				
					30	Receipts and payments [x]	Accruals []		

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

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Independent Examiner's Report 2020

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Newchurch on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, as set out in your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

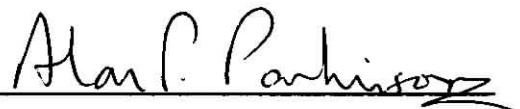
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the Independent Examiner's statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

Signed: 

Date: 2nd March 2021

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