

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. LAURENCE, FRODSHAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1130013

Details

Other names ST. LAURENCE'S PCC, FRODSHAM

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-05

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: Regular Public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity in various ways. Taking religious assemblies in schools. The provision of Junior Church and Parents and Toddlers group with a Christian ethos. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£153,591	£153,360	-	-
2023-12-31	£119,821	£156,578	-	-
2022-12-31	£134,025	£166,562	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,807	£134,132	-	-
2020-12-31	£134,100	£126,850	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PROFESSOR ELAINE LOUISE GRAHAM	Chair	2013-06-23
JOHN DAVID WHARNE		2016-04-17
Mary Lamb		2021-05-18
Minnie Alam		2024-05-01
Nicholas James Anderson Smith		2024-05-01
PAULINE KATE SHARPE		2022-04-28
Pauline Reece		2023-05-11
Phyllis Betty Rutter		2014-04-27
Rev Elaine Atack		2020-05-11
Stephen Bate		2024-05-01
Veronica York		2023-05-11

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council – main unrestricted account

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2024 were £153,591.24 – this is £34,000 up from the previous year.

£66,258.54 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being an increase of around £10,000 when compared to the 2023 total. This increase is due to the launch of the Giving in Grace campaign – ably championed by Rev Elaine. This has led to both increased giving by the existing contributors and an increased number of contributors as the campaign has been addressed to all the visitors to church services as well as the school and wider community. One further impact of this will be an increase in the Gift Aid refund in the current year.

£24,207.86 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. This was £12,000 up from the previous year as we received a legacy, and donations were up by £5,000 in part due to increased use of contactless donations. During the year a new contactless device was purchased and commissioned. This is available whenever the church is open and has resulted in more frequent donations.

£3,145.20 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts this shows it was from Fundraising activities and was over £1,000 more than the previous year. The breakdown of fundraising is shown under 3g. The Hotpot, Open Weekend, Organ Concert, Shared Lunch, Haus Music and Christmas Fare were our Fundraising events.

£58,706.19 was received from church activities inclusive of other income which is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. Fee income was slightly down Parish Hall lettings were slightly up. There was a transfer from the Maintenance Fund to pay for building work and a transfer from other Church related funds to ensure we could pay our Parish share.

The Charitable donations total received is £1,273.45.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2024 was £153,359.68 – slightly down from the previous year.

£75,344.40 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share, this compares to £71,756.64 for 2023.

£473.88 was spent on Fundraising; the breakdown is detailed under 3h on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

£77,541.40 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of the Church within the town. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other expenses (£224.83) under 3f. Church expenses were lower as there were no major repairs to the church and less expenditure on the Parish Hall.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was an excess of receipts over payments of £231.56. This however was due to the using up of other church related funds – now we have to increase our income to match our expenditure. The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2024 totalled £6,856.32.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

There was no income for 2024.

Expenditure

£4,519.25 was transferred to the main church account to cover the 2023 church repairs.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund (1) remained unchanged. The balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2024 totalled £7,257.02

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), the 2 churchwardens, treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and identified to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met regularly during 2024 - sub groups continue to be given "structures" agreed by the PCC. In 2024 these included:

Events Committee; Childrens team; Pastoral team; Finance sub group; fabrics committee; Parish Hall Committee.

Safeguarding is taken seriously and during 2024 our Safeguarding officer has been attending courses and we have appointed a Lead Recruiter to ensure that DBS's are carried out as required.

Administrative Information

St. Laurence's Church is situated in Frodsham, Cheshire. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Frodsham WA6 7DU.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Names of current members of the PCC are:

Chairman	The Vicar	Reverend Elaine Atack
Vice-chairman / Deanery Synod / Church Warden		Canon Prof Elaine Graham
Church Warden		Betty Rutter
Treasurer		John Wharne
Secretary / Wardens Team		Glenda Boyd-Williams
Safeguarding Officer		Mary Lamb
PCC Officer / Deanery Synod		Pauline Sharpe
PCC Officer		Pauline Reece
PCC Officer		Nick Smith
PCC Officer		Veronica York
PCC Officer		Ann Woodhouse

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Minnie Alam
Chris Kimberley

	General Fund 2024	General Fund 2023
	£	£
Receipts and Payments Account		
Receipts		
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>		
<i>Regular Giving</i>		
Collections and Other Giving	£54,391.54	£44,785.59
Income Tax recovered	£11,867.00	£11,415.25
	<u>£66,258.54</u>	<u>£56,200.84</u>
Other Voluntary receipts (note 3a)	£24,207.86	£12,219.64
Activities for generating funds (note 3b)	£3,145.20	£1,925.00
Receipts from church activities (3c) inclusive of "other income" (3d)	£58,706.19	£48,610.20
Charitable Donations Received	£1,273.45	£865.17
	<u>£153,591.24</u>	<u>£119,820.85</u>
Payments		
<i>Church activities</i>		
Diocesan parish share	£75,344.40	£71,756.64
Fundraising Expenses (see 3h)	£473.88	£617.09
Church Activities payments (note 3e) inclusive of "other expenditure" (3f)	£77,541.40	£84,204.46
	<u>£153,359.68</u>	<u>£156,578.19</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>£231.56</u>	<u>-£36,757.34</u>

	General Fund 2024	General Fund 2023
	£	£
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Bank current account	£6,856.32	£6,011.36
Bank Deposit Account	£0.00	£0.00
CBF deposit fund	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£6,856.32</u>	<u>£6,011.36</u>
<i>Investment Assets</i>		
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	£0.00	£0.00
CBF Investment Fund	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Cash Assets	£6,856.32	£6,011.36
<i>Assets retained for Church use</i>		
Church Hall (Insurance Value)	£400,000.00	£400,000.00
	<u>£400,000.00</u>	<u>£400,000.00</u>

Reconciliations	Current Account	Current Account Previous Year
Accounts 1 Jan 2024	£6,011.36	£42,768.70
Minus 2024 Expenditure	£153,359.48	£156,578.19
Plus 2024 Income	£154,204.44	£119,820.85
Accounts 31 Dec 2024	£6,856.32	£6,011.36

Notes

1 Prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	General Fund 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £
3a 3a - Other Voluntary receipts		
Legacy	£5,000.00	£0.00
Donations	£17,728.86	£11,925.64
Grants	£1,479.00	£294.00
Insurance Claim	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Adjustment	£0.00	£0.00
Subtotal	£24,207.86	£12,219.64
3b 3b - Activities for generating funds - receipts		
Parish Magazine - sales and adverts	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising Receipts (see details below (g))	£3,145.20	£1,925.00
Subtotal	£3,145.20	£1,925.00
3c 3c - Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	£19,526.00	£20,063.80
Church Hall Lettings	£10,919.50	£10,715.00
Adjustments	£634.80	£0.00
Refunds	£1,064.84	£0.00
Other income (see details below (d))	£27,174.25	£17,831.40
Subtotal	£59,319.39	£48,610.20
Receipts Total	£86,672.45	£62,754.84

	General Fund 2024 £	General Fund 2023 £
3d 3d - Other Income Detail		
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£105.00	
Hall Key Deposit	£30.00	
Transfer from Maintenance Acct for Roof	£4,519.25	
Vicars Transfer	£20.00	
Transfer from other funds	£22,500.00	
	£27,174.25	
3e 3e - Church Activities - Payments		
Charitable Donations	£1,584.00	£2,638.28
Church Expenses	£26,788.99	£32,997.45
Hall Repairs	£2,807.86	£4,913.03
Hall Running Costs	£14,090.95	£14,570.73
Churchyard Maintenance	£542.16	£447.94
Clergy Expenses	£7,232.04	£6,793.39
Cost of Services	£7,425.58	£6,904.63
Magazine Printing Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Expenses	£5,266.99	£2,536.71
Payments from church activities	£11,578.00	£11,659.80
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenses (see details below (f))	£224.83	£742.50
	£77,541.40	£84,204.46
3f 3f - Other Expenses Detail		
Churchyard Development	£280.53	
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£149.70	
Vicars Travel	£20.00	
Adjustments	-£225.60	
	£224.63	
3g 3g - Fundraising Income Details		
Hotpot	£1,042.00	
Open Weekend	£370.74	
Organ Concert	£732.11	
Shared Lunch	£76.45	
Haus Musik	£446.00	
Christmas Fair	£477.90	
	£3,145.20	
3h - Fundraising Expenses Detail		
Hotpot	£315.25	
Organ Concert	£88.07	
Shared Lunch	£37.79	
Christmas Fair	£32.77	
	£473.88	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

FAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

E Bennett

Date:

15.10.21

Name:

ERIC RONALD BENNETT.

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

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

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

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Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2023 were £119,820.85 – this is £17,000 down from the previous year despite a transfer of nearly £18,000 from the maintenance account for roof repairs.

£56,200.84 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being a decrease of around £1,900 when compared to the 2022 total. This continues the decrease over the last couple of years due to the loss of a number of regular givers due to them moving away or sadly dying – though the reduction is lower than last year.

£12,219.64 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. This was significantly down from the previous year due to no legacies, large donations or insurance claims.

£1,925.00 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the breakdown of Fund Raising under 3g. The Hotpot and Coronation Lunches with the Christmas Craft Fair were our fundraising events.

£48,610.20 was received from church activities inclusive of other income and is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. Fee income increased as did Parish Hall lettings and the aforementioned transfer from the maintenance fund.

The Charitable donations total received is £865.17.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2023 was £156,578.19.

£71,756.64 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share, this compares to £69,666.60 for 2022.

£617.09 was spent on fundraising; the breakdown is detailed under 3h on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

£84,204.46 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of St. Laurence's within the town. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other expenses (£742.50) under 3f. Church expenses were lower as there were no major repairs to the church and less expenditure on the Parish Hall.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was an excess of receipts over payments of -£36,757.34 – this is an increase of £4,000.00 – the legacies received over the previous years have enabled us to bear this large loss – but this has now been used up. The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2023 totalled £6,011.36.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

Total receipts for 2023 was nil.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2023 was £17,775.70 – the monies transferred to the main church account to cover the 2022 roof repair.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund Main Account was a loss of £17,775.70 so the balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2023 totalled £11,756.27.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens team, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and identified to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

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Events Committee; Childrens team; Pastoral team; Finance sub group; fabrics committee; Parish Hall Committee.

Safeguarding is taken seriously and during 2023 our Safeguarding officer has been attending courses and working to ensure that DBS’s are carried out as required – along with relevant training.

Administrative Information

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Names of current members of the PCC are:

Chairman	The Vicar	Reverend Elaine Atack
Vice-chairman / Deanery Synod / Wardens Team		Canon Prof Elaine Graham
Wardens Team		Betty Rutter
Wardens Team		Terrence Hayes
Treasurer		John Wharne
Acting Secretary		Rev Kath Williamson
Safeguarding Officer		Mary Lamb
Lay Reader		Andrew Rudd
PCC Officer		Veronica York
PCC Officer		Pauline Reece
PCC Officer		Nick Smith
PCC Officer		Chris Wilding
PCC Officer		Pauline Sharpe
PCC Officer		Steve Bate
PCC Officer		Minnie Alam

	General Fund 2023	General Fund 2022
	£	£
Receipts and Payments Account		
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts		
<i>Regular Giving</i>		
Collections and Other Giving	£44,785.59	£45,783.14
Income Tax recovered	£11,415.25	£12,327.98
	<u>£56,200.84</u>	<u>£58,111.12</u>
Other Voluntary receipts (note 3a)	£12,219.64	£45,539.92
Activities for generating funds (note 3b)	£1,925.00	£1,293.50
Receipts from church activities (3c) inclusive of "other income" (3d)	£48,810.20	£27,307.11
Charitable Donations Received	£865.17	£1,773.70
	<u>£119,820.85</u>	<u>£134,025.35</u>
Payments		
<i>Church activities</i>		
Diocesan parish share	£71,756.64	£69,666.60
Fundraising Expenses (see 3h)	£617.09	£462.08
Church Activities payments (note 3e) inclusive of "other expenditure" (3f)	£84,204.46	£96,433.70
	<u>£156,578.19</u>	<u>£166,562.38</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u><u>-£36,757.34</u></u>	<u><u>-£32,537.03</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			General Fund 2023	General Fund 2022
			£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank current account			£6,011.36	£42,768.70
Bank Deposit Account			£0.00	£0.00
CBF deposit fund			£0.00	£0.00
			<u>£6,011.36</u>	<u>£42,768.70</u>
Investment Assets				
CBF Fixed Interest Fund			£0.00	£0.00
CBF Investment Fund			£0.00	£0.00
			<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
		Total Cash Assets	£6,011.36	£42,768.70
Assets retained for Church use				
		Church Hall (Insurance Value)	£400,000.00	£400,000.00
			<u>£400,000.00</u>	<u>£400,000.00</u>

Reconciliations	Current Account	Current Account Previous Year
Accounts 1 Jan 2023	£42,768.70	£75,305.73
Minus 2023 Expenditure	£156,578.19	£166,562.38
Plus 2023 Income	£119,820.85	£134,025.35
Accounts 31 Dec 2023	£6,011.36	£42,768.70

Notes

1 Prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	General Fund 2023 £	General Fund 2022 £
3a 3a - Other Voluntary receipts		
Legacy	£0.00	£15,200.00
Donations	£11,925.64	£21,130.55
Grants	£294.00	£1,289.77
Insurance Claim	£0.00	£7,919.80
Bank Adjustment	£0.00	£0.00
Subtotal	£12,219.64	£45,539.92
3b 3b - Activities for generating funds - receipts		
Parish Magazine - sales and adverts	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising Receipts (see details below (g))	£1,925.00	£1,293.50
Subtotal	£1,925.00	£1,293.50
3c 3c - Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	£20,063.80	£14,703.00
Church Hall Lettings	£10,715.00	£7,020.00
Coffee Mornings	£0.00	£0.00
Refunds	£0.00	£5,141.36
Other income (see details below (d))	£17,831.40	£442.75
Subtotal	£48,610.20	£27,307.11
Receipts Total	£62,754.84	£74,140.53

	General Fund 2023 £	General Fund 2022 £
3d 3d - Other Income Detail		
Bible Reading Fellowship	£76.70	
Transfer from Maintenance Acct for Roof	£17,755.70	
	£17,831.40	
3e 3e - Church Activities - Payments		
Charitable Donations	£2,639.28	£609.69
Church Expenses	£32,997.45	£47,193.64
Hall Repairs	£4,813.03	£11,140.67
Hall Running Costs	£14,670.73	£9,406.81
Churchyard Maintenance	£447.54	£340.42
Clergy Expenses	£9,793.39	£7,333.04
Cost of Services	£6,904.83	£6,443.27
Magazine Printing Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Expenses	£2,638.71	£4,801.78
Payments from church activities	£11,659.80	£7,689.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenses (see details below (f))	£742.50	£1,486.60
	£84,204.46	£98,433.70
3f 3f - Other Expenses Detail		
Churches Together	£300.00	
Miscellaneous Certificates	£134.00	
Bible Reading Fellowship	£148.50	
Hall Letting Refunds	£160.00	
	£742.50	
3g 3g - Fundraising Income Details		
Hotpot	£552.00	
Coronation Lunch	£876.00	
Christmas Fair	£497.00	
	£1,925.00	
3h 3h - Fundraising Expenses Detail		
Coronation Lunch	£561.44	
Christmas Fair	£55.65	
	£617.09	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE, FRODSHAM

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Eric Bennett

Date:

2.5.24

Name:

ERIC RONALD BENNETT

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(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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Accounts

St Laurence Church, Frodsham

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Laurence, Frodsham Charity No: 1130013

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Aim and Purposes

The PCC role is to work with and support the incumbent, the Reverend Elaine Atack, and the wider Ministry Team, in promoting the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical – in Frodsham.

The PCC is further responsible for the repair and maintenance of two properties; the Grade 1 Listed Parish Church of St. Laurence, and the Parish Hall.

Frodsham has a linked Voluntary Controlled Church of England school, with which it works very closely.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling the people of Frodsham to become part of our parish community at St. Laurence. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and supports the vision of being “the Church of every day”, providing different services and worship throughout the week to meet the needs of different groups.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work – recognising that wherever we are – church is there.

Other organisations and initiatives wholly or partly supported by the PCC, include:

- Mothers Union (10 meetings a year)
- Faith in Action (monthly)
- Church Choir (weekly + special events)
- Church Bell Ringers (ditto)
- Toddler Praise (each Wednesday in term time)
- Messy Church (monthly in term time)
- Reading Group (weekly – with breaks)
- Walking Group (monthly/variable – weather dependent)
- Craft & Chat – (weekly)

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We extend an open invitation to attend our regular services. We are an inclusive church. At present there are 145 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our Sunday services, we have a well-established mid-week Toddler service, a Tuesday evening Eucharist and a Friday afternoon Craft and chat, a monthly reflective service “Still Point” - we regularly welcome families seeking baptism; we welcome those who wish to be married in church; and we support grieving families at our funeral services

Church is open from 10.00am – 4.00pm on weekdays to allow visitors and locals to enjoy its peaceful ambience and have time for private prayer. Our Blessed Sacrament chapel has a votive candle stand and a prayer request board – both are well used.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC can sit on the Deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Diocese of Chester.

Pastoral Care

A Pastoral Team was identified and given training by the Incumbent. The “Accompanied church” was established. These are the people who for whatever reason (permanent or temporary) cannot be part of our “Gathered church” in the actual building.

Each Pastoral Visitor is allocated people to visit and “take church to them”: sometimes just a visit and a prayer, a chat, or taking CD’s of the various services, newsletters with up to date information – so they feel that they are still valued and “in touch”

Pastoral care is always a high priority with our Incumbent and people are regularly phoned, visited as needs arise – including bereavement.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and we feel that giving to Charity is an important part this:

Our Christingle gave all donations to The Children’s Society.

We help with on the street collections for Christian Aid and give the collection from the services during that week towards the work of Christian Aid

Our Harvest service encouraged people to give generously to the Foodbanks and again donations from that service were given to the Charity.

A prayer diary was sent out once a month with the newsletter which is also available online to develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus and a regular framework for daily Private Prayer.

A “spin off” from our Faith in Action group was to create “Bee Friends” which works with people in our community to tackle loneliness etc. It established in 2022 a weekly Coffee morning in our Parish Hall to create a safe and warm space to meet and have free refreshments. Our incumbent and other members of our church family regularly visit to meet with the people both socially and pastorally – sharing the love of Christ.

“The Sanctuary” was created at the Parish Hall as a quiet place of prayer and reflection and where small acts of worship can take place in the heart of the town.

Occasional Offices are recognised as great opportunities for Mission and during 2022 many new young families attended services at our church.

A group from our church visited Austria and attended the Oberammergau Passion Play.

In November 2022, we held a Confirmation service where 9 of our young people and 4 adults were confirmed by Bishop Julie.

Our Incumbent visits school regularly for weekly acts of worship. Pupils are regularly brought over to church for services or an informal “look around”

Our Incumbent helps the Headteacher each year to deliver the Christianity Module and children can then decide whether they would like to be admitted to HC. In October 2022 we held a special service where 18 were formally “Admitted to HC” – a valuable opportunity to welcome families to church.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Frodsham and they hold regular meetings.

During the week of prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 2022) a joint service was held at St Laurence and was well attended and well received.

St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council – main unrestricted accounts

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2022 were £134,025.35

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£58,111.12 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being a decrease of around £3,500 when compared to the 2021 total. This continues the decrease seen over the last couple of years due to loss of a number of regular givers due to them moving away or sadly dying.

£45,539.92 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. This was significantly up from the previous year due to legacies, donations towards the roof repairs and associated insurance claim.

£1,293.50 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the breakdown of fundraising under 3g. The Platinum Jubilee Lunch and Christmas Fare represented the starting of Fundraising events again.

£27,307.11 was received from church activities inclusive of other income which is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account. This was boosted by a full year of Fee income, increased Parish Hall lettings and a VAT refund.

The Charitable donations total received is £1,773.70.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2020 was £166,562.38.

£69,666.60 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share.

£462.08 was spent on fundraising.

£96,433.70 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of St. Laurence's within the town. This was significantly higher than the previous year due to the expense of replacing the stolen lead on the church roof and refurbishment of the Parish Hall. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other income under 3f.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was an increase of payments over receipts of £32,537.03 compared to a decrease of £42,324.83 in 2021. The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2022 totalled £42,768.70.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

Total receipts for 2020 was nil.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2020 was nil.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund Main Account was no change so the balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2022 totalled £29531.97.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and identified to stand for election to the PCC.

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The PCC met regularly during 2022 as we moved from Covid restrictions.

Sub groups were created and given "structures" agreed by the PCC. In 2022 these included:

Events Committee; Childrens team; Pastoral team; Finance sub group; fabrics committee; Parish Hall Committee.

Safeguarding is taken seriously and during 2022 our Safeguarding officer has been attending courses and working to ensure that DBS's are carried out as required – along with relevant training.

Administrative Information

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Names of current members of the PCC are:

Chairman	The Vicar	Reverend Elaine Atack
Vice-chairman / Deanery Synod / Wardens Team		Canon Prof Elaine Graham
Churchwarden		Dr Joanna Ayliffe
Wardens Team		Betty Rutter
Treasurer		John Wharne

Acting Secretary
Safeguarding Officer
Lay Reader
PCC Officer
PCC Officer
PCC Officer
PCC Officer
PCC Officer
PCC Officer
PCC Officer

Rev Kath Williamson
Mary Lamb.
Andrew Rudd
Tom Cameron
Veronica York
Pauline Reece
Wendy Rudd
Chris Wilding
Pauline Sharpe
Pam Garner

	General Fund 2022 £	General Fund 2021 £
Receipts and Payments Account		
Receipts		
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>		
<i>Regular Giving</i>		
Collections and Other Giving	£45,783.14	£49,396.85
Income Tax recovered	£12,327.98	£12,276.34
	<u>£58,111.12</u>	<u>£61,673.19</u>
Other Voluntary receipts (note 3a)	£45,539.92	£15,991.46
Activities for generating funds (note 3b)	£1,293.50	£470.00
Receipts from church activities (3c) inclusive of "other income" (3d)	£27,307.11	£13,672.07
Charitable Donations Received	£1,773.70	£0.00
	<u>£134,025.35</u>	<u>£91,806.72</u>
Payments		
<i>Church activities</i>		
Diocesan parish share	£69,666.60	£68,131.56
Fundraising Expenses (see 3h)	£462.08	£506.64
Church Activities payments (note 3e) inclusive of "other expenditure" (3f)	£96,433.70	£65,493.35
	<u>£166,562.38</u>	<u>£134,131.55</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>-£32,537.03</u>	<u>-£42,324.83</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General Fund 2022 £	General Fund 2021 £
<i>Cash Funds</i>			
Bank current account		£44,323.10	£117,630.56
Bank Deposit Account		£0.00	£0.00
CBF deposit fund		£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£44,323.10</u>	<u>£117,630.56</u>
<i>Investment Assets</i>			
CBF Fixed Interest Fund		£0.00	£0.00
CBF Investment Fund		£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	Total Cash Assets	£44,323.10	£117,630.56
<i>Assets retained for Church use</i>			
Church Hall (Insurance Value)		£400,000.00	£400,000.00
		<u>£400,000.00</u>	<u>£400,000.00</u>

Reconciliations	Current Account	Current Account Previous Year
Accounts 1 Jan 2022	£75,305.73	£117,630.56
Minus 2022 Expenditure	£166,562.38	£134,131.55
Plus 2022 Income	£134,025.35	£91,806.72
Accounts 31 Dec 2022	£42,768.70	£75,305.73

Receipts and Payments Analysis

Notes

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Prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	General Fund 2022 £	General Fund 2021 £
3a 3a - Other Voluntary receipts		
Legacy	£15,200.00	£1,981.17
Donations	£21,130.55	£11,156.29
Grants	£1,289.77	£2,854.00
Insurance Claim	£7,919.60	£0.00
Bank Adjustment	£0.00	£0.00
Subtotal	£45,539.92	£15,991.46
3b 3b - Activities for generating funds - receipts		
Parish Magazine - sales and adverts	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising Receipts (see details below (g))	£1,293.50	£470.00
Subtotal	£1,293.50	£470.00
3c 3c - Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	£15,353.00	£9,564.00
Church Hall Lettings	£7,020.00	£3,120.00
Coffee Mornings	£0.00	£0.00
Refunds	£5,141.36	£402.07
Other income (see details below (d))	£442.75	£586.00
Subtotal	£27,307.11	£13,672.07
Receipts Total	£74,140.53	£30,133.53
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	General Fund 2022 £	General Fund 2021 £
3d 3d - Other Income Detail		
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£102.75	
Collection for Tongcos	£130.00	
Overpaid wedding deposit	£150.00	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£60.00	
	£442.75	
3e 3e - Church Activities - Payments		
Charitable Donations	£609.69	£158.00
Church Expenses	£47,183.54	£29,771.45
Hall Repairs	£11,140.67	£290.57
Hall Running Costs	£9,406.81	£10,510.75
Churchyard Maintenance	£340.42	£305.72
Clergy Expenses	£7,333.04	£8,286.02
Cost of Services	£6,443.27	£5,269.31
Magazine Printing Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Expenses	£4,801.76	£2,070.93
Payments from church activities	£7,689.00	£7,858.20
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenses (see details below (f))	£1,485.50	£972.40
	£96,433.70	£65,493.35
3f 3f - Other Expenses Detail		
Churches Together	£300.00	
Gift for Linda and Romy	£230.00	
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£145.50	
First Communion Retreat	£600.00	
Return of Overpaid Wedding Deposit	£150.00	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£60.00	
	£1,485.50	
3g 3g - Fundraising Income Details		
Platinum Jubilee Lunch	£830.60	
Christmas Fare	£462.90	
	£1,293.50	
3h - Fundraising Expenses Detail		
Platinum Jubilee Lunch	£448.08	
Christmas Fare	£14.00	
	£462.08	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, FRODSHAM.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st DECEMBER 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

ER Bennett

Date:

9. 5. 23

Name:

ERIC RONALD BENNETT

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

Accounts

St Laurence Church, Frodsham

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Laurence, Frodsham. Charity No: 1130013

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Aim and Purposes

St. Laurence's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Elaine Atack and others in the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Laurence, Church Road, Frodsham and of the Church Hall located in Church Street, Frodsham.

The Church has close links with its VC CofE Primary school with approx. 200 children on roll.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Laurence. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Our activities for 2021 were again severely constrained by Covid-19 restrictions.

The Parish Mission Statement is "To know God and to make God known".

We aim to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer;

learning about the Gospel;

developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Mission and outreach work.

Other organisations and initiatives wholly or partly supported by the PCC, include: - Mothers Union (meetings were held when possible in 2021)

Church Choir

Church Bell Ringers

Christian Aid Collections

Church Discussion Groups (Faith in Action)

Regular quizzes
Reading Group
Food Bank Contributors
Walking Group (restricted, but some walks completed)

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Laurence and the Church Hall, which was deep cleaned and internally redecorated in 2021. Both places had new noticeboards installed.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We are an inclusive church. In 2021 there were 163 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

As Covid-19 restrictions eased we were able to begin to clear the backlog of baptisms (27) and marriages (7) in 2021, which was a great relief to all concerned. Eleven funerals took place in Church and six at the Crematorium.

With CCTV cameras in place, we are able to open the church building for Private prayer between 10.00 and 16:00 on weekdays. Sadly we suffered a major lead theft from the roof during September, with substantial internal damage due to water ingress. Temporary repairs were carried out and full repair is scheduled for early 2022. As a consequence, a full roof alarm has been installed.

The Civic remembrance service was prepared and led by Rev Elaine Attack, as was the Remembrance Sunday service at St Laurence. The Christingle services were cancelled at short notice because of numbers involved and a sharp increase in Covid-19 infections. Other Christmas services went ahead with reduced numbers.

No deanery Synod meetings took place during 2021 although there were some exchanges of email in anticipation of the impending retirement of the Rural Dean.

Pastoral Care / Safeguarding

Pastoral care began to return to normal in the latter part of 2021, which included a group of people being trained by the Incumbent, and who are known as our Pastoral Link team. What we now refer to as our "Accompanied Church" - people who are longstanding members of our congregation but no longer physically able to attend church on a regular basis - are visited regularly by this team. They take Home Communion as requested, deliver CDs of services and the weekly newsletter is still delivered.

A safeguarding officer was identified and trained, and the process of carrying out DBS checks where needed was begun, in line with standard CofE practice.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and a decision was made in 2014 that we would, in future, select a Charity which we would support for that year and hope to establish links with that charity. Stick n Step was selected for our 2018/2019 charity as a local one. As no fundraising was possible in 2020, this remained our charity in 2021.

A prayer diary is sent out once a month with the newsletter which is also available online to develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus and a regular framework for daily Private Prayer.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Frodsham.

Financial Review

St. Laurence established a restricted fund in 2012 to raise money for major building work required on the church which was completed in August 2015; the details of this account are shown after the main church accounts.

St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council - main unrestricted accounts

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2021 were £91,806.72 ██████████

£59,538.19 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being a decrease of £8,478.96 when compared to the 2021 total reflecting the effect of the pandemic.

£18,126.46 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

£470.00 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the breakdown of Fund Raising under 3g.

£13,672.07 was received from church activities inclusive of other income and is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

There were no charitable donations during the year.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2021 was £134,131.55.

£68,131.56 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share.

£506.64 was spent on fundraising.

£65,493.35 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of St. Laurence's within the town. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other income under 3f.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was a decrease of receipts over payments of £42,324.83 compared to an increase of £7,250.42 in 2020. The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2021 totalled £75,305.73.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

Total receipts for 2021 was nil.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2021 was nil.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund Main Account was no change so the balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2021 totalled £29531.97.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Administrative Information

St. Laurence Frodsham is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Frodsham WA6 7DU.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Names of current members of the PCC in 2022 are:

Vicar Reverend Elaine Attack
Churchwarden Joanna Ayliffe
Deanery Synod and vice
chairman Elaine Graham
Lay Reader Andrew Rudd
Lay Reader (xo) Gill Newcombe
PCC Officer Betty Rutter
PCC Officer Tom Cameron
PCC Officer Christine Wilding
PCC Officer Pauline Sharpe
PCC Officer Wendy Rudd
PCC Officer Pam Garner
Treasurer John Wharne
Acting Secretary Kath Williamson
Safeguarding Officer Mary Lamb.

General Fund	General Fund
2021	2020
£	£

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Voluntary Receipts

Regular Giving

Collections and Other Giving		£49,396.85	£53,506.17	
Income Tax recovered	£12,276.34			£14,510.98
		£61,673.19	£68,017.15	
Other Voluntary receipts (note 3a)		£15,991.46	£45,784.77	
Activities for generating funds (note 3b)		£470.00	£640.38	
Receipts from church activities (3c) inclusive of "other income" (3d)		£13,672.07	£19,288.48	
Charitable Donations Received		£0.00	£369.55	

Payments

Church activities

Diocesan parish share		£91,806.72	£134,100.33	
Fundraising Expenses (see 3h)		£68,131.56	£67,624.32	
Church Activities payments (note 3e) inclusive of "other expenditure" (3f)		£506.64	£0.00	
		£65,493.35	£59,225.59	
	£134,131.55			£126,849.91

Excess of Receipts over Payments

-£42,324.83 £7,250.42

	General Fund	General Fund	
	2021	2020	
	£	£	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
<i>Cash Funds</i>			
Bank current account	£75,305.73	£117,630.56	
Bank Deposit Account	£0.00	£0.00	
CBF deposit fund	£75,000.17	£117,030.56	
<i>Investment Assets</i>			
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	£0.00	£0.00	
CBF Investment Fund	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Cash Assets	£75,305.73	£117,630.56	
<i>Assets retained for Church use</i>			
Church Hall (Insurance Value)	£400,000.00	£400,000.00	£400,000.00

Reconciliations

	Current Account	Current Account Previous Year
Accounts 1 Jan 2021	£117,630.56	£110,380.14
Minus 2021 Expenditure	£134,131.55	£126,849.91
Plus 2021 Income	£91,806.72	£134,100.33
Accounts 31 Dec 2021	£75,305.73	£117,630.56

Notes

1 Prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	General Fund 2021	General Fund 2020
	£	£
3a 3a - Other Voluntary receipts		
Legacy	£1,981.17	£40,857.91
Donations	£11,156.29	£2,842.86
Grants	£2,854.00	£2,084.00
Insurance Claim	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Adjustment	£0.00	£0.00
Subtotal	£15,991.46	£45,784.77
3b 3b - Activities for generating funds - receipts		
Parish Magazine - sales and adverts	£0.00	£575.38
Fundraising Receipts (see details below (g))	£470.00	£65.00
Subtotal	£470.00	£640.38
3c 3c - Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	£9,564.00	£13,339.40
Church Hall Lettings	£3,120.00	£3,876.00
Coffee Mornings	£0.00	£472.00
Refunds	£402.07	£1,273.13
Other income (see details below (d))	£586.00	£327.95
Subtotal	£13,672.07	£19,288.48
Receipts Total	£30,133.53	£65,713.63

	General Fund 2021	General Fund 2020
3d3d - Other Income Detail	£127.80	
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£10.00	
Heritage incl Books & Restoration Bks	£10.20	
Film Club	£80.00	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£33.00	
Graveyard CDs	£150.00	
Overpaid deposit	£175.00	
Donations for Induction Gift	£586.00	

	General Fund 2021	General Fund 2020
3e 3e - Church Activities - Payments		
Charitable Donations	£158.00	£369.55
Church Expenses	£29,771.45	£20,352.33
Hall Repairs	£290.57	£401.70
Hall Running Costs	£10,510.75	£10,454.82
Churchyard Maintenance	£305.72	£275.87
Clergy Expenses	£8,286.02	£12,351.33
Cost of Services	£5,269.31	£4,976.56
Magazine Printing Costs	£0.00	£78.75
Parish Expenses	£2,070.93	£2,642.48
Payments from church activities	£7,858.20	£6,420.20
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenses (see details below (f))	£6,423.45	£5,262.69

	General Fund 2021	General Fund 2020
3f3f - Other Expenses Detail	£300.00	
Churches Together	£102.50	
Gift for Heather and David Powling	£114.90	
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£50.00	
Hall Letting Refund	£175.00	
Gift for Induction	£150.00	
Return of Overpaid Wedding Deposit	£80.00	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£972.40	

	General Fund 2021	General Fund 2020
3g3g - Fundraising Income Details	£470.00	
Christmas Puddings	£470.00	

	£506.64	
	£506.64	

3h - Fundraising Expenses Detail
Christmas Puddings



CHARITY
FOR ENGLAND

**Independent
examiner's
report on
the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. LAURENCE,
FRODSHAM

**On accounts for the
year ended**

2021

Charity no (if any)

1130013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

5.10.22

Name:

ERIC ROWARD BENNETT

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

FCA (RETIRED) FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF
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Section B

Disclosure

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

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Accounts

St Laurence Church, Frodsham

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Laurence, Frodsham. Charity No: 1130013

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Aim and Purposes

St. Laurence's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Elaine Atack and others in the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Reverend Elaine Atack was inducted into the Parish on 11th May 2020 via Zoom by the Bishop of Birkenhead.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Laurence, Church Road, Frodsham and of the Church Hall located in Church Street, Frodsham.

The Church also is linked to a Voluntary Controlled Church of England school, and sees this connection in the light of the Dearing report, which stated "*Church schools are not an add on, but integral to the life of the parishes.*"

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Laurence. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

Other organisations and initiatives wholly or partly supported by the PCC, including: - Mothers Union (2 meetings in 2020)

Association of Church Fellowships (2 meetings in 2020)

Church Choir
Church Bell Ringers
Shake Rattle and Pray (Suspended due to Covid March 2020)
Christian Aid Collections
Church Discussion Groups (Faith and Modernity)
Regular quizzes (in 2020 via Zoom)
Reading Group (Via Zoom in 2020)
Food Bank Contributors

Walking Group (restricted because of Covid but some walks completed)

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Laurence and the Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

In an open year, the PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

For example, morning and evening prayer provides a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst regular celebrations of the sacrament of Communion offer a more structured and participative experience to the community.

Junior Church was held every Sunday during the 10am service and we use the Godly Play and Messy Church schemes of worship with the children. Membership is an average of 6 children each Sunday morning. Shake Rattle and Pray is a service for pre-school age children and their carers held each Wednesday morning during term time.

However, in March 2020 the government announced a lockdown linked to the outbreak of Coronavirus. All in person services were suspended as of Mothering Sunday. As a Parish we did manage to distribute posies for Mothering Sunday and Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We are an inclusive church. At present there are 152 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As we were not open for most of the year a system of recording services and putting the services online was used. For those unable to access these service a CD was recorded and distributed along with the weekly newsletter. At its peak over 150 people were accessing services in this manner during the lockdown.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through

baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

Due to the Corona Virus and the lockdown we were unable to have baptisms in 2020 and all marriage services were cancelled. Three funerals took place in Church prior to lockdown but the ministry team did carry out graveside services and services at the Crematorium.

We have suffered our share of vandalism and break-ins in the past but we are determined to allow the Church building to remain open throughout the day to allow passers-by and others to enjoy its peaceful ambience and have time for private prayer. By installing a set of CCTV cameras we are able to open the building even when services are not being taken. When allowed the church building was open for Private prayer between 10.00 and 16:00, a risk assessment was applied and enhanced cleaning took place. The church was open in this way for a period of time in July August and September. A few services with no singing took place in September and October with greatly reduced numbers and everyone wearing masks. By the Autumn of 2020 we were again in lockdown.

The remembrance service as prepared by Rev Elaine Attack was recorded as a video in a joint enterprise with the other churches in Frodsham and published online. The Christmas Christingle service was also a video service recorded in church and published for others to watch online. The Christmas services were online recorded services.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC can sit on the Deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Diocese of Chester. No deanery Synod meetings took place during 2020 although there were some exchanges of email.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care was very altered during 2020. The CDs were supplied to the "accompanied" church. The pandemic helped us to recognise a group of people who needed extra support. A system of Phone Buddies was set up an extension of the idea already used by the Mother's Union. People were assigned groups that they rang round to keep every one in touch. The weekly newsletter was expanded to include general updates from members of the congregation.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and a decision was made in 2014 that we would, in future, select a Charity which we would support for that year and hope to establish links with that charity. Stick n Step was selected for our 2018/2019 charity as a local one. No fundraising was possible for the charity in 2020.

A prayer diary was sent out once a month with the newsletter which is also available online to develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus and a regular framework for daily Private Prayer.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Frodsham. The regular newsletter was not able to be produced. The churches did work together for ecumenical service at Remembrance. We also worked in the setting up of Frodsham Helping Hands which was set up to enable DBS checked volunteers help vulnerable people within the town of Frodsham.

Financial Review

St. Laurence's established a restricted fund in 2012 to raise money for major building work required on the church which was completed in August 2015; the details of this account are shown after the main church accounts.

St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council - main unrestricted accounts

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2020 were £134,100.33

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£68,017.15 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being a decrease of £5,648.58 when compared to the 2019 total reflecting the effect of the pandemic.

£45,784.77 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

£640.38 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the breakdown of Fund Raising under 3g.

£19,288.48 was received from church activities inclusive of other income and is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

The Charitable donations total received is £369.55.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2020 was £126,849.91.

£67,624.32 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share.

Due to the impact of the pandemic no money was spent on fundraising.

£59,225.59 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of St. Laurence's within the town. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other income under 3f.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was an increase of receipts over payments of £7,250.42 compared to an increase of £90,691.22 in 2019(due to the legacy). The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2020 totalled £117,630.56.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

Total receipts for 2020 was nil.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2020 was nil.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund Main Account was no change so the balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2020 totalled £29531.97.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who

attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met twice during 2020 with an average level of attendance of 80%. With the interregnum and the lockdown the PCC standing committee consisting of the main officers met a number of times to keep things running. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

Administrative Information

St. Laurence's Church is situated in Frodsham, Cheshire. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Frodsham WA6 7DU.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. Names of current members of the PCC are:

Vicar Reverend Elaine Atack
Churchwarden Joanna Ayliffe
Deanery Synod and vice
chairman Elaine Graham
Lay Reader Gail Fullbrook
Lay Reader Gill Newcombe
Lay Reader Andrew Rudd
PCC Officer Bill Owens
PCC Officer Mavis Thompson
PCC Officer Tom Cameron
PCC Officer Veronica York
PCC Officer Pauline Reece
PCC Officer Wendy Rudd
Treasurer John Wharne
Secretary Elsie Perkins
Safeguarding Officer Mary Lamb.

St Laurence's Church Frodsham, Building Fund 2020

INCOME

Opening Balance	£ 29,531.97
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Fundraising	£ -
Grant	£ -
Donations	£ -
Pledges	£ -
Interest	£ -
Gift Aid	£ -
Other	£ -
HLF Award	£ -

Opening Balance	£ 29,531.97
Total Income	£ -
Total Income + Starting Balance	£ 29,531.97

EXPENSES

Publicity	£ -
Professional Fees	£ -
Repairs	£ -
Expenses	£ -
Other	£ -
HLF Payments	£ -

Bank Balance at	Dec-20	£ 29,531.97
Total Expenditure		£ -
Total Expenditure and Closing Bank Balance		£ 29,531.97

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