

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

England & Wales · Charity number 1130414

Details

Other names	ST THOMAS' CHURCH, MELLOR, PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-06-30
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: Public worship and space for personal prayer and contemplation Pastoral work Teaching Christianity through sermons courses and small groups Religious assemblies in schools Youth work Promotion of Christianity through events meetings literature Promoting the mission of the Church through activities for senior citizens parents and other groups Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas

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
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£217,500	£208,240	-	-
2024-12-31	£233,490	£226,650	-	-
2023-12-31	£184,262	£192,355	-	-
2022-12-31	£116,812	£117,791	-	-
2021-12-31	£218,540	£175,482	-	-
2020-12-31	£124,833	£170,667	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Eggeman		2022-05-15
Alison Dowdeswell		2022-05-15
Andrew Richard Tawn		2023-08-01
Angie Stanton		2023-05-21
Anthony Langford		2025-05-18
Carol Ann Langford		2025-05-18
Dr Rachel Howling		2019-04-14
Emma Jane Wilson		2020-10-12
Julie Elliott		2020-10-12
MARGUERITA MARY CAROLINE HEIJ BROEK		2011-10-07
Neil Stuart Hamilton		2026-05-17
RICHARD MARKHAM ELLIOTT		2018-04-29
Sylvia Knight		2023-05-21

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THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Mellor**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



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Administrative Information

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	The Mellor Centre, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX
COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Incumbent	Rev Andrew Tawn
Churchwardens	Alex Eggeman Mary Heijbroek
Deputy Churchwarden	Rachel Howling until May 2025 Carol Langford from May 2025
Representative on the Diocesan Synod	Mary Heijbroek
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Judith Shiel Mary Heijbroek Julie Elliott
Elected PCC Members	Ian Dayes Alison Dowdeswell (Until May 2025) Julie Elliott (Hon. Secretary) Richard Elliott (Hon. Treasurer) Kate Higgins (Until May 2025) David Horsfall (Until May 2025) Rachel Howling Sylvia Knight Carol Langford (From May 2025) Anthony Langford (From May 2025) Kathryn Maxwell (Until May 2025) Emma Wilson (Parish Safeguarding Officer) Sian Yeowell
Co-Opted PCC Members	Carol Langford (Co-opted October 2024 until May 2025) Angie Stanton (Co-opted May 2024)
BANKERS	NatWest, 10 Underbank, STOCKPORT SK1 1LL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Katherine Scott, BA(Hons) FCA 1, Landseer Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2025

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, 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 St Thomas' Church and of the Mellor Centre complex.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Mellor Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2025 was a busy year for our Church and following the disruption of the Covid Pandemic in 2020 – 22 and under the guidance of our incumbent Rev'd Andrew Tawn appointed in July 2023, we were able to plan for the future with confidence. During the year we were able to continue with our regular pattern of worship and hold the traditional pattern of social and community activities. We were also able to introduce a number new initiatives aimed at increasing our outreach into the local community.

We welcomed a number of new regular worshippers to our church while sadly also losing some long standing members of our regular congregation.

Notable initiatives in 2025 included:

- * Introduction of group story telling at Mellor Primary School.
- * The admission of a group of children to communion in November

- * A successful choir tour to Barcelona
- * Increasing numbers attending our popular Messy Church afternoons
- * The replacement of the William Whitham window.
- * A very successful summer fête
- * A new editorial team for the Outlook Magazine; and
- * Interviews with members of the congregation during the “sermon slot” on Sunday mornings.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod.

This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple and members of the congregation attend joint services and events throughout the Marple area.

In 2025 our churches participated in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and St. Thomas hosted the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service and breakfast in the Mellor Centre, attended by around 45 people.

Worship and Prayer

Our normal pattern of services continued throughout 2025. This included a said communion service at 8.30 and a sung Parish Communion service at 10am every Sunday and a said communion service on Wednesday mornings. An evening service also takes place every Sunday with this a service of Evening Prayer on three Sundays each month and a Choral Evensong once a month.

During 2025 we lost a number of members of our ministry team. Rev'd Anne Hyde moved to Scotland, Rev'd Giselle Rusted was appointed as the incumbent in Whaley Bridge and Dave Shercliff retired from his position as Reader. Rev'd Angie Stanton was also unavailable to take services for a period in 2025 while she waited for surgery. The PCC are very grateful to both Anne, Giselle and Dave for their input and commitment to the life of St Thomas' while they were with us and are very pleased that Angie is now available to take services once again.

During the 10am service there are regular activities planned for the children in the congregation in the church vestry. These activities often link to the themes being explored by the adult members of the congregation and the children often share their work during the service. During 2025 there were a number of occasions when the children led services in what were termed “extraordinary time” services and preparation for these services took place in the previous weeks' vestry groups.

We are grateful to the Live Streaming Team who have enabled our services to be made available online to those in our wider community who are unable to attend Church. We know that this service is particularly welcomed by those who are housebound and unable to visit St Thomas'. The online services have also been accessed by residents of Mellor Nook, our local care home. A dedicated team of people have worked to continually improve the quality of

the live streaming as we feel as a community that it is important to try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

We held an All Souls' service in church in November to remember the departed, which was well attended. We also held the traditional Advent and Nine Lessons and Carol services and two crib services on Christmas Eve aimed at children and young people. Our Easter and Christmas services were very well attended.

We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who have decorated the Church with flowers and to the Flower Group who have made the church so especially beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Our Monday morning Prayer Group has met regularly and offers a quiet space to hold us all in prayer.

Also, since October 2021 we have also been developing, on the second Sunday evening of each month, a Contemplative Evening Prayer Service which meets in the Mellor Centre. Thanks go to all the team involved for their ideas and creativity and for offering a welcome breathing space.

It has been a pleasure to continue to welcome baptism families. Our thanks go to Catherine Starling who has been an invaluable support in contacting baptism families before and after baptism services.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming wedding couples and their families and friends into church to celebrate their weddings. Thank you to Margaret Lowe and the weddings team for helping to make each wedding day very special for couples.

Over the last year we have been supporting families who have experienced bereavement. Many thanks to Judith Shiel and Margaret Leng who are our Bereavement team and have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

We have continued as active members of Churches Together in Marple, an inter-denominational network of local churches. Members of St Thomas' attend services and events promoted by the network and on Easter Day we host an annual daybreak Communion Service, followed by breakfast in the Mellor Centre.

Our active Toddler Group has continued to meet throughout the year. Thank you to Helen Kennedy for continuing the Toddlers Group and to all the members of the team for making Toddlers such an enjoyable experience for many young children and their carers.

Regular Messy Church sessions were held throughout the year which were very popular and attracted new people to St Thomas' and the Mellor Centre.

Many thanks also go to Margaret Williams and Julia Mann, editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine which has been produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have distributed it around the parish. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

During 2025 our choir visited Barcelona and performed at a number of different venues. They were supported by family, friends and members of the congregation. Many thanks to Dr Tom Howling and all the choir for bringing this all together.

In 2022 we formally applied to become members of the Inclusive Church Network. Our application was accepted and since then we have been exploring what being an Inclusive Church means for us at St Thomas Church.

Pastoral Support

Many thanks to the members of our pastoral team who have been keeping in touch with people around the parish through visits and phone calls. Throughout the year prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks to all who attend our growing Knit and Natter group on Thursday mornings and to Catherine Starling and Maggie Williams who organise this. This is a very popular group who offer friendship and kind advice to all would be knitters.

Charitable Fundraising

Some members of the congregation have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. The charities supported in 2025 were Mission for Seafarers, The Christie, Oxfam GB, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) and Martin House. A special collection for The Wellspring was arranged. In addition a very successful concert organized by Oscar Qualter took place which raised funds for Target Ovarian Cancer. At Harvest 2025 gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

Other Fundraising Activities

In June 2025 we were able to hold a very successful Church Fête. This also coincided with the Mellor Well Dressing. The fête was very popular and on the same day an evening event was held with local bands performing. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and bringing all these events together.

Church Buildings /Graveyard

Many thanks to the teams of people who help maintain our church buildings and the graveyards. The churchyard has needed extra care over the last year and thanks goes out to the graveyard maintenance team for all your help in trying to keep on top of the care of the graveyard.

Thanks go in particular to William Heijbroek, David Horsfall and the rest of the Church fabric team for the time and effort they have given to plan further improvements to the Church porch and work to improve fire safety and all the other often unseen jobs needed to keep the church building in good repair.

During 2023 the Church suffered a break in which damaged the “Whittam Window”. A replacement window was installed in 2025 and we are very pleased with the high quality of the work to repair this.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Officer, together with a churchwarden, undertake an annual inspection of the church, churchyard and Mellor Centre. During most of 2025 Ian Dayes was our Health and Safety Officer and reports regularly to the PCC

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Emma Wilson is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. All office holders and PCC members are required to undertake the appropriate level of safeguarding training. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The PCC set a budget for the year for the general fund with an expected surplus of £8,980. This was based on optimistic assumptions regarding the level of regular giving and of net profit from the fete and took into account expected cost increases for oil, electricity and salaries.

The Parish Share that was requested by the diocese was £88,619 which was higher than in 2024. The reductions in the level of Parish Share paid over 2021, 2022 and 2023 means that, in common with many other parishes, St Thomas' has a debt to the diocese.

The PCC agreed to maintain Parish Share payments at the 2024 level for the first part of the year and reviewed the position in July. From that date until December it was decided to pay the amount requested by the diocese. This meant that we paid a total of £85,606 to the diocese in 2025.

Decisions regarding the level of parish share paid in the years following the Covid pandemic were taken to strike a balance between, on the one hand, making as full a contribution as possible to supporting the work of the Church across the diocese while on the other, also ensuring that its long term financial position is sustainable. During these years we continued to pay Parish Share at a level that meant that St Thomas' continued to make a net contribution to the diocese and this was the case again in 2025.

Position at Year End

The statement of financial activities shows total funds held of £423,761, an increase of £4,484 from the previous year. Depreciation (on the cost of the work carried out on the Mellor Centre Building) in the notional value of the Mellor Centre building was compensated for by a surplus on the general fund and interest received (interest rate on CBF at 4.02%). There was though a decrease in the value of shareholdings. Before transfers, the statements show an overall deficit of £1,782 on unrestricted funds, which includes a surplus of £5,575 on the general fund and a deficit of £7,357 on the Mellor Centre designated fund.

A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated fund to meet the deficit and a transfer of £1,137 (representing 30% of total funds raised, from the Rose Queen Fund) increased the surplus of the general fund to £6,712 leaving £41,452 in unrestricted reserves. The PCC policy on reserves is to hold between three and six months of unrestricted expenditure (General Fund and Parish Centre Fund expenditure combined). On this basis reserves should be between £41,071 and £82,143, based on levels of expenditure in 2025.

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund: Income

Income from regular giving stood at £51,361 compared to £53,624 in 2024. Open plate collections, including those at weddings funerals and baptisms stood at £5,960 compared to £4,880 in 2023. Donations from individuals at £8,654 were £2,855 lower than in 2024. Regular donations to church continue to be received through the card reader situated in church.

The Church received a generous legacy to the total value of £10,000 during the year from the estate of Ian Hamilton, a long standing church member. Tax recoverable through Gift Aid on eligible giving represents a significant component of income and amounted to £14,866 in 2025. The annual fête held in June was very well attended and raised £18,700 on the day with a net profit, after expenses, of £13,292. Income from fees from weddings and funerals stood at £7,354.

General Fund : Expenditure

The Parish Share represents the largest single element of the PCC's expenditure. The requested level of Parish Share stood at £88,619 which represented an increase of around £6,000 on 2024. Church running costs also increased during the year by about £1,500.

Designated Fund:

The Mellor Centre: The Centre's lettings income rose during the year to a total of £27,319, around £1,000 higher than in 2024 and continuing to benefit from a long term let of office space. Overall the Mellor Centre had an operating deficit of £7,356 which was met by a transfer from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre of £7,056 and a transfer of £300 from the Toddlers Group.

Restricted Funds

The Friends of The Mellor Centre were able to hold a full programme of events. Profit from these and income from subscriptions, donations (including a generous donation from Mellor Open Gardens), bank interest and gift aid amounted to £18,664. After the transfer to the Parish Centre designated fund, the fund ended the year at £38,161.

Charity Fund: The PCC agreed to roll over for another year those charities which were chosen for support in 2024. The following charities were therefore supported in 2025: Mission to Seafarers, The Christie, Oxfam GB, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) and Martin House . With tax recoverable on Gift Aid a total of £1,064 was shared between the charities.

Defibrillator Fund: A fund was established in 2022 to support the purchase, installation and maintenance of a defibrillator to serve the Mellor Centre and the Church. This was installed in 2022. At the end of 2025 the Fund has a balance of £274 to support the machine's future maintenance costs.

Organ Fund: The regular tuning and maintenance of the organ took place and £250 was spent on organ maintenance during 2025. Following the PCC's decision in 2021 to allocate £15,000 from Margaret Myatt's legacy, to a fund to support the upkeep of the organ in accordance her wishes, there is a balance of £17,077 in the fund.

Organ Scholar Fund: 2025 was the fifth year that a recurring grant was awarded by the John Pilling Trust to support our organ scholars. £3,600 was received in 2023 supporting Nathan Monk and Eleanor Rosser over a three year period. The PCC is very grateful for this contribution to the musical life of the Church. The Fund held £650 at year end.

Moor End Sunday School Fund: Funds were used for costs associated with children's activities, education and mission. Contributions were made to support some costs of the choir visits. A proportion of the salary of the Director of Music, Tom Howling, is also funded by the Moor End Sunday School Fund. The value of the shares held in the fund decreased by £4,000 during the year and the total fund value at year end was £95,897.

Choir Fund: The choir had a busy year and, as well as supporting the church's worship every week they also presented concerts and toured to Barcelona in August. Overall income exceeded expenditure during the year and the Choir fund had a closing balance of £6,074 at the end of the year.

Churchyard Fund: Income to the Churchyard Fund equalled expenditure and the cash funds held ended at £11,325. This figure incorporates the donation in memory of Ann Hearle which is being used to improve safety and accessibility of the churchyard. Share value decreased by 4.00% to £18,779 meaning the overall fund value is £30,105.

Church Building Fund: Regular donations and contributions from the Patrons including Gift Aid this year amounted to £3,180. Interest accrued amounted to £875. Therefore, after expenditure of £2,612, the overall the value of the church building fund increased by £1,443 to £22,592 during the year.

Women's Evening Fellowship (WEF): The WEF held a full programme of well attended events during 2024. In total £5,531 was raised and £4,389 disbursed, including a grant of £2,300 to Francis House. At the Year end the WEF fund held £2,985.

Toddlers: The Toddlers Group met regularly throughout the year and was well attended. Income from subs amounted to £1,340 during 2025 and expenditure was £1,136. A donation of £300 was made to the Parish Centre at the end of the year which contributed to reducing the centre's operating cost deficit.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to minimize investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are

invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2025 the PCC met on ten occasions. These meetings are held in the Mellor Centre with arrangements made for those members, who are unable to attend a particular meeting in person, to join by Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 27th April 2025.

Reverend Andrew Tawn
Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 15-25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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**Statement of Financial Activities
at 31 December 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	90,136	955	20,588	-	111,679	106,280
Other trading activities	29,622	664	14,988	-	45,275	45,304
Investments	1,699	-	6,371	-	8,071	8,528
Income from charitable activities	7,438	27,318	11,706	-	46,463	69,299
Other income	4,671	-	1,340	-	6,011	4,077
Total income	133,568	28,938	54,994	-	217,500	233,489
Payments						
Raising funds	6,863	18,151	6,249	-	31,264	30,342
Expenditure on charitable activities	119,412	619	30,308	-	150,340	170,422
Other expenditure	1,716	17,523	7,395	-	26,636	25,885
Total expenditure	127,992	36,294	43,953	-	208,240	226,649
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,575	(7,357)	11,041	-	9,259	6,839
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,137	7,356	-	-	8,493	14,552
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	(8,494)	-	(8,494)	(14,553)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	(4,776)	-	(4,776)	2,672
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,712	-	(2,229)	-	4,484	9,512
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	34,739	-	384,537	-	419,277	409,764
Total funds carried forward	41,452	-	382,309	-	423,761	419,277

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Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2025

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
6431	Parish Centre	163,927	171,287
	Total Fixed assets	163,927	171,287
Current assets			
6501	Nat West Current Account	14,574	8,649
6502	Nat West Fees Account	1,223	3,398
6503	Nat West Lettings Account	1,897	2,201
6504	Mellor Choir Account	5,666	5,645
6505	Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	1,441	556
6508	Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	2,751	4,285
6509	NatWest Charity Fund	(47)	(42)
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	112,553	101,302
6515	Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	395	3,519
6516	Moor End Trust Income Shares	95,896	99,890
6526	Churchyard Income Shares	18,799	19,561
6590	Cash in hand	703	1,289
Z05	Accounts Receivable	5,400	6,431
	Total Current assets	261,236	256,689
Liabilities			
6601	Loans received	-	6,959
6699	Agency collections	460	1,351
Z04	Accounts Payable	942	388
	Total Liabilities	1,402	8,699
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	423,761	419,277
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	9,259	(27,093)
Z01	Starting balances	419,277	443,696
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	(4,776)	2,672
Z03	Gains/(losses) own use	-	-
	Total Reserves	423,781	419,277
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	41,452	34,739
	Designated	-	-
	Restricted	382,329	384,537
	Total	423,781	419,277

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is capitalised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is capitalised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are capitalised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
Parish Centre	-	-	163,927	-	163,927	171,287
Total	-	-	163,927	-	163,927	171,287
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
Nat West Current Account	523	(860)	14,909	-	14,574	8,649
Nat West Fees Account	(6,438)	-	7,660	-	1,223	3,398
Nat West Lettings Account	-	1,427	470	-	1,897	2,201
Mellor Choir Account	-	-	5,666	-	5,666	5,645
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	-	-	1,441	-	1,441	556
Mellor Church Women's	-	-	2,751	-	2,751	4,285
Evening Fellowship	-	-	(47)	-	(47)	(42)
NatWest Charity Fund	-	-	(47)	-	(47)	(42)
CCLA (CBF) deposit account	43,331	-	69,221	-	112,553	101,302
Moor End Sunday School Fund	2	-	392	-	395	3,519
Deposit	70	(36)	668	-	703	1,289
Total	37,489	533	103,136	-	141,159	130,806
Current Asset - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable	4,304	67	1,028	-	5,400	6,431
Total	4,304	67	1,028	-	5,400	6,431
Current Asset - Investments						
Moor End Trust Income Shares	-	-	95,896	-	95,896	99,890
Churchyard Income Shares	-	-	18,779	-	18,779	19,561
Total	-	-	114,676	-	114,676	119,451
Liability - Agency Accounts						
Agency collections	-	-	460	-	460	1,351
Total	-	-	460	-	460	1,351
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Loans received	149	(150)	-	-	-	6,959
Accounts Payable	192	749	-	-	942	388
Total	341	600	-	-	942	7,348
Net total assets	41,452	-	382,309	-	423,761	419,277
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	41,452	-	-	-	41,452	34,739
Restricted - Choir	-	-	6,074	-	6,074	5,667
Restricted - Church Building	-	-	22,592	-	22,592	21,149
Restricted - ChurchYard	-	-	30,105	-	30,105	30,887
Restricted - Defibrillator	-	-	274	-	274	756
Restricted - Friends of Mellor Centre	-	-	38,161	-	38,161	26,554
Restricted - Flower Group	-	-	535	-	535	552
Restricted - Moor End	-	-	97,820	-	97,820	103,317
Restricted - Organ	-	-	17,077	-	17,077	16,629
Restricted - Organ Scholar	-	-	650	-	650	1,600
Restricted - PC Building	-	-	163,927	-	163,927	171,287
Restricted - Rose Queen	-	-	1,346	-	1,346	980
Restricted - Toddler Group	-	-	757	-	757	854
Restricted - Ukraine Appeal	-	-	2	-	2	2
Restricted - WEF	-	-	2,985	-	2,985	4,297
Total	41,452	-	382,309	-	423,761	419,277

2. Analysis of Income and Expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
Regular Giving	50,411	-	950	-	51,361	53,624
Plate collections	4,793	-	-	-	4,793	4,765
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,866	192	1,144	-	16,202	18,003
Collections at weddings/funerals/baptism	1,167	-	-	-	1,167	715
Donations individuals	8,653	763	2,193	-	11,610	14,875
Patrons Scheme	-	-	950	-	950	1,490
Donations Charity Fund	-	-	850	-	850	1,008
Donations organisations	-	-	11,880	-	11,880	280
Church box	244	-	-	-	244	19
Legacies	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	8,943
Subscriptions	-	-	2,620	-	2,620	2,556
Donations and legacies Totals	90,136	955	20,588	-	111,679	106,280
Other trading activities						
Fund-raising	2,893	369	13,878	-	17,142	18,590
Fete	18,699	-	-	-	18,699	16,466
Magazine - sales	4,704	-	-	-	4,704	4,873
Magazine - advertising	3,245	-	-	-	3,245	3,995
Publications - income from sales	80	-	-	-	80	121
Parish Centre - fund raising	-	294	1,110	-	1,404	1,256
Other trading activities Totals	29,622	664	14,988	-	45,275	45,304
Investments						
Investment income - dividends	-	-	3,319	-	3,319	3,241
Bank and building society interest	1,699	-	3,052	-	4,752	5,286
Investments Totals	1,699	-	6,371	-	8,071	8,528
Income from charitable activities						
Income from Parish Office activities	84	-	-	-	84	59
Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	7,354	-	-	-	7,354	10,582
Income from choir activities	-	-	11,706	-	11,706	32,284
Parish Centre - regular letting	-	18,519	-	-	18,519	20,434
Parish Centre- occasional letting	-	6,298	-	-	6,298	4,239
Parish Centre - wedding letting	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	1,700
Income from charitable activities Totals	7,438	27,318	11,706	-	46,463	69,299
Other income						
Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	600
Children - Edale trip	1,660	-	-	-	1,660	1,185
Children's Work	-	-	1,340	-	1,340	-
Insurance claims	1,347	-	-	-	1,347	710
Re-imbursement of Vicarage Oil	1,663	-	-	-	1,663	1,582
Other income Totals	4,671	-	1,340	-	6,011	4,077
Receipts Grand totals	133,568	28,938	54,994	-	217,500	233,489

PAYMENTS

Raising funds

Fundraising expenses	1,455	-	5,695	-	7,151	6,175
Fete expenses	5,408	-	-	-	5,408	5,795
Parish Centre - oil	-	2,215	-	-	2,215	1,864
Parish Centre - electricity	-	2,594	-	-	2,594	3,121
Parish Centre - insurance	-	2,786	-	-	2,786	2,737
Parish Centre - maintenance	-	10,123	553	-	10,677	10,319
Parish Centre - water	-	430	-	-	430	328
Raising funds Totals	6,863	18,151	6,249	-	31,264	30,342

Expenditure on charitable activities

Church - water	113	-	-	-	113	109
Church - oil	1,587	-	-	-	1,587	1,473
Church - electric	885	-	-	-	885	1,211
Church - heating maintenance	341	-	-	-	341	-
Church - electrical maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	361
Church - other maintenance	571	-	2,612	-	3,183	3,102
Church - waste removal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church - churchyard maintenance	11	-	1,018	-	1,029	149
Church - fire safety	107	-	-	-	107	233
Church - cleaning costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church - window cleaning	110	-	-	-	110	110
Church - insurance	2,677	-	-	-	2,677	2,630
Church - sundry fees	265	-	-	-	265	1,379
Church - Faculties and New Building work	446	-	-	-	446	-
Office - Stationery	1,667	-	-	-	1,667	1,125
Office - Postage	40	-	-	-	40	-
Office - Photocopier	4,264	-	-	-	4,264	4,313
Office - IT	676	60	-	-	736	2,192
Office - Website	401	-	-	-	401	164
Office - other support goods	28	-	-	-	28	29
Office - telephone and broadband	945	-	-	-	945	696
Salaries	8,678	-	1,510	-	10,189	9,527
Giving to missionary societies	-	-	212	-	212	241
Giving - relief and development	-	-	425	-	425	482
Secular charities	-	-	5,428	-	5,428	3,138
Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	689	-	111	-	800	813
Clergy one-off expenses	210	-	183	-	394	-
Vicarage - Council Tax	4,103	-	-	-	4,103	4,033
Vicarage - Water	732	-	-	-	732	599
Vicarage - maintenance and other	-	-	-	-	-	537
Governance costs	120	-	-	-	120	62
Education and training - volunteers	132	-	-	-	132	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	7,360
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children - Vestry Venturers	-	-	(104)	-	(104)	-
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	94
Children - Edale	-	-	1,664	-	1,664	2,420
Children - Children's work - other	-	-	1,167	-	1,167	1,754
Organ Maintenance and Repair	-	-	250	-	250	250
Choir Fees	644	-	-	-	644	611
Choir - Medals, Ribbons, Awards	-	-	61	-	61	383
Choir Expenditure	-	-	14,362	-	14,362	31,842

Mission - goods and services	1,850	-	-	-	1,850	-
Mission - Christmas Cards	-	-	-	-	-	71
Churches Together and Deanery	-	-	-	-	-	159
Worship - Service books etc.	-	-	-	-	-	59
Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	350	-	-	-	350	197
Worship - flowers, palms, etc	159	-	452	-	612	547
Church Music Licences	661	-	-	-	661	780
Worship - other expenses	278	-	-	-	278	521
Worship - food and drink	74	-	-	-	74	159
Worship - other consumables	-	-	-	-	-	54
Payment to visiting priests	(90)	-	-	-	(90)	297
Parish share	85,605	-	-	-	85,605	82,520
Magazine - production	68	-	-	-	68	-
Organ Scholar	-	-	950	-	950	1,200
Parish Centre - Licences	-	559	-	-	559	417
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	119,412	619	30,308	-	150,340	170,422
Other expenditure						
Vicarage Oil (to be re- funded)	1,663	-	-	-	1,663	1,135
Bank Charges	52	-	35	-	88	123
Parish Centre – Electrical Maintenance	-	331	-	-	331	111
Parish Centre - heating maintenance	-	592	-	-	592	9,112
Parish Centre - salaries	-	14,576	-	-	14,576	13,725
Parish Centre - cleaning	-	357	-	-	357	647
Parish Centre - window cleaning	-	220	-	-	220	220
Parish Centre- fire safety	-	1,349	-	-	1,349	810
Parish Centre - IT	-	37	-	-	37	-
Parish Centre - other support costs	-	59	7,360	-	7,419	-
Other expenditure Totals	1,716	17,523	7,395	-	26,636	25,885
Payments Grand totals	127,992	36,294	43,953	-	208,240	226,649

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	327,065	46,068	373,133
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	155,778	46,068	201,846
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2025	163,138	46,068	209,206
Net Book Value			
At 1 January 2025	171,287	<u>-</u>	171,287
At 31 December 2025	163,927	<u>-</u>	163,927

4. CHARTABLE GIVING 2025

4(a) Charity Fund

Five charities were chosen for support during the year 2025. Médecins sans Frontières; Emergency Trauma Care; The Christie; Oxfam UK; Martin House, and Mission to Seafarers. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2025
	£
General donations	850
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>214</u>
	<u>1064</u>

These funds were distributed equally at the Year End.

4(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted Funds:

Mellor Rose Queen: Dementia Care £2,653
Women's Evening Fellowship: Francis House £2,300

4(c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Lent and Christmas Special Collections for the Wellspring raised £190
'Sacred Veil' Concert in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer raised £1,381

5. Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Defib Fund								
Restricted		756	71	553	-	-	-	274
Sub-totals		756	71	553	-	-	-	274
FoMPC								
Restricted		26,554	20,316	1,652	(7,057)	-	-	38,161
Sub-totals		26,554	20,316	1,652	(7,057)	-	-	38,161
Mellor Flower Group								
Restricted		552	435	452	-	-	-	535
Sub-totals		552	435	452	-	-	-	535
Organ								
Restricted		16,629	697	250	-	-	-	17,077
Sub-totals		16,629	697	250	-	-	-	17,077
Organ Scholar								
Restricted		1,600	-	950	-	-	-	650
Sub-totals		1,600	-	950	-	-	-	650
Ukraine Appeal								
Restricted		2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sub-totals		2	-	-	-	-	-	2
General								
Unrestricted		34,739	133,568	127,992	1,137	-	-	41,452
Sub-totals		34,739	133,568	127,992	1,137	-	-	41,452
ChurchBuild								
Restricted		21,149	4,055	2,612	-	-	-	22,592
Sub-totals		21,149	4,055	2,612	-	-	-	22,592
ChurchYard								
Restricted		30,887	1,017	1,018	-	-	(783)	30,105
Sub-totals		30,887	1,017	1,018	-	-	(783)	30,105
MoorEnd								
Restricted		103,317	2,954	4,458	-	-	(3,994)	97,820
Sub-totals		103,317	2,954	4,458	-	-	(3,994)	97,820
Charity								
Restricted		-	1,063	1,063	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals		-	1,063	1,063	-	-	-	-
ParishCentre								
Designated		-	28,938	36,294	7,356	-	-	-
Sub-totals		-	28,938	36,294	7,356	-	-	-
PC Building								
Restricted		171,287	-	7,360	-	-	-	163,927
Sub-totals		171,287	-	7,360	-	-	-	163,927
Rose Queen								
Restricted		980	4,750	3,247	(1,138)	-	-	1,346
Sub-totals		980	4,750	3,247	(1,138)	-	-	1,346
Choir								
Restricted		5,667	13,777	13,370	-	-	-	6,074
Sub-totals		5,667	13,777	13,370	-	-	-	6,074
Toddlers								
Restricted		854	1,340	1,136	(300)	-	-	757
Sub-totals		854	1,340	1,136	(300)	-	-	757
WEF								
Restricted		4,297	4,514	5,827	-	-	-	2,985
Sub-totals		4,297	4,514	5,827	-	-	-	2,985
Totals		419,277	217,500	208,240	-	-	(4,776)	423,761

6. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre (The Mellor Centre) is a designated fund.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of Church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Defibrillator Fund	Funding a Defibrillator
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Centre
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated Charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of Education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Donations to Ukraine
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Mellor**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



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Administrative Information

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	The Mellor Centre, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX
COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Incumbent	Rev Andrew Tawn
Reader	David Shercliff (Until July 2024)
Churchwardens	Alex Eggeman Mary Heijbroek
Deputy Churchwarden	Rachel Howling
Representative on the Diocesan Synod	Mary Heijbroek
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Judith Shiel Mary Heijbroek Julie Elliott
Elected PCC Members	Ian Dayes Alison Dowdeswell Julie Elliott (Hon. Secretary) Richard Elliott (Hon. Treasurer) Kate Higgins David Horsfall Sylvia Knight Kathryn Maxwell Emma Wilson (Parish Safeguarding Officer) Sian Yeowell
Co-Opted PCC Members	Carol Langford (Co-opted October 2024) Angie Stanton (Co-opted May 2024)
BANKERS	NatWest, Hazel Grove (B) Branch, 180, London Road, Hazel Grove, STOCKPORT SK7 4DH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Katherine Scott, BA(Hons) FCA 1, Landseer Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2024

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, 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 St Thomas' Church and of the Mellor Centre complex.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Mellor Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2024 was a year of consolidation and renewed growth. Following the appointment of Rev'd Andrew Tawn as our new incumbent in July 2023 we were able to plan for the future with renewed confidence. During the year we were able to continue with our regular pattern of worship and hold the traditional pattern of social and community activities. We were also able to introduce a number new initiatives aimed at increasing our outreach into the local community.

We welcomed a number of new regular worshippers to our church while sadly also losing some long standing members of our regular congregation.

New initiatives that took place in 2024 included:

- Regular Messy Church events that took place throughout the year and which attracted new children to St Thomas;
- An Exploring Faith course which encouraged participants to gain a deeper understanding of faith
- Regular services led by children in church.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod.

This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple and members of the congregation attend joint services and events throughout the Marple area.

In 2024 our churches were once again able to participate in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and St. Thomas hosted the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service and breakfast in the Mellor Centre, attended by around 45 people.

Worship and Prayer

Our normal pattern of services continued throughout 2024. This included a said communion service at 8.30 and a sung Parish Communion service at 10am every Sunday and a said communion service on Wednesday mornings. An evening service also takes place every Sunday with this a service of Evening Prayer on three Sundays each month and a Choral Evensong once a month.

We were fortunate to have had the benefit of a ministry team during 2024 with Rev'd Angie Stanton and Rev'd Anne Hyde both working alongside Rev'd Andrew Tawn and providing additional support and different perspectives during our worship. The PCC are very grateful to both Angie and Anne for their input and commitment to the life of St Thomas'.

During the 10am service there are regular activities planned for the children in the congregation in the church vestry. These activities often link to the themes being explored by the adult members of the congregation and the children often share their work during the service. During 2024 there were a number of occasions when the children led services in what were termed "extraordinary time" services and preparation for these services took place in the previous weeks' vestry groups.

We are grateful to the Live Streaming Team who have enabled our services to be made available online to those in our wider community who are unable to attend Church. We know that this service is particularly welcomed by those who are housebound and unable to visit St Thomas'. The online services have also been accessed by residents of Mellor Nook, our local care home. A dedicated team of people are working to continually improve the quality of the live streaming as we feel as a community that it is important to try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

We held an All Souls' service in church in November to remember the departed, which was well attended. We also held the traditional Advent and Nine Lessons and Carol services and two crib services on Christmas Eve aimed at children and young people. Our Easter and Christmas services were very well attended.

We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the

team of volunteers who have decorated the Church with flowers and to the Flower Group who have made the church so especially beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Our Monday morning Prayer Group has met regularly and offers a quiet space to hold us all in prayer. Also, since October 2021 we have also been developing, on the second Sunday evening of each month, a Contemplative Evening Prayer Service which meets in the Mellor Centre. Thanks go to all the team involved for their ideas and creativity and for offering a welcome breathing space.

It has been a pleasure to continue to welcome baptism families. Our thanks go to Catherine Starling who has been an invaluable support in contacting baptism families before and after baptism services.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming wedding couples and their families and friends into church to celebrate their weddings. Thank you to Margaret Lowe and the weddings team for helping to make each wedding day very special for couples.

Over the last year we have been supporting families who have experienced bereavement. Many thanks to Judith Shiel and Margaret Leng who are our Bereavement team and have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

We have continued as active members of Churches Together in Marple, an inter-denominational network of local churches. Members of St Thomas' attend services and events promoted by the network and on Easter Day we host an annual daybreak Communion Service, followed by breakfast in the Mellor Centre.

Our active Toddler Group has continued to meet throughout the year. Thank you to Helen Kennedy for continuing the Toddlers Group and to all the members of the team for making Toddlers such an enjoyable experience for many young children and their carers.

Regular Messy Church sessions were held throughout the year which were very popular and attracted new people to St Thomas' and the Mellor Centre.

Many thanks also go to Margaret Williams and Margaret Leng, editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine, which has been produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have distributed it around the parish. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

During 2024 our choir were invited to sing at Truro Cathedral. They were very well supported by family, friends and members of the congregation. They were all exceptionally enjoyable events. Many thanks to Dr Tom Howling, John LeGrove and all the choir for bringing this all together.

In 2022 we formally applied to become members of the Inclusive Church Network. Our application was accepted and during 2023 and 2024 we have been exploring what being an Inclusive Church means for us at St Thomas Church.

Pastoral Support

Many thanks to the members of our pastoral team who have been keeping in touch with people around the parish through visits and phone calls. Throughout the year prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks to all who attend our growing Knit and Natter group on Thursday mornings and to Catherine Starling and Maggie Williams who organise this. This is a very popular group who offer friendship and kind advice to all would be knitters. Catherine et al have been busy knitting little angels to give out to baptism families to welcome them to Mellor Church.

On the second Monday of each month our Coffee and Chat group has continued, which welcomes all people.

Charitable Fundraising

Some members of the congregation have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. The charities supported in 2024 were Mission for Seafarers, The Christie, Oxfam GB, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) and Martin House. Other special collections for charities during the year were The Wellspring, Christian Aid, RNLI and The Bible Society. At Harvest 2024 gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

Other Fundraising Activities

In June 2024 we were able to hold a very successful Church Fête. This also coincided with the Mellor Well Dressing. The fête was very popular and on the same day an evening event was held with local bands performing. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and bringing all these events together.

Church Buildings /Graveyard

Many thanks to the teams of people who help maintain our church buildings and the graveyards. The churchyard has needed extra care over the last year and thanks goes out to the graveyard maintenance team for all your help in trying to keep on top of the care of the graveyard.

Thanks go in particular to William Heijbroek, David Horsfall and the rest of the Church fabric team for the time and effort they have given to plan further improvements to the Church porch and work to improve fire safety and all the other often unseen jobs needed to keep the church building in good repair.

During 2023 the Church suffered a break in which damaged the "Whittam Window". A temporary repair has been made and discussions continue regarding how best to effect a permanent replacement.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Officer, together with a churchwarden, undertake an annual inspection of the church, churchyard and Mellor Centre. Ian Dayes is our Health and Safety Officer and reports regularly to the PCC

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Emma Wilson is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. All office holders and PCC members are required to undertake the appropriate level of safeguarding training. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The PCC set a budget for the year for the general fund with an expected surplus of £2,290. This reflected uncertainty regarding the extent to which regular giving might increase during the year as well as likely cost increases for oil, electricity and salaries.

The Parish Share that was requested by the diocese was £82,520 which was lower than in 2023. The reductions in the level of Parish Share paid over 2021, 2022 and 2023 means that, in common with many other parishes, St Thomas' has a debt to the diocese.

The decisions regarding the level of parish share paid in the years following the Covid pandemic were taken to strike a balance between, on the one hand, making as full a contribution as possible to supporting the work of the Church across the diocese while on the other, also ensuring that its long term financial position is sustainable. During these years we continued to pay Parish Share at a level that meant that St Thomas' continued to make a net contribution to the diocese.

Position at Year End

The statement of financial activities shows total funds held of £419,277, an increase of £9,513 from the previous year. Depreciation (on the cost of the work carried out on the Mellor Centre Building) in the notional value of the Mellor Centre building was compensated for by a surplus on the general fund and increased interest received (interest rate on CBF at 4.71%) and an increase in the value of shares. Before transfers, the statements show an overall deficit of £3,817 on unrestricted funds, which includes a surplus of £9,214 on the general fund and a deficit of £13,031 on the Mellor Centre designated fund.

A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated fund to meet the deficit and a transfer of £1,521, representing 30% of total funds raised, from the Rose Queen Fund increased the surplus of the general fund to £10,736 leaving £34,740 in unrestricted reserves. The PCC policy on reserves is to hold between three and six months of unrestricted expenditure (General Fund and Parish Centre Fund expenditure combined). On this basis reserves should be between £42,626 and £85,252, based levels of monthly expenditure in 2024.

It should be noted that following a successful appeal at the end of 2023 and a number of legacies and generous donations received during the year, the financial position at the end of 2024 is more optimistic than has been the case in recent years. Regular giving increased for the first time in some years and was over £8,000 higher in 2024 than in the previous year.

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund: Income

Income from regular giving via standing order stood at £53,024 compared to £44,975 in 2023. Open plate collections, including those at weddings funerals and baptisms were also higher at £5,480

compared to £4,842 in 2023. Donations from individuals at £11,509 were £3,777 higher than in 2023, due in part to a generous donation in memory of Chris Mann. Regular donations to church continue to be received through the card reader situated in church.

The Church received legacies to the total value of £8,943 during the year.

Tax recoverable through Gift Aid on eligible giving represents a significant component of income and amounted to £16,190 in 2024.

The annual fête in June was very well attended and raised £16,466 on the day with a net profit, after expenses, of £10,671.

Income from fees at over £10,582, was over £2,400 higher than the previous year reflecting an increase in the number of weddings and funerals held in church.

General Fund : Expenditure

The Parish Share represents the largest single element of the PCC's expenditure. The requested level of Parish Share stood at £82,520 which was less than was paid the previous year. Church running costs increased during the year partly due to the ending of a 3 year fixed electricity tariff.

The next phase of improvements to the church entrance was completed with the commission of an oak framed glass door, designed by Richard Leng and installed by Peter Lowe, the cost of which was met in total by a generous donation in memory of Chris Mann, who had spent so much of his time and expertise in improving all aspects of accessibility to church services.

Designated Fund:

The Mellor Centre: The Centre's lettings income rose during the year to a total of £26,373, some £6,000 higher than in 2023 and reflecting a long term let of office space. The Centre incurred significant costs as a result of a leak in the central heating system which required an emergency repair. Overall the Mellor Centre had an operating deficit of £13,031 which was met by a transfer from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre of £12,731 and a £300 donation from Toddler Group, transferred at the year end.

Restricted Funds

The Friends of The Mellor Centre were able to hold a full programme of events. Profit from these and income from subscriptions, donations and gift aid amounted to £10,005. After the transfer to the Parish Centre designated fund, the fund ended the year at £26,555.

During the year the Friends made a grant of £171 to the NSPCC.

Charity Fund: Following a review of the scheme the PCC agreed to support the following charities in 2024: Mission to Seafarers, The Christie, Oxfam GB, Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) and Martin House . With tax recoverable on Gift Aid a total of £1,205 was shared between the charities.

Defibrillator Fund: A fund was established in 2022 to support the purchase, installation and maintenance of a defibrillator to serve the Mellor Centre and the Church. This was installed in 2022. At the end of 2024 the Fund has a balance of £757 to support the machine's future maintenance costs.

Organ Fund: The regular tuning and maintenance of the organ took place and £250 was spent on organ maintenance during 2024. Following the PCC's decision in 2021 to allocate £15,000 from Margaret Myatt's legacy, to a fund to support the upkeep of the organ in accordance her wishes, there is a balance of £16,630 in the fund.

Organ Scholar Fund: 2024 was the fourth year that a recurring grant was awarded by the John Pilling Trust to support our organ scholars. £3,600 was received in 2023 supporting Nathan Monk and Eleanor Rosser over a three year period. The PCC is very grateful for this contribution to the musical life of the Church. The Fund held £1,600 at year end.

Moor End Sunday School Fund: Funds were used for costs associated with children's activities, education and mission. Contributions were made to support some costs of the choir visits. A proportion of the salary of the Director of Music, Tom Howling, is also funded by the Moor End Sunday School Fund. The value of the shares held in the fund increased by 2.3% to £99,890 during the year and the total fund value at year end was £103,318.

Choir Fund: The choir had a busy year and, as well as supporting the church's worship every week they also presented concerts and toured to Truro Cathedral in August. Overall income exceeded expenditure during the year and the Choir fund had a closing balance of £5,667 at the end of the year.

Churchyard Fund: Income to the Churchyard Fund exceeded expenditure and the cash funds held ended at £11,325. This figure incorporates the donation in memory of Ann Hearle which is being used to improve safety and accessibility of the churchyard. Share value increased by 2.3% to £19,562 meaning the overall fund value is £30,887.

Church Building Fund: Regular donations and contributions from the Patrons including Gift Aid this year amounted to £2,707. Interest accrued amounted to £875. Therefore, overall the value of the church building fund increased by £3,582 to £21,150 during the year.

Women's Evening Fellowship (WEF): The WEF held a full programme of well attended events during 2024. In total £5,531 was raised and £4,389 disbursed, including a grant of £1,100 to St. Anne's Hospice. At the Year end the WEF fund held £4,298 which includes funds raised for the charity Francis House.

Toddlers: The Toddlers Group met regularly throughout the year and was well attended. Income from subs amounted to £1,465 during 2025 and expenditure was £1,065. A donation of £300 was made to the Parish Centre at the end of the year which contributed to reducing the centre's operating cost deficit.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to 10apitali investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the

legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2024 the PCC met on ten occasions. These meetings are held in the Mellor Centre with arrangements made for those members, who are unable to attend a particular meeting in person, to join by Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 28th April 2024.

Reverend Andrew Tawn
Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 13-22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

Sofa Separate Designated at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	95,347	1,376	9,557	-	106,281	84,132
Other trading activities	26,821	1,414	17,069	-	45,304	38,642
Investments	1,236	-	7,292	-	8,528	7,483
Income from charitable activities	10,641	26,374	32,285	-	69,299	46,296
Other income	2,767	710	600	-	4,077	7,710
Total income	136,813	29,874	66,803	-	233,490	184,262
Payments						
Raising funds	6,056	17,856	6,430	-	30,343	21,217
Expenditure on charitable activities	120,337	417	49,668	-	170,422	145,699
Other expenditure	1,206	24,632	47	-	25,885	25,438
Total expenditure	127,598	42,906	56,146	-	226,650	192,355
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	9,214	(13,031)	10,657	-	6,840	(8,093)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds – in	1,521	13,031	-	-	14,553	15,746
Gross transfers between funds – out	-	-	(14,553)	-	(14,553)	(15,746)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	2,673	-	2,673	10,042
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	(7,259)
Net movement in funds	10,736	-	(1,223)	-	9,513	(5,310)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	24,004	-	385,760	-	409,764	415,074
Total funds carried forward	34,740	-	384,537	-	419,277	409,764
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	34,740	-	-	-	34,740	24,004
Designated						
Parish Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted						
Church Building	-	-	21,150	-	21,150	17,567
Churchyard	-	-	30,887	-	30,887	29,524
Defibrillator Fund	-	-	757	-	757	1,193
Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre	-	-	26,555	-	26,555	29,281
Mellor Choir Fund	-	-	5,667	-	5,667	3,978
Women's Evening Fellowship	-	-	4,298	-	4,298	3,156
Mellor Flower Group	-	-	553	-	553	459
Mellor PCC Charity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mellor Rose Queen	-	-	980	-	980	654
Mellor Toddler Group	-	-	854	-	854	758
Moor End Sunday School Fund	-	-	103,318	-	103,318	102,285
Organ Fund	-	-	16,630	-	16,630	16,056
Organ Scholar Fund	-	-	1,600	-	1,600	2,200
Parish Centre Building	-	-	171,287	-	171,287	178,647
Ukraine Appeal Fund	-	-	2	-	2	2

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
6431	Parish Centre	171,287	178,647
	Total Fixed assets	171,287	178,647
Current assets			
6501	Nat West Current Account	8,650	3,438
6502	Nat West Fees Account	3,398	1,739
6503	Nat West Lettings Account	2,202	2,575
6504	Mellor Choir Account	5,645	3,606
6505	Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	556	244
6508	Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	4,286	3,079
6509	NatWest Charity Fund	(42)	(54)
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	101,302	90,684
6513	Tea and Friendship	-	-
6515	Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	3,519	3,609
6516	Moor End Trust Income Shares	99,890	97,655
6526	Churchyard Income Shares	19,562	19,124
6590	Cash in hand	1,290	869
Z05	Accounts Receivable	6,431	5,380
	Total Current assets	256,690	231,948
Liabilities			
6601	Loans received	6,960	(388)
6699	Agency collections	1,352	831
Z04	Accounts Payable	388	388
	Total Liabilities	8,700	831
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	419,277	409,764
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	6,840	(33,932)
Z01	Starting balances	409,764	440,914
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	2,673	10,042
Z03	Gains/(losses) own use	-	(7,259)
	Total Reserves	419,277	409,764
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	34,740	24,004
	Designated	-	-
	Restricted	384,537	385,760
	Total	419,277	409,764

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is capitalised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and magazines

from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Analysis of income

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
IN100 – Regular Giving	53,024	-	600	-	53,624	45,475
IN120 – Plate collections	4,765	-	-	-	4,765	2,905
IN150 – Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	16,190	299	1,514	-	18,004	15,171
IN203 – Collections at weddings/funerals/baptism	696	-	20	-	716	1,937
IN220 – Donations individuals	11,509	1,078	2,289	-	14,875	12,619
IN221 – Patrons Scheme	-	-	1,490	-	1,490	1,230
IN222 – Donations Charity Fund	-	-	1,008	-	1,008	1,076
IN225 – Donations organisations	200	-	80	-	280	943
IN230 – Church box	19	-	-	-	19	46
IN700 – Legacies	8,943	-	-	-	8,943	-
IN925 – Subscriptions	-	-	2,556	-	2,556	2,730
Donations and legacies Totals	95,347	1,376	9,557	-	106,281	84,132
Other trading activities						
IN300 – Fund-raising	1,365	306	16,920	-	18,591	16,508
IN320 – Fete	16,467	-	-	-	16,467	12,991
IN500 – Magazine – sales	4,874	-	-	-	4,874	4,892
IN510 – Magazine – advertising	3,995	-	-	-	3,995	3,625
IN550 – Publications – income from sales	121	-	-	-	121	101
IN910 – Parish Centre – fund raising	-	1,108	149	-	1,257	525
Other trading activities Totals	26,821	1,414	17,069	-	45,304	38,642
Investments						
IN360 – Investment income – dividends	-	-	3,242	-	3,242	3,192
IN400 – Bank and building society interest	1,236	-	4,050	-	5,286	4,291
Investments Totals	1,236	-	7,292	-	8,528	7,483
Income from charitable activities						
IN350 – Income from Parish Office activities	59	-	-	-	59	71
IN610 – Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	10,582	-	-	-	10,582	8,157
IN750 – Income from choir activities	-	-	32,285	-	32,285	18,838
IN900 – Parish Centre – regular letting income	-	20,434	-	-	20,434	12,794
IN901 – Parish Centre- occasional letting	-	4,239	-	-	4,239	3,983
IN902 – Parish Centre – wedding letting	-	1,700	-	-	1,700	2,350
IN903 – Parish Centre- conference letting	-	-	-	-	-	102
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,641	26,374	32,285	-	69,299	46,296
Other income						
IN240 – Recurring grants	-	-	600	-	600	600
IN290 – Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	3,030
IN740 – Children – Edale trip	1,185	-	-	-	1,185	1,490
IN745 – Children's Work	-	-	-	-	-	928
IN800 – Insurance claims	-	710	-	-	710	999
IN801 – Re-imbursement of Vicarage Oil	1,582	-	-	-	1,582	663
Other income Totals	2,767	710	600	-	4,077	7,710
Receipts Grand totals	136,813	29,874	66,803	-	233,490	184,262

3. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last Year
Raising funds						
EF100 - Fundraising expenses	260	-	5,916	-	6,176	5,109
EF120 - Publications	-	-	-	-	-	100
EF200 - Fete expenses	5,796	-	-	-	5,796	4,488
PC100 - Parish Centre - oil	-	1,865	-	-	1,865	3,473
PC200 - Parish Centre - electricity	-	3,121	-	-	3,121	2,116
PC300 - Parish Centre - insurance	-	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,908
PC500 - Parish Centre - maintenance	-	9,804	515	-	10,319	2,960
PC700 - Parish Centre - water	-	328	-	-	328	64
Raising funds Totals	6,056	17,856	6,430	-	30,343	21,217
Expenditure on charitable activities						
CM110 - Church - water	109	-	-	-	109	-
CM120 - Church - oil	1,473	-	-	-	1,473	2,069
CM130 - Church - electric	1,212	-	-	-	1,212	567
CM150 - Church - heating maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	634
CM160 - Church - electrical maintenance	361	-	-	-	361	-
CM170 - Church - other maintenance	3,102	-	-	-	3,102	1,673
CM200 - Church - churchyard maintenance	-	-	149	-	149	1,210
CM300 - Church - fire safety	233	-	-	-	233	260
CM410 - Church - window cleaning	110	-	-	-	110	165
CM600 - Church - insurance	2,630	-	-	-	2,630	2,554
CM700 - Church - sundry fees and expenses	1,380	-	-	-	1,380	1,179
EA100 - Office - Stationery	1,126	-	-	-	1,126	1,734
EA200 - Office - Postage	-	-	-	-	-	70
EA300 - Office - Photocopier	4,314	-	-	-	4,314	3,811
EA400 - Office - IT	2,193	-	-	-	2,193	593
EA450 - Office - Website	165	-	-	-	165	130
EA500 - Office - other support goods	30	-	-	-	30	-
EA600 - Office - telephone and broadband	696	-	-	-	696	612
EA700 - Salaries	8,089	-	1,438	-	9,528	9,096
EC100 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	241	-	241	335
EC200 - Giving - relief and development	-	-	482	-	482	335
EC300 - Home mission	-	-	-	-	-	360
EC400 - Secular charities	-	-	3,138	-	3,138	4,305
ED100 - Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	813	-	-	-	813	399
ED200 - Vicarage - Council Tax	4,033	-	-	-	4,033	2,050
ED201 - Vicarage - Water	599	-	-	-	599	416
ED203 - Vicarage - maintenance and other	538	-	-	-	538	257
EG100 - Governance costs	63	-	-	-	63	61
EG500 - Education and training - volunteers	-	-	-	-	-	33
EG800 - Depreciation	-	-	7,360	-	7,360	-
EH100 - Children - Vestry Venturers	-	-	-	-	-	145
EH200 - Messy Church	-	-	95	-	95	-
EH300 - Children - Edale	1,539	-	881	-	2,420	1,598
EH400 - Children - Children's work - other	-	-	1,755	-	1,755	1,534
EM105 - Guest organist	-	-	-	-	-	40
EM200 - Organ Maintenance and Repair	-	-	251	-	251	537
EM300 - Choir Fees	612	-	-	-	612	528
EM310 - Choir - Medals, Ribbons, Awards	-	-	383	-	383	-
EM400 - Choir Robes	-	-	-	-	-	435
EM500 - Choir Music	-	-	-	-	-	27
EM800 - Choir Expenditure	-	-	31,842	-	31,842	17,189
ES200 - Mission - goods and services	-	-	-	-	-	12
ES250 - Mission - Christmas Cards	71	-	-	-	71	-
ES400 - Churches Together and Deanery	159	-	-	-	159	-
EW100 - Worship - Service books and leaflets	60	-	-	-	60	98
EW110 - Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	197	-	-	-	197	81

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last Year
EW120 - Worship - flowers, palms, etc	95	-	453	-	548	525
EW160 - Church Music Licences	780	-	-	-	780	610
EW170 - Worship - other expenses	522	-	-	-	522	80
EW200 - Worship - food and drink	159	-	-	-	159	291
EW300 - Worship - other consumables	55	-	-	-	55	-
EW400 - Payment to visiting priests	298	-	-	-	298	-
EX100 - Parish share	82,520	-	-	-	82,520	85,425
EZ100 - Magazine - production	-	-	-	-	-	66
OS100 - Organ Scholar	-	-	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
PC150 - Parish Centre - Licences	-	417	-	-	417	370
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	120,337	417	49,668	-	170,422	145,699
Other expenditure						
ED202 - Vicarage Oil (to be re- funded)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135	663
EG300 - Bank Charges	71	5	47	-	123	40
PC210 - Parish Centre - Electrical Maintenance	-	111	-	-	111	498
PC220 - Parish Centre - heating maintenance	-	9,112	-	-	9,112	8,828
PC400 - Parish Centre - salaries	-	13,725	-	-	13,725	13,033
PC450 - Parish Centre - cleaning	-	648	-	-	648	625
PC460 - Parish Centre - window cleaning	-	220	-	-	220	165
PC550 - Parish Centre- fire safety	-	811	-	-	811	591
PC650 - Parish Centre - IT	-	-	-	-	-	928
PC900 - Parish Centre - other support costs	-	-	-	-	-	69
Other expenditure Totals	1,206	24,632	47	-	25,885	25,438
Payments Grand totals	127,598	42,906	56,146	-	226,650	192,355

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	327,065	46,068	373,133
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	148,418	46,068	194,484
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2024	155,778	46,068	201,846
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	171,287	<u>-</u>	171,287
At 31 December 2023	178,647	<u>-</u>	178,647

5. CHARITABLE GIVING 2024

5(a) Charity Fund

Five charities were chosen for support during the year 2024. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
General donations	1,008	1,076
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>197</u>	<u>328</u>
	<u>1,205</u>	<u>1,341</u>

These funds were distributed equally at the Year End to Mission to Seafarers; The Christie; Oxfam GB; MSF UK, and Martin House.

5(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted funds:

Mellor Rose Queen: Tiny Tickers £1,385 (plus GoFundMe Fundraising)

Women's Evening Fellowship: St Ann's Hospice £1,100

Friends of the Mellor Centre: NSPCC £171

5 (c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Christmas Collections for The Wellspring: £670

Christian Aid: £63

RNLI: £371

Bible Society: £148

6. Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Defib Fund							
Restricted	1,193	79	515	-	-	-	757
Sub-totals	1,193	79	515	-	-	-	757
FoMC							
Restricted	29,281	11,082	1,077	(12,731)	-	-	26,555
Sub-totals	29,281	11,082	1,077	(12,731)	-	-	26,555
Mellor Flower Group							
Restricted	459	546	453	-	-	-	553
Sub-totals	459	546	453	-	-	-	553
Organ							
Restricted	16,056	825	251	-	-	-	16,630
Sub-totals	16,056	825	251	-	-	-	16,630
Organ Scholar							
Restricted	2,200	600	1,800	-	-	-	1,600
Sub-totals	2,200	600	1,800	-	-	-	1,600
Ukraine Appeal							
Restricted	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sub-totals	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
General							
Unrestricted	24,004	136,813	127,598	1,521	-	-	34,740
Sub-totals	24,004	136,813	127,598	1,521	-	-	34,740
Church Building							
Restricted	17,567	3,582	-	-	-	-	21,150
Sub-totals	17,567	3,582	-	-	-	-	21,150
ChurchYard							
Restricted	29,524	1,075	149	-	-	438	30,887
Sub-totals	29,524	1,075	149	-	-	438	30,887
MoorEnd							
Restricted	102,285	2,931	4,134	-	-	2,235	103,318
Sub-totals	102,285	2,931	4,134	-	-	2,235	103,318
Charity							
Restricted	-	1,205	1,205	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	1,205	1,205	-	-	-	-
Parish Centre							
Designated	-	29,874	42,906	13,031	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	29,874	42,906	13,031	-	-	-
PC Building							
Restricted	178,647	-	7,360	-	-	-	171,287
Sub-totals	178,647	-	7,360	-	-	-	171,287
Rose Queen							
Restricted	654	4,996	3,148	(1,521)	-	-	980
Sub-totals	654	4,996	3,148	(1,521)	-	-	980
Choir							
Restricted	3,978	32,887	31,197	-	-	-	5,667
Sub-totals	3,978	32,887	31,197	-	-	-	5,667
Toddlers							
Restricted	758	1,465	1,069	(300)	-	-	854
Sub-totals	758	1,465	1,069	(300)	-	-	854
WEF							
Restricted	3,156	5,531	4,389	-	-	-	4,298
Sub-totals	3,156	5,531	4,389	-	-	-	4,298
Totals	409,764	233,490	226,650	-	-	2,673	419,277

7. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre (The Mellor Centre) is a designated fund.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of Church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Defibrillator Fund	Funding a Defibrillator
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Centre
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated Charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of Education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Donations to Ukraine
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of Mellor**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



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Administrative Information

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	The Mellor Centre, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX
COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Incumbent	Vacancy – Up until 30 th June 2023 Rev Andrew Tawn – from 1 st July 2023
Reader	David Shercliff
Churchwardens	Rachel Howling (Until May 2023) Chris Mann (Until April 2023) Alex Eggeman (From May 2023) Mary Heijbroek (From May 2023)
Deputy Churchwarden	Judith Shiel (Until May 2023) Rachel Howling (From May 2023)
Representative on the Diocesan Synod	Mary Heijbroek
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Judith Shiel Mary Heijbroek
Elected PCC Members	Ian Dayes Alison Dowdeswell Julie Elliott (Hon. Secretary) Richard Elliott (Hon. Treasurer) William Heijbroek (Until May 2023) Kate Higgins David Horsfall Clare Jackson (Until May 2023) Sylvia Knight (From May 2023) Kathryn Maxwell Angie Stanton (From May 2023) Emma Wilson Sian Yeowell (From May 2023)
BANKERS	NatWest, Hazel Grove (B) Branch, 180, London Road, Hazel Grove, STOCKPORT SK7 4DH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Katherine Scott, BA(Hons) FCA 1, Landseer Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2023

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, 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 St Thomas' Church and of the Mellor Centre complex.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Mellor Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was a year of change and renewal. Our activities returned to a normal pattern following the disrupted years of the pandemic and activities in both the Church and the Mellor Centre increased in both number and in terms of the number of people attending.

We began 2023 without an incumbent but were delighted Reverend Andrew Tawn was appointed as our vicar and was installed on 12th July 2023. Thanks to the work of Churchwardens and with the support of visiting priests, regular services were maintained throughout the vacancy.

A decision was taken during 2023 to re-name the Parish Centre as The Mellor Centre. This has no effect on the relationship between the Centre, the PCC and the Church.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod and are ex-officio members of the PCC.

This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple and members of the congregation attend joint services and events throughout the Marple area.

In 2023 our churches were once again able to participate in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and St. Thomas hosted the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service and breakfast in the Mellor Centre, attended by around 45 people.

Worship and Prayer

Our normal pattern of services continued throughout 2023. This included a said communion service at 8.30 and a sung Parish Communion service at 10am every Sunday and a said communion service on Wednesday mornings. An evening service also takes place every Sunday with this a service of Evening Prayer on three Sundays each month and a Choral Evensong once a month.

We are grateful to the Live Streaming Team who have enabled our services to be made available on line to those in our wider community who are unable to attend Church. We know that this service is particularly welcomed by those who are housebound and unable to visit St Thomas'. The on line services have also been accessed by residents of Mellor Nook, our local care home. A dedicated team of people are working to continually improve the quality of the live streaming as we feel as a community that it is important to try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

We held an All Souls' service in church in November to remember the departed, which was well attended. We also held the traditional Advent and Nine Lessons and Carol services and two crib services on Christmas Eve aimed at children and young people. Our Easter and Christmas services were very well attended.

We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who have decorated the Church with flowers and have made the church so especially beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Our Monday morning Prayer Group has been able to meet up regularly and offer a quiet space to hold us all in prayer.

Also, since October 2021 we have also been developing, on the second Sunday evening of each month, a Contemplative Evening Prayer Service which meets in the Mellor Centre. Thanks go to all the team involved for their ideas and creativity and for offering a welcome breathing space.

It has been a pleasure to continue to welcome baptism families. Our thanks go to Catherine Starling who has been an invaluable support in contacting baptism families before and after baptism services.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming wedding couples and their families and friends into church to celebrate their weddings. Thank you to Margaret Lowe and the weddings team for helping to make each wedding day very special for couples.

Over the last year we have been supporting families who have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. Many thanks to Judith Shiel and Margaret Leng who are our Bereavement team and have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

We have continued as active members of Churches Together in Marple, an inter-denominational network of local churches. Members of St Thomas' attend services and events promoted by the network and on Easter Day we host an annual daybreak Communion Service, followed by breakfast in the Mellor Centre.

Our active Toddler Group has continued to meet throughout the year. Thank you to Helen Kennedy for continuing the Toddlers Group and to all the members of the team for making Toddlers such an enjoyable experience for many young children and their carers.

Many thanks also go to Margaret Williams and Margaret Leng, editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine, which has been produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have distributed it around the parish. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

During 2023 our choir were invited to sing at Wells Cathedral. They were very well supported by family, friends and members of the congregation. They were all exceptionally enjoyable events. Many thanks to Dr Tom Howling, John LeGrove and all the choir for bringing this all together.

In 2022 we formally applied to become members of the Inclusive Church Network. Our application was accepted and during 2023 we have been exploring what being an Inclusive Church means for us at St Thomas Church. Thank you to Dave Shercliff for leading and co-ordinating the Living in Love and Faith Course which helped many members of the Church Community to explore issues of faith, relationships, marriage and sexuality.

Pastoral Support

Many thanks to the members of our pastoral team who have been keeping in touch with people around the parish through visits and phone calls. Throughout the year prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks to all who attend our growing Knit and Natter group on Thursday mornings and to Catherine Starling and Maggie Williams who organise this. This is a very popular group who offer friendship and kind advice to all would be knitters. Catherine et al have been busy knitting little angels to give out to baptism families to welcome them to Mellor Church.

On the second Monday of each month our Coffee and Chat group has continued, which welcomes all people.

Charitable Fundraising

Some members of the congregation have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. The charities supported in 2023 were Educaid, Mission for Seafarers, UNHCR and the Haematology and Transplant Unit at Christie Hospital. Other special collections for charities during the year were Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday and The Wellspring and Wood Street Mission at Christmas. At Harvest 2023 gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

Other Fundraising Activities

In June 2023 we were able to hold our traditional Church Fête for the first time since 2019. This also coincided with the Mellor Well Dressing. The fête was very popular and on the same day an evening event was held with local bands performing. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and bringing all these events together.

Church Buildings /Graveyard

Many thanks to the teams of people who help maintain our church buildings and the graveyards. The churchyard has needed extra care over the last year and thanks goes out to the graveyard maintenance team for all your help in trying to keep on top of the care of the graveyard.

Thanks go in particular to William Heijbroek, David Horsfall and the rest of the Church fabric team for the time and effort they have given to plan further improvements to the Church porch and work to improve fire safety and all the other often unseen jobs needed to keep the church building in good repair.

During 2023 the Church suffered a break in which damaged the "Whittam Window". A temporary repair has been made and discussions continue regarding how best to effect a permanent replacement.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Officer, together with a churchwarden, undertake an annual inspection of the church, churchyard and Mellor Centre. Ian Dayes is our Health and Safety Officer and reports regularly to the PCC

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Kathryn Maxwell is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. All office holders and PCC members are required to undertake the appropriate level of safeguarding training. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The PCC set a budget for the year for the general fund with an expected deficit of £6,660. This reflected uncertainty regarding the extent to which regular giving might increase during the year as well as likely cost increases for oil, electricity and salaries.

The PCC made the decision in the early part of 2023 that, in light of the overall financial position it did not feel able to return to paying the full requested level of Parish Share. The PCC kept this matter under review throughout the year but continued to pay at a rate of 1.25 of a standard share. This meant that in 2023 a total gross contribution to the diocese of £85,425 was made during the year. The reductions in the level of Parish Share made over 2021, 2022 and 2023 means that, in common with many other parishes, St Thomas has a debt to the diocese.

These decisions were taken to strike a balance between, on the one hand, the desire of the PCC to make as full a contribution as it can to supporting the work of the Church across the diocese while on the other, also ensuring that its long term financial position is sustainable.

Position at Year End

The statement of financial activities shows total funds held of £409,764, a decrease of £5,310 from the previous year. Depreciation (on the cost of the work carried out on the Mellor Centre Building) in the notional value of the Mellor Centre building and a deficit on the general fund was counterbalanced by increased interest received (interest rate on CBF at 5.25%) and an increase in the value of shares. Before transfers, the statements show an overall deficit of £28,920 on unrestricted funds, which includes a deficit of £14,395 on the general fund and a deficit of £14,525 on the Mellor Centre designated fund.

A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated fund to meet the deficit and a transfer of £1,221 of total funds raised, from the Rose Queen Fund reduced the deficit of the general fund to £13,414 leaving £24,003 in unrestricted reserves. The PCC policy on reserves is to hold between three and six months of unrestricted expenditure should be between £39,241 and £78,483 based on 2023.

It should however be noted that following a successful appeal at the end of the year, the forecast financial position for 2024 is more optimistic with a number of new commitments to either increase the level of regular giving or to begin to give regularly. The Church has also received a number of significant recent donations. We are therefore optimistic that reserves will return to a higher level at the end of the current year.

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund: Income

Income from regular giving via standing order was slightly higher than in 2022 at £44,975. Open plate collections, including those at weddings funerals and baptisms were similar to 2022 at £4,842. Donations from individuals at £12,619 were £4,500 higher than in 2022, mostly due to Rev Andrew's successful appeal in October 2023. Regular donations to church continue to be received through the card reader situated in church.

No legacies were received into the Church's accounts during 2023.

Tax recoverable on gift aid on eligible giving represents a significant component of income and amounted to £13,043 in 2023.

The annual fete in June was very well attended and raised £12,991 on the day with a net profit, after expenses, of over £10,000.

Income from fees at over £8,000 was similar to 2022.

General Fund : Expenditure

The Parish Share represents the largest element of expenditure. As explained above the PCC took the decision to pay the Parish Share at a reduced level of £85,425 during 2023 compared with the diocese's requested level of £99,000. This is only the third year that we are aware of when we have not paid the share at the requested level. The Treasurer has corresponded

with the diocese about the position and the PCC agreed to keep the situation under review during the year.

Running costs of the Church and The Mellor Centre increased during the year. The increase in electricity prices following the end of a 3 year fixed electricity tariff during the year meant that the amount spent increased.

Designated Fund:

The Mellor Centre: The Centre's lettings income was stable during the year at over £19,000 . The Centre incurred significant costs as a result of damage to the oil pipe supplying the heating system. At the time of writing discussions are still continuing with the Church's insurers over which of these costs will be reimbursed. As a result the year end accounts show that the Centre ended the year with a deficit of £14,524 which was met by a transfer from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre.

Restricted Funds

The Friends of The Mellor Centre were able to hold a full programme of events. Profit from these and income from subscriptions, donations and gift aid amounted to £10,390 After the transfer to the Parish Centre designated fund, the fund ended the year at £29,281.

Charity Fund: The PCC agreed to continue to support the same charities in 2023 as in 2022 pending a review of the Charity Fund Scheme which it intends to undertake in 2024. The Charities supported comprise: Educaid, the Mission to Seafarers, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Haematology and Transplant Unit at Christies. With tax recoverable on gift aid a total of £1,341 was shared between the charities.

Defibrillator Fund: A fund was established in 2022 to support the purchase, installation and maintenance of a defibrillator to serve the Mellor Centre and the Church. This was installed in 2022. At the end of 2023 the Fund has a balance of £1,193 to support the machine's future maintenance costs.

Organ Fund: The regular tuning and maintenance of the organ took place and £537 was spent on organ maintenance during 2023. Following the PCC's decision in 2021 to allocate £15,000 from Margaret Myatt's legacy, to a fund to support the upkeep of the organ in accordance her wishes, there is a balance of £16,056 in the fund.

Organ Scholar Fund: 2023 was the third year that a recurring grant was awarded by the John Pilling Trust to support our organ scholars. £3,600 was received in 2023 supporting Nathan Monk and Eleanor Rosser over a three year period. The PCC is very grateful for this contribution to the musical life of the Church. The Fund held £2,200 at year end.

Moor End Sunday School Fund: Funds were used for costs associated with children's activities, education and mission. Contributions were made to support some costs of the choir visits. A proportion of the salary of the Director of Music, Tom Howling, is also funded by the Moor End Sunday School Fund. The value of the shares held in the fund increased by 9.4% to £97,655 during the year and the total fund value at year end was £102,285.

Churchyard Fund: Expenditure from the Churchyard Fund slightly exceeded income and the cash funds held ended at £10,400. This figure incorporates the donation in memory of Ann Hearle which is being used to improve safety and accessibility of the churchyard. Share value increased by 9.4% to £19,124 meaning the overall fund value is £29,524.

Church Building Fund: Total expenditure on the church building was £962 during the year. Regular donations and contributions from the Patrons including Gift Aid this year amounted to £4,740. Interest accrued amounted to £960. Therefore, overall the value of the church building fund increased by around £3,500 to £17,567 during the year.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to minimise investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2023 the PCC met on ten occasions. These meetings are held in the Mellor Centre with arrangements made for those members, who are unable to attend a particular meeting in person, to join by Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 29th April 2023.

Reverend Andrew Tawn
Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 14-25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Katherine Scott BA (Hons) FCA
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Date:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Donations and legacies	71,196	1,877	11,058	84,132	86,178
Other trading activities	22,955	435	15,252	38,642	39,804
Investments	832		6,651	7,483	4,623
Income from charitable activities	8,228	19,230	18,838	46,296	37,794
Other income	3,183		4,528	7,710	5,196
Total income	106,394	21,541	56,327	184,262	173,596
Raising funds	4,999	11,006	5,213	21,217	21,284
Expenditure on charitable activities	115,098	435	30,165	145,699	155,119
Other expenditure	692	24,736	11	25,438	15,376
Total expenditure	120,789	36,177	35,389	192,355	191,779
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(14,395)	(14,636)	20,938	(8,093)	(18,183)
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,221	14,525		15,746	8,106
Gross transfers between funds - out			(15,746)	(15,746)	(8,106)
Gains/losses on investment assets			10,042	10,042	(14,241)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(10)	111	(7,360)	(7,259)	
Net movement in funds	(13,184)		7,874	(5,310)	(32,424)
Total funds brought forward	37,188		377,886	415,074	447,498
Total funds carried forward	24,004		385,760	409,764	415,074

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets			
6431	Parish Centre	178,647	186,007
	Total Fixed assets	178,647	186,007
Current assets			
6501	Nat West Current Account	3,438	2,677
6502	Nat West Fees Account	1,739	6
6503	Nat West Lettings Account	2,575	2,321
6504	Mellor Choir Account	3,606	1,527
6505	Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	244	718
6508	Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	3,079	2,490
6509	NatWest Charity Fund	(54)	
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	90,684	102,739
6515	Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	3,609	4,786
6516	Moor End Trust Income Shares	97,655	89,257
6526	Churchyard Income Shares	19,124	17,480
6590	Cash in hand	869	819
Z05	Accounts Receivable	5,380	4,568
	Total Current assets	231,948	229,389
Liabilities			
6601	Loans received	(388)	(268)
6699	Agency collections	831	202
Z04	Accounts Payable	388	388
	Total Liabilities	831	323
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	409,764	415,074
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(8,093)	(25,840)
Z01	Starting balances	415,074	455,155
Z02	Other gains/(losses)	10,042	(14,241)
Z03	Gains/(losses) own use	(7,259)	
	Total Reserves	409,764	415,074
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	24,004	37,188
	Designated		
	Restricted	385,760	377,886
	Total	409,764	415,074

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and magazines

from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Regular Giving	44,975	50	450	45,475	45,038
Plate collections	2,905			2,905	4,709
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,043	298	1,830	15,171	14,932
Collections at weddings/funerals/baptism	1,937			1,937	203
Donations individuals	7,732	1,225	3,662	12,619	8,145
Patrons Scheme			1,230	1,230	1,690
Donations Charity Fund			1,076	1,076	1,521
Donations organisations	558	305	80	943	944
Church box	46			46	177
Legacies					6,904
Subscriptions			2,730	2,730	1,915
Donations and legacies Totals	71,196	1,877	11,058	84,132	86,178
Fund-raising	1,346	127	15,034	16,508	14,908
Fete	12,991			12,991	13,884
Magazine - sales	4,892			4,892	5,002
Magazine - advertising	3,625			3,625	4,995
Publications - income from sales	101			101	63
Parish Centre - fund raising		308	218	525	400
Fundraising - events					84
Mellor Rose Queen - Fundraising					470
Other trading activities Totals	22,955	435	15,252	38,642	39,804
Investment income - dividends			3,192	3,192	3,175
Bank and building society interest	832		3,459	4,291	1,449
Investments Totals	832		6,651	7,483	4,623
Income from Parish Office activities	71			71	817
Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	8,157			8,157	8,642
Fees - other					448
Income from choir activities			18,838	18,838	8,501
Parish Centre - regular letting		12,794		12,794	12,401
Parish Centre- occasional letting		3,983		3,983	4,592
Parish Centre - wedding letting		2,350		2,350	1,500
Parish Centre- conference letting		102		102	892
Income from charitable activities Totals	8,228	19,230	18,838	46,296	37,794
Recurring grants			600	600	600
Non-recurring one-off grants	30		3,000	3,030	3,426
Children - Edale trip	1,490			1,490	1,170
Children's Work			928	928	
Insurance claims	999			999	
Re-imbursement of Vicarage Oil	663			663	
Other income Totals	3,183		4,528	7,710	5,196
Income and endowments Grand totals	106,394	21,541	56,327	184,262	173,596

3. Analysis of expenditure

Fundraising expenses	411		4,698	5,109	5,827
Publications	100			100	
Fete expenses	4,488			4,488	3,589
Parish Centre - oil		3,473		3,473	3,165
Parish Centre - electricity		2,116		2,116	1,671
Parish Centre - insurance		2,908		2,908	2,466
Parish Centre - maintenance		2,446	515	2,960	4,458
Parish Centre - water		64		64	108
Raising funds Totals	4,999	11,006	5,213	21,217	21,284
Church - water					97
Church - oil	2,069			2,069	2,751
Church - electric	567			567	471
Church - heating maintenance	634			634	
Church - electrical maintenance					12
Church - other maintenance	710		962	1,673	11,366
Church - waste removal					250
Church - churchyard maintenance			1,210	1,210	2,020
Church - fire safety	260			260	238
Church - window cleaning	165			165	55
Church - insurance	2,554			2,554	2,456
Church - sundry fees and expenses	1,179			1,179	1,920
Office - Stationery	1,734			1,734	1,324
Office - Postage	70			70	8
Office - Photocopier	3,811			3,811	4,925
Office - IT	528	65		593	1,260
Office - Website	130			130	258
Office - telephone and broadband	612			612	618
Salaries	7,880		1,217	9,096	8,643
Giving to missionary societies			335	335	462
Giving - relief and development			335	335	10
Home mission			360	360	914
Secular charities			4,305	4,305	4,900
Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	399			399	215
Vicarage - Council Tax	2,050			2,050	1,772
Vicarage - Water	416			416	643
Vicarage - maintenance and other	257			257	176
Governance costs	61			61	
Education and training					118
Education and training - volunteers	33			33	
Depreciation					7,360
Vestry Venturers			145	145	
Children - Edale	1,298		300	1,598	1,018
Children - Children's work - other			1,534	1,534	171
Guest organist	40			40	(30)
Organ Maintenance and Repair			537	537	446
Choir Fees	528			528	415
Choir Robes	435			435	383
Choir Music			27	27	
Choir Expenditure			17,189	17,189	9,420
Mission - goods and services	12			12	278

Churches Together and Deanery subs					98
Mission - Marriage preparation					14
Worship - Service books, leaflets	68		30	98	
Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	81			81	99
Worship - flowers, palms, etc	45		480	525	436
Church Music Licences	610			610	557
Worship - other expenses	80			80	1,194
Worship - food and drink	291			291	107
Worship - other consumables					85
Payment to visiting priests					930
Parish share	85,425			85,425	82,936
Magazine - production	66			66	93
Organ Scholar			1,200	1,200	850
Parish Centre - Licences		370		370	377
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	115,098	435	30,165	145,699	155,119
Vicarage Oil (to be re- funded)	663			663	
Bank Charges	29	1	11	40	93
Parish Centre - Electrical Maintenance		498		498	482
Parish Centre - heating maintenance		8,828		8,828	725
Parish Centre - salaries		13,033		13,033	11,453
Parish Centre - cleaning		625		625	627
Parish Centre - window cleaning		165		165	215
Parish Centre- fire safety		591		591	259
Parish Centre - IT		928		928	252
Parish Centre - other support costs		69		69	1,149
Parish Centre - Conference expenses					120
Other expenditure Totals	692	24,736	11	25,438	15,376
Expenditure Grand totals	120,789	36,177	35,389	192,355	191,779

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>327,065</u>	<u>46,068</u>	<u>373,133</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	141,058	46,068	187,126
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2023	148,418	46,068	194,484
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>178,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,647</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>186,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,007</u>

5. CHARITABLE GIVING 2023

5(a) Charity Fund

Four charities were chosen for support during the year 2023. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
General donations	1,076	1,521
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>265</u>	<u>328</u>
	1,341	1,849

These funds were distributed at the Year End as follows:

	£
Mission to Seafarers	335
UNHCR	335
Haematology and Transplant Unit (The Christie)	335
Educaid	<u>335</u>
	<u>£1,341</u>

5(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted Funds:

Mellor Rose Queen: RNLI £ 2035.44 and Seashell Trust, £814.18.

Women's Evening Fellowship: Walthew House, £ 645 and The Christie, £140.

Friends of Mellor Centre: NSPCC, £132

5(c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Christmas Special Collection for the Salvation Army raised £87.20

Sea Sunday collection for Mission to Seafarers raised £114

Christian Aid £87.20

Chester Clergy Family Charitable Trust: £393.54

Wellspring: £157.15

Wood Street Mission: £73.15

6. Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Defibrillator							
Restricted	1,631	76	515				1,193
Sub-totals	1,631	76	515				1,193
FoMPC							
Restricted	33,416	10,735	345	(14,525)			29,281
Sub-totals	33,416	10,735	345	(14,525)			29,281
Mellor Flower Group							
Restricted	349	590	480				459
Sub-totals	349	590	480				459
Organ							
Restricted	15,870	722	537				16,056
Sub-totals	15,870	722	537				16,056
Organ Scholar							
Restricted	(200)	3,600	1,200				2,200
Sub-totals	(200)	3,600	1,200				2,200
Ukraine Appeal							
Restricted		2					2
Sub-totals		2					2
General							
Unrestricted	37,188	106,394	120,789	1,221		(10)	24,004
Sub-totals	37,188	106,394	120,789	1,221		(10)	24,004
Church Building							
Restricted	13,034	5,495	962				17,567
Sub-totals	13,034	5,495	962				17,567
Church Yard							
Restricted	28,125	965	1,210			1,645	29,524
Sub-totals	28,125	965	1,210			1,645	29,524
Moor End Sunday School							
Restricted	93,790	2,823	2,726			8,398	102,285
Sub-totals	93,790	2,823	2,726			8,398	102,285
Charity							
Restricted		1,341	1,341				
Sub-totals		1,341	1,341				
Parish Centre							
Designated		21,541	36,177	14,525		111	
Sub-totals		21,541	36,177	14,525		111	
PC Building							
Restricted	186,007				(7,360)		178,647
Sub-totals	186,007				(7,360)		178,647
Rose Queen							
Restricted	539	5,204	3,867	(1,221)			654
Sub-totals	539	5,204	3,867	(1,221)			654
Choir							
Restricted	2,132	19,124	17,278				3,978
Sub-totals	2,132	19,124	17,278				3,978
Toddlers							
Restricted	689	928	859				758
Sub-totals	689	928	859				758
Women's Evening Fellowship							
Restricted	2,503	4,722	4,069				3,156
Sub-totals	2,503	4,722	4,069				3,156
Totals	415,074	184,262	192,355		(7,360)	10,143	409,764

7. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre (The Mellor Centre) is a designated fund.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of Church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Defibrillator Fund	Funding a Defibrillator
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Centre
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated Charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of Education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Donations to Ukraine
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Mellor

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

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Administrative Information

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Mellor Parish Centre, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX
COUNCIL MEMBERS	
<u>Ex-officio members:</u>	
Incumbent	Rev. Tracy Ward – Until 31 st July 2022 Vacancy 1 st August to 31 st December 2022
Reader	David Shercliff
Churchwardens	Rachel Howling Chris Mann
Deputy Churchwarden	Judith Shiel
Representative on the Diocesan Synod	Mary Heijbroek
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Judith Shiel Mary Heijbroek
Elected PCC Members	Ben Collier (Until May 2022) Ian Dayes Alison Dowdeswell (From May 2022) Alex Eggeman (From May 2022) Julie Elliott (Hon. Secretary) Richard Elliott (Hon. Treasurer) William Heijbroek (Until May 2022) Kate Higgins (from September 2022) David Horsfall (From May 2022) Clare Jackson Kathryn Maxwell Emma Wilson
BANKERS	NatWest, Hazel Grove (B) Branch, 180, London Road, Hazel Grove, STOCKPORT SK7 4DH
ARCHITECT	Randfield Associates: Old Forge Studio, 1A, Longhurst Lane, Marple Bridge, STOCKPORT SK6 5AE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Katherine Scott, BA(Hons) FCA 1, Landseer Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2022

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, 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 Parish Centre complex of St Thomas' Church in Mellor and Marple Bridge.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Parish Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2022 saw our activities returning to something more normal as we continued to recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Parish is located in the administrative area of Stockport MBC within Greater Manchester and as a result was subject to some of the longest lasting and most stringent restrictions in England. In 2022 we have been able to meet in person again and weekly Church services returned to the pattern prior to the pandemic. Events in the Parish Centre also increased in frequency although it has taken time for both congregations and attendance at events in the Parish Centre to build up again. Thanks to a number of volunteers we have continued to transmit our Church Services live on line for those unable to attend in person and for those who choose to access them remotely. This service has been warmly welcomed by many.

In July 2022 our incumbent, Rev. Tracy Ward, left us to take up a new position as a Chaplain at Stepping Hill Hospital. We were therefore without a full time incumbent between August and the end of the year. Thanks

to the work of Churchwardens and with the support of visiting priests, regular services have been maintained throughout the vacancy.

We give thanks to the many volunteers who come up to clean the church to keep it a safe space for people for private prayer/services; all those who have given their time to help maintain our church building and grounds, and to those who have continued the production of our Outlook Parish Magazine in difficult circumstances.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod and are ex-officio members of the PCC. This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple and members of the congregation attend joint services and events throughout the Marple area.

In 2022 our churches were once again able to participate in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and St. Thomas hosted the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service and breakfast in the Parish Centre, attended by around 45 people.

Worship and Prayer

Many of our services have been available for access online. Huge thanks go out to Christopher Mann and Ian Collyer and his team for helping us all to engage with the technology that has enabled us to live stream our 10.00am Sunday Holy Communion Service and also our monthly Choral Evensong Service.

This has been accessed by members of Mellor Nook, our local care home and also by people who are unable to come in person to the services. A dedicated team of people are working to continually improve the quality of the live streaming as we feel as a community that it is important to try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

During the year we held an All Souls' service in church which was well attended. We also held the traditional Advent and Nine Lessons and Carol services and a crib service aimed at children and young people. Our Christmas services were very well attended. Many thanks to all volunteers who gave their time and energy in making the church such a beautiful place for people to come into and enjoy over the Christmas season.

We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

Thanks are due to the intercessions team for writing and delivering intercessions during our Sunday services and to Lesley Futchter for her work in coordinating this and for identifying valuable source material each week.

Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who have made the church so beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Our Monday morning Prayer group has been able to meet up regularly and offer a quiet space to hold us all in prayer.

Also, since October 2021 we have also been developing, on the second Sunday evening of each month, a Contemplative Evening Prayer Service which meets in the Parish Centre. Thank you to all the team involved for your ideas and creativity and offering a welcome breathing space.

It has been a pleasure to be able to once again welcome baptism families. Our thanks go to Catherine Starling who has been an invaluable support in contacting baptism families before and after baptism services.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming wedding couples and their families and friends into church to celebrate their weddings. Thank you to Margaret Lowe and the weddings team for helping to make each wedding day very special for couples.

Over the last year we have been supporting families who have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. Many thanks to Judith Shiel and Margaret Leng who are our Bereavement team and have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

Our active Toddler Group has continued to meet throughout the year. Thank you to Helen Kennedy for continuing the Toddlers Group and to all the members of the team for making Toddlers such an enjoyable experience for many young children and their carers.

Many thanks to Margaret Williams and Margaret Leng editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine which has been produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have distributed it around the parish. We also thank Chris Mann for all his help and support he has given to Maggie and Margaret. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

During 2022 our choir were invited to sing at Westminster Abbey and also St Pauls Cathedral in London. They were very well supported by family, friends and members of the congregation. They were all exceptionally enjoyable events. Many thanks to Dr Tom Howling, John LeGrove and all the choir for bringing this all together.

In 2022 we formally applied to become members of the Inclusive Church Network. Our application was accepted and we have been exploring about what being an Inclusive Church means for us at St Thomas Church. Thank you to Dave Shercliff for leading and co-ordinating the Living in Love and Faith Course which helped many members of the Church Community to explore issues of faith, relationships, marriage and sexuality.

Pastoral Support

Many thanks to the members of our pastoral team who have been keeping in touch with people around the parish through visits and phone calls. Throughout the year prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks to all who attend our growing Knit and Natter group on Thursday mornings and to Catherine Starling and Maggie Williams who organise this. This is a very popular group who offer friendship and kind advice to all would be knitters. Catherine et al have been busy knitting little angels to give out to baptism families to welcome them to Mellor Church.

On the second Monday of each month our Coffee and Chat group has continued, which welcomes all people.

Charitable Fundraising and Giving

People have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. The charities supported in 2022 were Educaid, Mission for Seafarers, UNHCR and the Haematology and Transplant Unit at Christie Hospital. Other special collections for charities during the year were Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday and The Salvation Army at Christmas. At Harvest 2022 gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester. Weekly collections from the congregation of items for the Stockport Food Bank continued through 2022. Stockport Foodbank was also supported by a reverse Advent collection in December, as was the Wood Street Mission, based in Central Manchester.

Other Fundraising Activities

Our thanks go out to Dr Ian Collyer and his team who organized monthly fundraising concerts during 2022. These were very popular events and the funds raised were a very important supplement to church funds during 2022. The funds raised went towards church funds and also supporting the choir.

The popular Mellor Well Dressing took place to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June this was still in place on the fete weekend.

We were able to hold our traditional Church Fete for the first time since 2019. The fete was very popular and on the same day an evening event was held with local bands performing. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and bringing all these events together.

Church Building /Graveyard

Many thanks to the teams of people who help maintain our church buildings and the graveyards. The churchyard has needed extra care over the last year and thanks goes out to the graveyard maintenance team for all your help in trying to keep on top of the care of the graveyard.

Thank you to William Heijbroek, David Horsfall and the Church fabric team for the time and effort they have given to organise the redecoration of the church porch, work to improve fire safety and all the other often unseen jobs needed to keep the church building in good repair.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Officer, together with a churchwarden, undertakes an annual inspection of the church, churchyard and Parish Centre. Ian Dayes is our Health and Safety Officer and reports regularly to the PCC

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Kathryn Maxwell is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. All office holders and PCC members are required to undertake the appropriate level of safeguarding training. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The PCC set a budget for the year for the general fund with an expected deficit of £11,400. At the time it was still unclear what course the pandemic would take and what affect this would have on the activities of the Church and the PCC. While it had been possible to resume regular services in Church in 2021 the new Omicron variant had caused a spike in infections at Christmas and early in 2022 locally which had impacted on the normal Christmas services. In general however 2022 marked a return towards more normal activities both in Church and in the Parish Centre. It was possible to hold the annual fete again in June and this was a financial as well as a social success with a net profit of over £10,000 raised for Church funds.

In addition a series of very popular monthly concerts were held during the year which made another valuable contribution to Church funds. Overall income was down on the previous year, mainly as the result of a large legacy having been received in 2021.

The PCC made the decision in the early part of 2022 that, in light of the overall financial position it did not feel able to return to paying the full requested level of Parish Share. The PCC kept this matter under review throughout the year. At the beginning of the year payments were made at the rate of 1.15 of a standard parish share, however in the light of the successful fete and a generally improving position the decision was taken to increase the level of parish share to 1.25 of a standard share, still below the level of 1.45 requested by the diocese from St Thomas. This meant that in 2022 a contribution to the diocese of £82,936 was made. The reductions in the level of Parish Share made over 2021 and 2022 means that, in common with many other parishes St Thomas has a debt to the diocese.

These decisions were taken to strike a balance between, on the one hand, the desire of the PCC to make as full a contribution as it can to supporting the work of the Church across the diocese while on the other, also ensuring that its long term financial position is sustainable.

Position at Year End

The statement of financial activities shows total funds held £415,074, a decrease of £35,017 from the previous year, the majority of which was accounted for by the drop in the value of investments during the year. Before transfers, the statements show an overall deficit of £9,751 on unrestricted funds, which

includes a deficit of £2,228 on the general fund and a deficit of £6,883 on the Parish Centre designated fund before transfers. A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated fund to meet the deficit of £6,883 and a transfer of £543 of total funds raised, from the Rose Queen Fund reduced the deficit of the general fund to £1,685 leaving £37,188 in unrestricted reserves,. The PCC policy on reserves is to hold between three and six months of unrestricted expenditure should be between £36,561 and £73,122 based on 2022.

Unrestricted Funds: General Fund and Designated Fund

General Fund: Income

Income from regular giving via standing order was around £3,000 lower than in 2021. Open plate collections were though over £3,000 higher than in 2021 reflecting the return to more in person attendance. Donations from individuals were lower than in 2021 Regular donations to church continue to be received through the card reader situated in church.

A legacy of £6,900 was received in January 2022.

Tax recoverable on gift aid on eligible giving represents a significant component of income and amounted to £13,007 in 2022.

As mentioned above the fete, at the end of June, raised over £13, 000 on the day with a net profit, after expenses, of over £10,000.

Income from fees was similar to 2021.

General Fund : Expenditure

The Parish Share represents the largest element of expenditure. As explained above the PCC took the decision to pay the Parish Share at a reduced level of £82,936 during 2022 compared with the diocese's requested level of £96,000. This is only the second year that we are aware of when we have not paid the share at the requested level. The Treasurer has corresponded with the diocese about the position and the PCC agreed to keep the situation under review during the year.

Running costs of the Church and the Parish Centre increased during the year as restrictions eased. As a 3 year fixed electricity tariff was agreed with the supplier prior to the recent increase in energy costs, the impact of these increases wasn't felt with respect to electricity in 2022 although heating oil saw a spike in its cost. Work was undertaken to redecorate the porch during the year and a new cess pit was installed which will result in longer term savings as maintenance costs are expected to be significantly lower.

Designated Funds

Jean Baines Fund: The remaining £640 from this fund was spent on redecorating the porch. This fund is therefore now closed.

Mellor Parish Centre: The Parish Centre's income continued to be affected by a reduction in the number of lettings due to the knock on effects of the pandemic. The Centre ended the year with a deficit of £6,883 which was met by a transfer from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre.

Restricted Funds

The Friends of Mellor Parish Centre were able to hold a number of events once restrictions began to ease. Profit from these and income from subscriptions and gift aid amounted to £5,513. After the transfer to the Parish Centre designated fund, the fund ended the year at £33,416.

Charity Fund: The PCC at its meeting in September agreed which charities it wished to support in 2022. A number of charities were proposed for support by Church Members and the PCC agreed to support four as in previous years: Educaid, the Mission to Seafarers, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Haematology and Transplant Unit at Christies. With tax recoverable on gift aid a total of £1,849 was shared between the charities.

Defibrillator Fund and Tea and Friendship Fund: A fund was established during the year to support the purchase, installation and maintenance of a defibrillator to serve the Parish Centre and the Church. This was subsequently installed on the wall outside the Parish Centre. Grants towards the cost of the defibrillator were received from the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester's Fund (£500) and the McNair Trust (£750). During 2022 the Tea and Friendship took the decision to disband and requested that the PCC transfer the balance in their fund (£679) to the Defibrillator Fund. The Tea and Friendship Fund is therefore now closed. Total expenditure from the Defibrillator Fund was £1,485 and there is a balance in the fund of £1,631 to support future maintenance.

Ukraine Appeal Fund: Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the PCC agreed to establish a fund to coordinate donations to support the charities working to relieve the hardship being experienced by the Ukrainian people. £1,971 was raised from the local community and the proceeds from one of the concerts went to the fund. A cheque for the above amount was then sent from the PCC to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) work in the Ukraine.

Organ Fund: The regular tuning and maintenance of the organ took place and £446 was spent on organ maintenance during 2022. Following the PCC's decision in 2021 to allocate £15,000 from Margaret Myatt's legacy, to a fund to support the upkeep of the organ in accordance her wishes, there is a balance of £15,870 in the fund.

Organ Scholar Fund: 2021 was the second year that a recurring grant of £600 per year was awarded by the John Pilling Trust to support our organ scholar, Nathan Monk. The PCC agreed to also support Eleanor Rosser this year and further funding of £3,000 has recently been secured in 2023 to support both scholars over a five year period, for which the PCC is very grateful. This recent funding does not appear in the 2022 accounts.

Moor End Sunday School Fund: Funds were used for costs associated with children's activities, education and mission. Contributions were made to support some costs of the choir visits. A proportion of the salary of the Director of Music, Tom Howling, is also funded by the Moor End Sunday School Fund. The value of the shares held in the fund decreased by 11.8% to £89,257 during the year and the total fund value at year end was £93,790.

Churchyard Fund: Expenditure from the Churchyard Fund exceeded income and the fund ended at £10,645. This figure incorporates the donation in memory of Ann Hearle which is being used to improve safety and

accessibility of the churchyard. Share value decreased by 11.8% to £17,480 meaning the overall fund value is £28,125.

Church Building Fund: There were some significant items of expenditure during the year including work to redecorate and improve the accessibility of the porch as well as installing a new cesspit. Total expenditure on the church building was £10,033 Regular donations and contributions from the Patrons this year amounted to £3,854. Therefore, overall the value of the church building fund declined by around £6,000 to £13,034 during the year.

Investment Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to minimise investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2022 the PCC met on ten occasions. One in three meetings were held in person and the remainder were held on Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 11th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by Julie Elliott.

Julie Elliott
Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 14-24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	75,499	925	9,754	86,178	142,707
Other trading activities	b	27,520	622	11,662	39,804	16,585
Investments	c	566	—	4,057	4,623	3,107
Income from charitable activities	d	9,907	19,386	8,501	37,794	48,159
Other income	e	2,070	—	3,126	5,196	7,983
Total income		115,563	20,932	37,101	173,595	218,540
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3a	4,564	11,867	4,853	21,284	8,674
Expenditure on charitable activities	b	113,108	1,524	40,443	155,119	153,897
Other expenditure	c	75	15,063	237	15,376	12,912
Total expenditure		119,747	28,455	43,576	191,778	175,483
Gains / losses on investment assets		—	—	(14,242)	(14,241)	15,141
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(2,228)	(7,523)	(8,432)	(18,183)	43,057
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		543	6,883	679	8,106	5,899
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	—	(8,106)	(8,106)	(5,899)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds		(1,685)	(640)	(30,099)	(32,424)	58,198
Total funds brought forward		38,873	640	407,985	447,498	389,300
Total funds carried forward		37,188	-	377,866	415,074	447,498
Represented by	6					
Unrestricted						
General fund		37,188	—	—	37,188	38,873
Designated						
Jean Baines Fund		—	—	—	—	640
Restricted						
Church Building		—	—	13,034	13,034	19,213
Churchyard		—	—	28,125	28,125	32,440
Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre		—	—	33,416	33,416	34,786
Mellor Choir Fund		—	—	2,132	2,132	2,768
Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship		—	—	2,503	2,503	1,997
Mellor Flower Group		—	—	349	349	346
Mellor Rose Queen		—	—	539	539	2,678
Mellor Toddler Group		—	—	689	689	477
Moor End Sunday School Fund		—	—	93,790	93,790	104,604
Organ Fund		—	—	15,870	15,870	16,110
Organ Scholar Fund		—	—	(200)	(200)	50
Tea and Friendship		—	—	-	-	1,036
Defibrillator Fund		—	—	1,631	1,631	-

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

Class and code	Note	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets				
6431	4	Parish Centre	186,007	193,367
		Total Fixed assets	186,007	193,367
Current assets				
6501		Nat West Current Account	2,677	7,066
6502		Nat West Fees Account	6	1,891
6503		Nat West Lettings Account	2,321	1,043
6504		Mellor Choir Account	1,527	2,687
6505		Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	7187	5,287
6508		Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	2,490	1,967
6509		NatWest Charity Fund	—	62
6510		CCLA (CBF) deposit account	102,739	110,821
6513		Tea and Friendship	—	1,036
6514		Mellor Flower Group	—	249
6515		Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	4,785	4,080
6516		Moor End Trust Income Shares	89,257	101,166
6526		Churchyard Income Shares	17,480	19,812
6590		Cash in hand	819	834
Z05		Accounts Receivable	4,568	3,173
		Total Current assets	229,389	256,171
Liabilities				
6601		Loans Received	(268)	
6699		Agency collections	201	1,496
Z04		Accounts Payable	388	544
		Total Liabilities	323	2,040
		Net Asset surplus(deficit)	415,074	447,498
Reserves				
		Excess / (deficit) to date	(18,183)	(7,657)
Z01		Starting balances	447,498	440,014
Z02		Other gains/(losses)	(14,241)	15,140
Z03		Gains/(losses) own use	—	—
		Total Reserves	415,074	447,498
		Represented by funds		
		Unrestricted	37,188	38,873
		Designated	—	640
		Restricted	377,886	407,985
		Total	415,074	447,498

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
a. Donations and legacies					
Regular Giving	45,038	—	—	45,038	48,151
Plate collections	4,619	—	90	4,912	2,044
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,007	231	1,693	14,932	16,483
Donations Individuals	5,117	364	2,665	8,145	16,908
Patrons Scheme	—	—	1,690	1,690	2,220
Donations Charity Fund	—	—	1,521	1,521	2,113
Donations organisations	434	330	180	944	6,480
Church box	177	—	—	177	427
Legacies	6,904	—	—	6,903	46,128
Subscriptions	—	—	1,915	1,915	1,660
Total	75,499	924	9,753	86,177	142,706
b. Other trading activities					
Fund-raising	3,577	222	11,109	14,908	1,305
Fete	13,884	—	—	13,884	3,312
Magazine - sales	5,002	—	—	5,002	2,941
Magazine - advertising	4,995	—	—	4,995	5,110
Publications - income from sales	63	—	—	63	25
Parish Centre - fund raising	—	400	—	400	190
Fundraising - events	—	—	84	84	2,759
Mellor Rose Queen - Fundraising	—	—	470	470	1,120
Total	27,520	621	11,662	16,584	15,691
c. Investments					
Investment income - dividends	129	—	3,045	3,174	3,070
Bank and building society interest	436	—	1,011	1,448	37
Investment Total	566	—	4,057	4,623	3,107
d. Income from charitable activities					
Income from Parish Office activities	817	—	—	817	224
Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	8,642	—	—	8,642	10,000
Income from choir activities	—	—	8,501	8,501	27,540
Parish Centre - regular letting income	—	12,401	—	12,401	7,227
Parish Centre- occasional letting income	—	4,592	—	4,592	2,375
Parish Centre - wedding letting income	—	1,500	—	1,500	750
Parish Centre- conference letting income	—	892	—	892	40
Total	9,907	19,385	8,501	37,794	48,158
e. Other income					
HMRC JRS Grant	—	—	—	—	4,495
Recurring grants	—	—	600	600	600
Non-recurring one-off grants	900	—	2,526	3,426	1,247
Children - Edale trip	1,170	—	—	1,170	1,350
Children's Work	—	—	—	—	291
Other Income Total	2070	—	3,126	5,196	7,983
INCOME TOTAL	116,812	20,931	35,850	173,595	218,540

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
a. Raising funds					
Fundraising expenses	974	—	4,853	5,827	2,09
Publications	—	—	—	—	20
Fete expenses	3,589	—	—	3,589	114
Parish Centre - oil	—	3,165	—	3,165	727
Parish Centre - electricity	—	1,671	—	1,671	1,495
Parish Centre - insurance	—	2,466	—	2,466	2,322
Parish Centre - maintenance	—	4,458	—	4,458	1,809
Parish Centre - water	—	108	—	108	89
Total	4,563	11,867	4,852	21,283	8,673
b. Expenditure on charitable activities					
Church - water	97	—	—	97	124
Church - oil	2,751	—	—	2,751	866
Church - electric	470	—	—	470	574
Church - heating maintenance	—	—	—	—	239
Church - other maintenance	706	640	10,020	11,366	9,161
Church - waste removal	250	—	—	250	288
Church - churchyard maintenance	—	—	2,020	2,020	359
Church - fire safety	238	—	—	238	66
Church - window cleaning	55	—	—	55	60
Church - insurance	2,456	—	—	2,456	2,312
Church - sundry fees and expenses	142	—	1,777	1,920	85
Office - Stationery	1,298	—	25	1,323	843
Office - Postage	8	—	—	8	378
Office - Photocopier	4,925	—	—	4,925	3,536
Office - IT	832	427	—	1,260	512
Office - Website	258	—	—	258	28
Office - other support goods and service	79	—	—	79	79
Office - telephone and broadband	538	79	—	638	510
Salaries	7,350	—	1,292	8,642	7,623
Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	10	4,900	100
Home mission	—	—	914	914	388
Secular charities	—	—	4,900	2,943	4,567
Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	215	—	—	215	401
Clergy one-off expenses (garments, books	—	—	—	—	13
Vicarage - Council Tax	1,771	—	—	1,771	3,420
Vicarage - Water	503	—	—	503	507
Vicarage - maintenance and other	175	—	—	175	167
Governance costs	—	—	—	—	122
Education and Training (Non Clergy)	—	—	118	118	—
Books (inc library)	—	—	—	—	80
Depreciation	—	—	7,360	7,360	7,360
Children - Vestry Venturers	—	—	—	—	184
Messy Church	—	—	—	—	39
Children - Edale	1,018	—	—	1,018	1,298
Children - Children's work - other	—	—	171	171	130
Guest organist	(30)	—	—	(30)	130
Organ Maintenance and Repair	—	—	445	445	—
Choir Fees	415	—	—	415	57
Choir - Medals, Ribbons, Awards	—	—	—	—	77
Choir Robes	382	—	—	382	145
Choir Music	—	—	—	—	196
Choir Expenditure	—	—	9,419	9,419	29,099
Mission - events	7	—	—	7	—

Mission - goods and services	—	—	278	278	—
Churches Together and Deanery subs	98	—	—	98	46
Mission - Marriage preparation	14	—	—	14	66
Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	99	—	—	99	173
Worship - flowers, palms, etc	56	—	379	436	175
Church Music Licences	557	—	—	557	536
Worship - other expenses	1,193	—	—	1,193	254
Worship - food and drink	106	—	—	106	—
Worship - other consumables	84	—	—	84	155
Payment to visiting priests	929	—	—	929	696
Parish share	82,936	—	—	82,936	74,805
Magazine - production	93	—	—	93	82
Organ Scholar	—	—	850	850	600
Parish Centre - Licences	—	377	—	377	397
Total	115,108	1,524	38,486	155,119	153,897

c.Other expenditure

Bank Charges	75	—	16	92	64
Parish Centre - Electrical Maintenance	—	482	—	482	191
Parish Centre - heating maintenance	—	725	—	725	828
Parish Centre - salaries	—	11,453	—	11,453	11,005
Parish Centre - cleaning	—	626	—	626	135
Parish Centre - window cleaning	—	215	—	215	105
Parish Centre- fire safety	—	258	—	258	404
Parish Centre - IT	—	252	—	252	144
Parish Centre - other support costs	—	928	220	1,148	32
Parish Centre - Conference expenses	—	120	—	120	—
Total	75	15,063	236	15,375	12,912
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	117,791	28,455	45,533	191,778	175,482
GRAND TOTAL	(2,935)	(7,524)	(7,726)	(18,183)	43,057

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>327,065</u>	<u>46,068</u>	<u>373,133</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	133,698	46,068	179,766
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2022	141,058	46,068	187,120
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>186,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,007</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>193,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,367</u>

5. CHARTABLE GIVING 2021

5(a) Charity Fund

Four charities were chosen for support during the year 2022. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
General donations	1,521	2,113
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>328</u>	<u>462</u>
	1,849	2,575

These funds were distributed at the Year End as follows:

	£
Mission to Seafarers	462.25
UNHCR	462.25
Haematology and Transplant Unit (Christie)	462.25
Educaid	<u>462.25</u>
	1,849

5(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted Funds:

Mellor Rose Queen: Music for Hospitals, £936.45

Women's Evening Fellowship: Stockport without Abuse, £570

5(c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Christmas Special Collection for the Salvation Army raised £75.45.

Sea Sunday collection for Mission to Seafarers raised £195

6. Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
FoMPC - Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre						
Restricted	34,786	5,951	438	(6,883)	—	33,415
Sub-total for FoMPC	34,786	5,951	438	(6,883)	—	33,415
JB Fund - Jean Baines Fund						
Designated	640	—	640	—	—	0
Sub-total for JB Fund	640	—	640	—	—	0
MFG - Mellor Flower Group						
Restricted	346	382	379	—	—	349
Sub-total for MFG	346	382	379	—	—	349
Organ - Organ Fund						
Restricted	16,109	205	445	—	—	15,869
Sub-total for Organ	16,109	205	445	—	—	15,869
OrganSch - Organ Scholar Fund						
Restricted	50	600	850	—	—	-200
Sub-total for OrganSch	50	600	850	—	—	-200
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	38,872	116,812	119,747	543	—	36,481
Sub-total for General	38,872	116,812	119,747	543	—	36,481
ChurchB - Church Building						
Restricted	19,212	3,854	10,032	—	—	13,034
Sub Total for Church Building	19,212	3,854	10,032	—	—	13,034
ChurchYard - Churchyard						
Restricted	32,440	536	2,520	—	(2,332)	28,124
Sub-total for ChurchYard	32,440	536	2,520	—	(2,332)	28,124
Defibrillator Fund						
Restricted	—	2,437	1485	679	—	1,631
Sub – Total for Defibrillator Fund	—	2,437	1485	679	—	1,631
MoorEnd - Moor End Sunday School						
Restricted	92,403	2,660	3,121	—	(11,909)	104,603
Sub-total for MoorEnd	92,403	2,660	3,121	—	(11,909)	104,603
Charity - Mellor PCC Charity Fund						
Restricted	—	1,849	1,849	—	—	—
Sub-total for Charity	—	1,849	1,849	—	—	—
ParishCen - Parish Centre						
Designated	—	20,931	27,815	6,883	—	—
Sub-total for ParishCen	—	20,931	27,815	6,883	—	—
PCBuild - Parish Centre Building						
Restricted	193,367	—	(7,360)	—	—	186,007
Sub-total for PCBuild	193,367	—	(7,360)	—	—	186,007
RoseQueen - Mellor Rose Queen						
Restricted	790	1,249	958	(544)	—	538
Sub-total for RoseQueen	790	1,249	958	(544)	—	538
Choir - Mellor Choir Fund						
Restricted	2,767	8,789	9,424	—	—	2,131
Sub-total for Choir	2,767	8,789	9,424	—	—	2,131
Ukraine Appeal Fund						
Restricted	—	1,971	1,971	—	—	—
Sub-total for Ukraine Appeal Fund	—	1,971	1,971	—	—	—

Toddlers - Mellor Toddler Group

Restricted	477	1,316	1,104	—	—	689
Sub-total for Toddlers	477	1,316	1,104	—	—	689

WEF - Mellor Church Women's Fellowship

Restricted	1,997	5,216	4,710	—	—	2,503
Sub-total for WEF	1,997	5,216	4,710	—	—	2,503

Grand total	447,498	173,595	191,778	—	(14,242)	415,074
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7. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre and the Jean Baines Fund are designated funds.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Defibrillator Fund	Funding a Defibrillator
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Parish Centre
Jean Baines Fund	Porch improvements
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Tea and Friendship	Social Network
Ukraine Appeal Fund	Donations to Ukraine
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Mellor

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



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Deputy Churchwarden Julie Elliott

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Representatives on Judith Shiel

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2021

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tracy Ward, 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 Parish Centre complex of St Thomas' Church in Mellor and Marple Bridge.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Parish Centre.

Achievements and Performance

2021 was the second successive year that our activities were severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Parish is located in the administrative area of Stockport MBC within Greater Manchester and as a result was subject to some of the longest lasting and most stringent restrictions in England. During the first part of the year, during which government restrictions prevented social gatherings taking place, many regular activities were seriously impacted. Regular services, both during the week and on Sundays, took place on line during this period. Once restrictions eased in late Spring and Summer it became possible to once again meet in person and services in church recommenced but it has taken time for our congregations to build up again.

During the height of the pandemic our choir was not able to meet to sing. Dr Tom Howling, our Director of Music has worked hard to keep all ages of the choir together through weekly Zoom meetings and social events and it is gratifying to see that the choir has kept together and has been singing again to support our Sunday worship in church since the summer.

Where possible, the PCC made use of the government Job Retention Scheme (furlough). Our part-time caretaker was furloughed and our part time Parish Office Administrator worked from home during the period of restrictions and it was possible to make use of the flexible furlough scheme. .

We are grateful for the support received to help continue an online presence within the local community from Chris Mann and Dave Shercliff our licensed Reader.

We also give thanks to the volunteers who come up to clean the church to keep it a safe space for people for private prayer/services; all those who have given their time to help maintain our church building and grounds, and to those who have continued the production of our Outlook Parish Magazine in difficult circumstances.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod and are ex-officio members of the PCC. This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple. During the first half of 2021 all meetings and services together were held via Zoom. Our choir contributed recorded music and members of the congregation were involved in planning the Zoom services.

During 2021 our churches were unable to participate in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Worship and Prayer

All of our services from the end of March to the end of the year have been available for access online. Huge thanks go out to Chris Mann and Ian Collyer and his team for helping us all to engage with the technology that has enabled us to live stream our 10.00am Sunday Holy Communion Service and also our monthly Choral Evensong Service.

This has been accessed by members of Mellor Nook, our local care home and also by people who are unable to come in person to the services. A dedicated team of people are working to continually improve the quality of the live streaming as we feel as a community that it is important to try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

During the year we were able to offer an All Souls' service in church which was well attended. We were also able to hold the traditional sung Advent and Nine Lessons and Carol services during Advent. Due to the increasing numbers of our congregation and choir with Covid at Christmas time we were only able to offer a quiet said Holy Communion services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Many thanks to all volunteers who gave their time and energy in making the church such a beautiful place for people to come into and enjoy over the Christmas season.

We are aware that there are people who are not able to access technology; or they have said that worshipping online is not something they enjoy. We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

Our church has remained open everyday for private prayer.

Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who have made the church so beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Our Monday morning Prayer group has at last again been able to meet up and offer a quiet space to hold us all in prayer.

Also since October 2021 we have also been developing on the second Sunday evening of each month a Contemplative Evening Prayer Service which meets in the Parish Centre. Thank you to all the team involved for your ideas and creativity and offering a welcome breathing space.

It has been a pleasure to be able to once again welcome baptism families with August -October 2021 being exceptionally busy. Our thanks go to Catherine Starling who has been an invaluable support in contacting baptism families before and after baptism services.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming 7 wedding couples and their families and friends into church to celebrate their weddings. Thank you to Margaret Lowe and the weddings team for helping to make each wedding day very special for couples.

Over the last year we have been supporting over 30 families who have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. Many thanks to Judith Shiel and Margaret Leng who are our Bereavement team and have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

Our Toddler Group and Praise and Play activities stopped in March 2020 due to the Government restrictions but was able to restart again in September 2021. Thank you to all the members of the toddler Group team for making Toddlers such an enjoyable experience for many young children and their carers. Bible Bedtime Stories online was started in March 2020 to engage in a fun way with young families and baptism families. Though the numbers have remained small the families who attend each Sunday evening have said they enjoy the sessions which last about 20 minutes. Due to us being able to meet face to face sessions were held in the parish centre up to Christmas 2021.

Many thanks to Guy and Anthea Nicholls editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine which has continued to be produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have safely distributed it around the parish. In December 2021 we were all shocked and saddened to hear about Anthea's sudden death. We greatly appreciated all the work that she and Guy put into helping produce the Outlook magazine. We give thanks to Maggie Williams and Margaret Leng who have agreed to continue producing the Outlook magazine and we thank Chris Mann for all his help and support he has given to Maggie and Margaret. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

During 2021 our choir were invited to sing at Hereford Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and also St Pauls Cathedral in London. They were very well supported by family, friends and members of the congregation. They were all exceptionally enjoyable events. Many thanks to Tom Howling, John LeGrove and all the choir for bringing this all together.

In 2021 we have been exploring about what being an Inclusive Church means for us at St Thomas Church. Thank you to Dave Shercliff for leading and co-ordinating the Living in Love and Faith Course.

Pastoral Support

Many thanks to the members of our pastoral team who have been keeping in touch with people around the parish through visits and phone calls. Throughout the year prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks to all who attend our growing Knit and Natter group on Thursday mornings and to Catherine Starling and Maggie Williams who organise this. This is a very popular group who offer friendship and kind advice to all would be knitters. Catherine et al have been busy knitting little angels to give out to baptism families to welcome them to Mellor Church.

On the second Monday of each month we have also been able to restart our Coffee and Chat group which welcomes all people. After so long not being able to meet together it has been wonderful to see people again gathering together over coffee/tea and cake!!

Charitable Fundraising

People have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. The charities supported in 2021 were Educaid, Stockport Food Bank, Shuktara and Water Aid. Other special collections for charities during the year were Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday and The Salvation Army at Christmas. At Harvest 2021 gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

Other Fundraising Activities

Our thanks go out to Ian Collyer and his team for planning monthly fundraising concerts from January 2022 which promise to be very successful and popular. The funds raised will go towards church funds.

In June 2021 we held a week long Arts and Crafts Exhibition which coincided with the Mellor Well Dressing. The weather was glorious and enjoyed by many people from around the parish and beyond. While the normal annual fete held at the end of June had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions we were pleased to be able to be part of Mellor Open Gardens Festival in July 2021 which raised almost £6,000 for the Parish Centre. In October 2021 we held a Mini-Fete which was very well attended and very much appreciated. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and bringing all these events together.

Visit of the Bishop of Stockport

In September 2021 the newly appointed Bishop of Stockport, Bishop Sam, came to visit Mellor Church for an afternoon where he was able to go up to the top of the bell tower and enjoy the view and was able to have a go at ringing the church bell. He spent a couple of hours chatting with members of the congregation over coffee and homemade cake in the Parish Centre

Legacies

We were very grateful to those who remembered the Church in their wills in 2021. The legacies that were received from Margaret Myatt and Joan Paynter were very much valued in what has been a particularly difficult period financially. The PCC acknowledged the particular request of Margaret Myatt for her legacy to help to support the upkeep of the church organ and agreed to transfer £15,000 to the organ fund for this purpose.

Church Building /Graveyard

Many thanks to the teams of people who help maintain our church buildings and the graveyards. The churchyard has needed extra care over the last year and thanks goes out to the graveyard maintenance team for all your help in trying to keep on top of the care of the graveyard.

Thank you to William Heijbroek and the Church fabric team for the time and effort they have given to organise the repainting of the guttering etc. and all the other often unseen jobs needed to keep the church building in good repair.

Several donations were received for the Churchyard Fund during the year, including a very generous donation of £5,000 in memory of Ann Hearle. The donation came with the wish for it to be used to improve the safety and access of the Churchyard.

Health and Safety

Ian Dayes is our Health and Safety Officer and he reports regularly to the PCC identifying any issues that require attention.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Kathryn Maxwell is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Overall, the statement of financial activities shows total funds held £447,498, an increase of £58,198 from the previous year. Before transfers, the statements show an overall surplus of £15,376 on unrestricted funds, which includes a surplus of £20,781 on the general fund and a deficit of £5,045 on the Parish Centre designated fund. A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated

fund to meet the deficit of £5,045 and a transfer of £853 from the Rose Queen Fund increased the surplus of the unrestricted funds to £21,634 leaving £39,512 in unrestricted reserves, £640 of which remains in the Jean Baines Fund to complete the work on the porch.

A legacy of £1,000 was received from the estate of the late Joan Paynter and a further legacy of £45,218 was received from the estate of the late Margaret Myatt. The PCC acknowledged the wish that the funds should be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church organ by agreeing to restrict £15,000 of this legacy to the Organ Fund.

As Covid restrictions were still in place until the early summer, plans to hold the annual Fête at the end of June were abandoned and a smaller Autumn Fête was held in early October, raising just over £3,000 for general funds. Other fundraising included the sale of postcards, jams and books when possible.

A total of £6,341 was received in grants: £4,494 from the Job Retention Scheme (furlough); £600 from the John Pilling Trust to sponsor our Organ Scholar, and a successful application to the Listed Places of Worship Scheme resulted in a payment of £1,247 which represents the VAT paid on the restoration work carried out to the East Window in 2020.

Income from all regular giving has continued to decline and income from open plate collections was much reduced as church services were restricted. However, donations via the card reader have continued to increase.

The Parish Share at band 1.45, increased by 1% to £94,320. As the deficit during 2020 had left the reserves severely depleted, the PCC agreed to pay this at the rate of 1.15 for 2021 so a total of £74,805 was paid to the diocese. All staff received a pay increase of 2.5%, in line with CPI. Staff costs were reduced with the help from the Job Retention Scheme.

Running costs of the church and Parish Centre were reduced as both buildings were closed or restricted in use for part of the year.

Reserves Policy and Financial Position

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to minimise investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

It is our policy to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves at least equivalent to three months, and ideally six months, of unrestricted expenditure. These parameters indicate a planned level of unrestricted reserves of between £32,402 and £68,805 based on 2021. The actual level of unrestricted reserves at the end of 2021 was £39,512, of which £38,872 is General Fund and £640 Jean Baines Fund (designated).

We hold restricted funds of £34,786 attributable to the Parish Centre. We also hold reserves of £193,387 being the depreciated cost of the work on the Parish Centre and, therefore, not immediately available for use. The value of shares held in the Moor End Sunday School Fund and the Churchyard Fund increased by 14.3% increasing the value of the shares in these funds by £12,661 and £2,479 respectively. At 31 December 2021 the total funds, including sums held by other church groups in connection with their own activities, is £447,498

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2021 the PCC met on ten occasions. Due to the pandemic restrictions and the prevalence of Covid infections in the local area, all meetings took place via Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 25 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by the Rev'd Tracy Ward.

The Revd Tracy Ward
Vicar of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 13-22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	105,035	810	36,860	142,706	81,687
Other trading activities	b	12,480	190	3,914	16,584	15,691
Investments	c	9	—	3,098	3,107	3,330
Income from charitable activities	d	10,224	10,393	27,540	48,158	16,230
Other income	e	2,567	3,277	2,138	7,982	7,892
Total income		130,317	14,670	73,552	218,540	124,833
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3a	376	6,444	1,852	8,673	10,922
Expenditure on charitable activities	b	109,095	784	44,017	153,897	146,995
Other expenditure	c	63	12,847	0	12,912	12,749
Total expenditure		109,536	20,075	45,871	175,482	170,667
Gains / losses on investment assets		—	—	15,140	15,140	6,809
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		20,781	(5,405)	42,821	58,197	(39,024)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		853	5,045	—	5,898	15,527
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	—	(5,898)	(5,898)	(15,527)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds		21,634	(360)	36,923	58,197	(39,024)
Total funds brought forward		17,238	1,000	371,062	389,300	428,324
Total funds carried forward		38,872	640	407,985	447,498	389,300
Represented by	6					
Unrestricted						
General fund		38,872	—	—	38,872	17,238
Designated						
Jean Baines Fund		—	640	—	640	1,000
Restricted						
Church Building		—	—	19,212	19,212	14,444
Churchyard		—	—	32,440	32,440	22,214
Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre		—	—	34,786	34,786	31,054
Mellor Choir Fund		—	—	2,767	2,767	2,651
Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship		—	—	1,997	1,997	1,767
Mellor Flower Group		—	—	346	346	411
Mellor Rose Queen		—	—	790	790	2,678
Mellor Toddler Group		—	—	477	477	514
Moor End Sunday School Fund		—	—	104,603	104,603	92,403
Organ Fund		—	—	16,109	16,109	1,107
Organ Scholar Fund		—	—	50	50	50
Parish Centre Building		—	—	193,367	193,367	200,727
Tea and Friendship		—	—	1,036	1,036	1,036

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

Balance sheet at 31 December 2021

Class and code	Note	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets				
6431	4	Parish Centre	193,367	200,727
		Total Fixed assets	193,367	200,727
Current assets				
6501		Nat West Current Account	7,065	11,720
6502		Nat West Fees Account	1,891	966
6503		Nat West Lettings Account	1,043	478
6504		Mellor Choir Account	2,687	2,515
6505		Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	528	1,067
6508		Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	1,967	1,688
6509		NatWest Charity Fund	62	—
6510		CCLA (CBF) deposit account	110,821	55,283
6513		Tea and Friendship	1,036	1,036
6514		Mellor Flower Group	—	249
6515		Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	4,080	3,511
6516		Moor End Trust Income Shares	101,166	88,505
6526		Churchyard Income Shares	19,811	17,332
6590		Cash in hand	834	496
Z05		Accounts Receivable	3,173	4,774
		Total Current assets	256,171	189,624
Liabilities				
6699		Agency collections	1,496	440
Z04		Accounts Payable	544	611
		Total Liabilities	2,040	1,051
		Net Asset surplus(deficit)	447,498	389,300
Reserves				
		Excess / (deficit) to date	43,057	(50,713)
Z01		Starting balances	389,300	433,204
Z02		Other gains/(losses)	15,140	6,809
Z03		Gains/(losses) own use	—	—
		Total Reserves	447,498	389,300
		Represented by funds		
		Unrestricted	38,872	17,238
		Designated	640	1,000
		Restricted	407,985	371,062
		Total	447,498	389,300

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
a. Donations and legacies					
Regular Giving	48,076	75	—	48,151	48,023
Envelopes	—	—	—	—	847
Plate collections	1,505	—	—	1,505	676
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,485	110	2,887	16,483	15,154
Collections at weddings/funerals/baptism	539	—	—	539	360
Donations individuals	9,763	95	7,050	16,908	10,441
Patrons Scheme	—	—	2,220	2,220	2,120
Donations Charity Fund	—	—	2,113	2,113	1,835
Donations organisations	20	530	5,930	6,480	30
Church box	427	—	—	427	168
Legacies	31,218	—	15,000	46,218	1,483
Subscriptions	—	—	1,660	1,660	548
Total	105,035	810	36,860	142,706	81,687
b. Other trading activities					
Fund-raising	1,154	—	151	1,305	536
Fete	3,132	—	—	3,132	2,550
Magazine - sales	2,941	—	—	2,941	2,823
Magazine - advertising	5,110	—	—	5,110	4,979
Publications - income from sales	25	—	—	25	30
Parish Centre - fund raising	—	190	—	190	80
Fundraising - events	116	—	2,642	2,759	3,593
Mellor Rose Queen - Fundraising	—	—	1,120	1,120	1,098
Total	12,480	190	3,914	16,584	15,691
c. Investments					
Investment income - dividends	—	—	3,070	3,070	2,964
Bank and building society interest	9	—	27	37	365
Total	9	—	3,098	3,107	3,330
d. Income from charitable activities					
Income from Parish Office activities	224	—	—	224	120
Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	10,000	—	—	10,000	5,681
Income from choir activities	—	—	27,540	27,540	3,802
Parish Centre - regular letting income	—	7,227	—	7,227	5,571
Parish Centre- occasional letting income	—	2,375	—	2,375	668
Parish Centre - wedding letting income	—	750	—	750	—
Parish Centre- conference letting income	—	40	—	40	388
Total	10,224	10,393	27,540	48,158	16,230
e. Other income					
HMRC JRS Grant	1,217	3,277	—	4,494	4,292
Recurring grants	—	—	600	600	600
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	1,247	1,247	2,500
Children - Edale trip	1,350	—	—	1,350	—
Children's Work	—	—	291	291	—
Total	2,567	3,277	2,138	7,982	7,392
INCOME TOTAL	130,317	14,670	73,552	218,540	124,333

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
a. Raising funds					
Fundraising expenses	242	—	1,852	2,095	1,220
Publications	19	—	—	19	33
Fete expenses	114	—	—	114	—
Parish Centre - oil	—	727	—	727	1,143
Parish Centre - electricity	—	1,495	—	1,495	1,396
Parish Centre - insurance	—	2,322	—	2,322	2,295
Parish Centre - maintenance	—	1,809	—	1,809	4,655
Parish Centre - water	—	89	—	89	183
Total	376	6,444	1,852	8,673	10,927
b. Expenditure on charitable activities					
Church - water	124	—	—	124	41
Church - oil	866	—	—	866	575
Church - electric	574	—	—	574	499
Church - heating maintenance	239	—	—	239	321
Church - other maintenance	8,801	360	—	9,161	7,952
Church - waste removal	288	—	—	288	520
Church - churchyard maintenance	—	—	359	359	33
Church - fire safety	66	—	—	66	144
Church - cleaning costs	—	—	—	—	69
Church - window cleaning	60	—	—	60	57
Church - structural repairs	—	—	—	—	376
Church - insurance	2,312	—	—	2,312	2,286
Church - sundry fees and expenses	85	—	—	85	92
Office - Stationery	843	—	—	843	1,862
Office - Postage	378	—	—	378	215
Office - Photocopier	3,536	—	—	3,536	3,723
Office - IT	499	12	—	512	334
Office - Website	14	14	—	28	27
Office - other support goods and service	79	—	—	79	—
Office - telephone and broadband	510	—	—	510	546
Salaries	6,483	—	1,140	7,623	7,713
Giving - relief and development agencies	100	—	—	100	1,086
Home mission	111	—	277	388	161
Secular charities	—	—	4,567	4,567	1,086
Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	401	—	—	401	509
Clergy one-off expenses (garments, books	13	—	—	13	—
Vicarage - Council Tax	3,420	—	—	3,420	3,303
Vicarage - Water	503	—	—	503	507
Vicarage - maintenance and other	167	—	—	167	93
Governance costs	122	—	—	122	26
Books (inc library)	46	—	34	80	77
Depreciation	—	—	7,360	7,360	7,360
Children - Vestry Venturers	—	—	184	184	146
Messy Church	—	—	—	—	39
Children - Edale	1,298	—	—	1,298	(20)
Children - Children's work - other	—	—	130	130	474
Guest organist	130	—	—	130	80
Organ Maintenance and Repair	—	—	—	—	397
Choir Fees	57	—	—	57	340

Choir - Medals, Ribbons, Awards	—	—	77	77	72
Choir Robes	145	—	—	145	—
Choir Music	—	—	—	—	196
Choir Expenditure	—	—	29,099	29,099	5,812
Mission - events	7	—	—	7	—
Mission - goods and services	—	—	—	—	41
Churches Together and Deanery subs	46	—	—	46	50
Mission - Marriage preparation	66	—	—	66	—
Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	173	—	—	173	43
Worship - flowers, palms, etc	—	—	175	175	62
Church Music Licences	536	—	—	536	529
Worship - other expenses	242	—	11	254	1,369
Worship - food and drink	—	—	—	—	76
Worship - other consumables	155	—	—	155	—
Payment to visiting priests	696	—	—	696	—
Parish share	74,805	—	—	74,805	93,386
Magazine - production	82	—	—	82	—
Organ Scholar	—	—	600	600	550
Parish Centre - Licences	—	397	—	397	397
Total	109,095	784	44,017	153,897	145,650

c.Other expenditure

Bank Charges	63	—	0	64	20
Parish Centre - Electrical Maintenance	—	191	—	191	390
Parish Centre - heating maintenance	—	828	—	828	321
Parish Centre - salaries	—	11,005	—	11,005	10,930
Parish Centre - cleaning	—	135	—	135	856
Parish Centre - window cleaning	—	105	—	105	47
Parish Centre- fire safety	—	404	—	404	—
Parish Centre - IT	—	144	—	144	75
Parish Centre - other support costs	—	32	—	32	10
Parish Centre - Conference expenses	—	—	—	—	97
Total	63	12,847	0	12,912	12,749
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	109,536	20,075	45,871	175,482	169,326
GRAND TOTAL	20,781	(5,405)	27,681	43,057	(44,993)

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	<u>327,065</u>	<u>46,068</u>	<u>373,133</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	126,338	46,068	172,406
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2021	133,698	46,068	179,766
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2021	<u>193,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,367</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>200,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,727</u>

5. CHARITABLE GIVING 2021

5(a) Charity Fund

Four charities were chosen for support during the year 2021. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
General donations	2,113	1,835
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>462</u>	<u>337</u>
	2,575	2,172

These funds were distributed at the Year End as follows:

	£
Water Aid	626
Stockport Foodbank	626
Shuktara Trust	626
Educaid	<u>697</u>
	<u>2,575</u>

5(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted Funds:

Mellor Rose Queen: The Chrisitie, £1992

5(c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Christmas Special Collection for the Salvation Army raised £90.

Sea Sunday collection for Mission to Seafarers raised £109.7

6. FUND MOVEMENT BY TYPE

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
FoMPC - Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre						
Restricted	31,054	8,965	188	(5,045)	—	34,786
Sub-total for FoMPC	31,054	8,965	188	(5,045)	—	34,786
JB Fund - Jean Baines Fund						
Designated	1,000	—	360	—	—	640
Sub-total for JB Fund	1,000	—	360	—	—	640
MFG - Mellor Flower Group						
Restricted	411	110	175	—	—	346
Sub-total for MFG	411	110	175	—	—	346
Organ - Organ Fund						
Restricted	1,107	15,001	—	—	—	16,109
Sub-total for Organ	1,107	15,001	—	—	—	16,109
OrganSch - Organ Scholar Fund						
Restricted	50	600	600	—	—	50
Sub-total for OrganSch	50	600	600	—	—	50
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	17,238	130,317	109,536	853	—	38,872
Sub-total for General	17,238	130,317	109,536	853	—	38,872
ChurchB - Church Building						
Restricted	14,444	4,768	—	—	—	19,212
Sub-total for ChurchB	14,444	4,768	—	—	—	19,212
ChurchYard - Churchyard						
Restricted	22,214	8,105	359	—	2,479	32,440
Sub-total for ChurchYard	22,214	8,105	359	—	2,479	32,440
MoorEnd - Moor End Sunday School						
Restricted	92,403	2,660	3,121	—	12,661	104,603
Sub-total for MoorEnd	92,403	2,660	3,121	—	12,661	104,603
Charity - Mellor PCC Charity Fund						
Restricted	—	2,575	2,575	—	—	—
Sub-total for Charity	—	2,575	2,575	—	—	—
ParishCen - Parish Centre						
Designated	—	14,670	19,715	5,045	—	—
Sub-total for ParishCen	—	14,670	19,715	5,045	—	—
PCBuild - Parish Centre Building						
Restricted	200,727	—	7,360	—	—	193,367
Sub-total for PCBuild	200,727	—	7,360	—	—	193,367
RoseQueen - Mellor Rose Queen						
Restricted	2,678	1,120	2,154	(853)	—	790
Sub-total for RoseQueen	2,678	1,120	2,154	(853)	—	790
Choir - Mellor Choir Fund						
Restricted	2,651	27,620	27,504	—	—	2,767
Sub-total for Choir	2,651	27,620	27,504	—	—	2,767
Toddlers - Mellor Toddler Group						
Restricted	514	291	328	—	—	477
Sub-total for Toddlers	514	291	328	—	—	477
WEF - Mellor Church Women's Fellowship						
Restricted	1,767	1,731	1,502	—	—	1,997
Sub-total for WEF	1,767	1,731	1,502	—	—	1,997
TeaFriend - Tea and Friendship						
Restricted	1,036	—	—	—	—	1,036
Sub-total for TeaFriend	1,036	—	—	—	—	1,036
Grand total	389,300	218,540	175,482	—	15,140	447,498

7. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre and the Jean Baines Fund are designated funds.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Parish Centre
Jean Baines Fund	Porch improvements
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Tea and Friendship Group	Social gathering
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS, MELLOR



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of Mellor**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130414



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

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Administrative Information

PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Mellor Parish Centre, Church Road, Mellor SK6 5LX
COUNCIL MEMBERS	
<u>Ex-officio members:</u>	
Incumbent	The Revd Tracy Ward
Readers:	David Shercliff (from October 2019) Peter Harrison (Emeritus)
Churchwardens:	David Cunningham (until January 2020) Andrew Sanders (until 12 October 2020) Rachel Howling (from 12 October 2020) Chris Mann (from 12 October 2020)
Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:	Mary Heijbroek
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Judith Shiel (Ex-officio, Lay Chair) Mary Heijbroek Ann Hearle (until October 2020) Julia Mann (from 12 October 2020)
<u>Elected PCC members:</u>	Peter Forbes (Hon. Secretary, until 12 October 2020) Helen Kennedy (until 12 October 2020) Richard Elliott Karen Greenough (Hon. Treasurer) William Heijbroek Kathryn Maxwell Gwenn Perks (until October 2020) Julie Elliott (Hon. Secretary, from 12 October 2020) Ian Dayes (from 12 October 2020) Clare Jackson (from 12 October 2020) Emma Wilson (from 12 October 2020)
BANKERS	NatWest, Hazel Grove (B) Branch, 180 London Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4DH.
ARCHITECT	Randfield Associates: Forge Bank Studio, 1A Longhurst Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5AE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Katherine Scott, BA (Hons) FCA 1, Landseer Drive, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5BL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Mellor, for the year ending 31 December 2020

Principal Aims and Purposes

St.Thomas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tracy Ward, 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 Centre complex of St Thomas' Church in Mellor and Marple Bridge.

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 Thomas. 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.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary 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; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Thomas and the Parish Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Personnel

The year 2020 has been a difficult year due to the devastating effects of Covid-19. After the pandemic was declared in March 2020, subsequent government restrictions limited social gatherings and Revd Tracy Ward was advised to shield for large parts of the year. Therefore, most of our services during the week and on Sundays were held online.

Our choir has not been able to meet to sing now for almost a year. Dr Tom Howling, our Director of Music has worked hard to keep all ages of the choir together through weekly Zoom meetings and social events.

Where possible, the PCC has made use of the government Job Retention Scheme (furlough). Our part-time caretaker has been furloughed and our part time Parish Office Administrator has been working from home since March 2020 with, later in the year, a reduction in hours compensated by the Job Retention Scheme. The Parish Centre has remained closed for most of the year following Government restrictions.

We are grateful for the support received to help continue an online presence within the local community from Mr Christopher Mann and Mr Dave Shercliff our licensed Reader.

We also give thanks to the volunteers who come up daily to clean the church to keep it a safe space for people for private prayer; all those who have given their time to help maintain our church building and grounds, and to those who have continued the production of our Outlook Parish Magazine in difficult circumstances.

In July 2020 we said goodbye to our ordinand, Jane Crook, as she moved onto another training placement.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the electoral roll sit on the Deanery Synod and are ex-officio members of the PCC. This provides the parish with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. All Deanery Synod meetings during 2020 took place via Zoom.

Churches together in Marple area

St Thomas', Mellor continues as an active member of Churches Together in Marple. During 2020 all meetings and services together were held via Zoom. Our choir contributed recorded music and members of the congregation were involved in planning the Zoom services. We have continued throughout 2020 to share our resources ecumenically with local churches.

Our churches were unable to participate in a Good Friday pilgrimage walk to the cross on Cobden Edge and the Easter morning ecumenical Dawn Service due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Worship and Prayer

All of our services from the end of March to the end of the year have been available for access online. Huge thanks go out to Mr Christopher Mann and Mr Dave Shercliff for helping us all to engage with the technology involved to start offering Worship and Prayer online.

It is important, as a community, that we try to reach as many people as possible in their homes and to support people through daily prayer and also regular Sunday worship.

Since March 2020 we have been offering Monday to Friday Morning Prayer at 10.00am and also Compline at 7.00pm on our YouTube channel - 'Worship from St Thomas'. People have fed back to us how much they have appreciated a regular time for prayer and have over the year, built it into their daily routines. We have also encouraged and supported different people to lead Morning Prayer and/or Compline and have over the year built up a diverse and dedicated team of people.

During the year we have offered an All Souls' service online as well as all our Christmas Services. Many thanks to all volunteers who gave their time and energy in making the church such a beautiful place for people to come into and enjoy over the Christmas season.

Over the last year, we have been learning how to use Zoom creatively to help us worship together on as a community. On Sunday mornings. Many of us have learned new skills and people have enjoyed being able to see friends and family online to worship and also chat together before and after the service. We have also been blessed with being able to welcome new faces to join our worship services from around the parish and also nationally and internationally. It has been a pleasure to welcome new guest preachers and also speakers from Sierra Leone and Hong Kong.

We are aware that there are people who are not able to access technology; or they have said that worshipping online is not something they enjoy. We have been keeping in regular contact with people we know have not been accessing services online via phone calls and cards. Our prayer team have been producing seasonal prayer resources which have been delivered to people around the parish and also Mellor Nook Care home.

When restrictions were lifted in July, church was open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays. Since December our church has remained open seven days a week from 9.30am to 6.00pm for quiet prayer and reflection. Seasonal prayer resources have been available for people to take away to use at home. People have left messages of thanks that they are able to go into church and spend time in prayer. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who have made the church so beautiful for Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas.

Unfortunately, we have been able to hold just three baptism services in 2020. However, adhering to the Covid-19 restrictions at the time, we were able to hold a beautiful wedding service on the 4 July 2020. A total of thirteen funeral services were held in church, ten services held at the crematorium and five services for burial of ashes. Our thanks go to colleagues who have been available to lead funeral services and burial of ashes services throughout 2020 whilst Rev'd Tracy has been shielding. Many thanks to the Bereavement team who have been keeping in touch with families after the funeral service via phone calls and sending out cards.

Our Toddler Group and Praise and Play activities stopped in March 2020 due to the Government restrictions. Bible Bedtime Stories online was started in March 2020 to help engage in a fun way with young families and baptism families. Though the numbers have remained small the families who attend each Sunday evening have said they enjoy the sessions which last about 20 minutes.

Many thanks to Guy and Anthea Nicholls editors of our Outlook Parish Magazine which has continued to be produced throughout the year. Thank you to the team of people who produce the booklet and who have safely distributed it around the parish. Many people who are unable to leave their homes for whatever reason have greatly appreciated receiving the magazine, seeing a friendly face and keeping in touch with the life of the church.

Pastoral Support

Due to being unable to visit people in their homes, Revd Tracy, Mrs Lesley Fitcher, our Pastoral Team Coordinator, along with a small pastoral team have been phoning people to keep in touch with those most vulnerable. Prayer packs have been delivered to people who are unable to access online services and/or unable to leave their homes.

At Christmas time our baptism families received a Christmas story book and a Christmas card and on Valentine's Day our wedding couples received a card from St Thomas' Church to let them know that they were all in our thoughts and prayers.

Charitable Fundraising

People have continued to support our nominated charities by planned regular giving to our restricted charity fund. Lunches were held at the beginning of Lent in aid of Wellspring, which supports vulnerable families in Stockport. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions imposed from March 2020, other charity fundraising events were unable to be held. However, Harvest gifts of tins and other non-perishable foods were donated to Wellspring and during Advent people donated toys to help support the work of Wood Street Mission in Manchester.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Officer, together with a churchwarden, undertakes an annual inspection of the church, churchyard and Parish Centre. Ian Dayes is our Health and Safety Officer and reports regularly to the PCC

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Kathryn Maxwell is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and has attended a Diocesan training course on good safeguarding procedure and practice. The PSO is a member of the PCC and reports to the PCC at each meeting. A report on systems and procedures is given to the PCC annually. This includes ensuring that any organisation or group that uses our premises has in place proper policies and procedures.

Financial Overview

The financial position of the PCC is set out in the financial report.

The PCC works to Financial Regulations which set out arrangements for the approval of expenditure and reporting arrangements. The systems of internal control, reviewed this year and set out in the Regulations, are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Overall, the statement of financial activities shows total funds held £389,300, a loss of £45,834 from the previous year. Before transfers, the statements show an overall loss of £38,189 on unrestricted funds, which includes £26,012 on the general fund and £12,187 on the Parish Centre designated fund. A transfer was made from the Friends of Mellor Parish Centre to Parish Centre designated fund to meet the deficit of £12,187 and a transfer of £3,339 from the Jean Baines Fund to the general fund reduced the deficit on the unrestricted funds to £22,672 leaving £18,238 in unrestricted reserves, £1,000 of which remains in the Jean Baines Fund to complete the work on the porch.

A final distribution of £983 for general purposes was received from the estate of the late Mrs Jean Baines. A legacy of £500 was received from the estate of the late Yvonne Attwood.

Fundraising opportunities were limited by the restrictions. Several people, including many members of the Women's Evening Fellowship, donated generously to the church in lieu of the annual Church Fête, which had to be cancelled for the first time since the Second World War. These donations raised over £3,000 including tax reclaimed through Gift Aid.

A total of £7,892 was received in grants: £4,292 from the Job Retention Scheme (furlough), £1,000 for work to the East window in church; £600 from the John Pilling Trust to sponsor our Organ Scholar, and £2,000 from the Diocese of Chester as a contribution to help with the new challenges. The PCC used this grant to further work on online services and installing Wi-Fi in church.

As the church was unable to be open for services for most of the year, income from plate collections has been much reduced. However, donations of £555 were received via the card reader which was installed in church

in November 2019. There was little change in income from planned giving. All those who usually participated in the envelope giving scheme either changed to regular standing order or gave regularly by cheque.

The Parish Share increased by 2.5% to £93,386; insurance by 2% and all staff received a pay increase of 0.5%, in line with CPI. Overall, income for general purposes was slightly less than the amount due in Parish Share, which was paid in full. Running costs of the church and Parish Centre were reduced as both buildings were closed for much of the year. Staff costs were reduced with the help from the Job Retention Scheme.

Reserves Policy and Financial Position

It is the policy of the PCC to invest funds in ethical sources and to minimise investment risk. Accordingly, surplus funds are invested with the CBF Church of England Funds based in London.

It is our policy to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves at least equivalent to three months, and ideally six months, of unrestricted expenditure. These parameters indicate a planned level of unrestricted reserves of between £35,500 and £71,000 based on 2020. The actual level of unrestricted reserves at the end of 2020 was £18,238 which is comprised of General Fund: £17,238 and Jean Baines Fund (designated) £1,000.

We hold restricted funds of £31,055 attributable to the Parish Centre. We also hold reserves of £200,727 being the depreciated cost of the work on the Parish Centre and, therefore, not immediately available for use. The value of shares held in the Moor End Sunday School Fund and the Churchyard Fund increased by 6.8% increasing the value of the shares in these funds by £5,694 and £1,115 respectively. At 31 December 2020 the total funds, including sums held by other church groups in connection with their own activities, is £389,300.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The Parochial Church Council forms the Board of Trustees of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and is responsible for the overall governance of the charity including the approval of any expenditure. The churchwardens, who are also trustees, have the legal ownership of all the moveable furniture and ornaments of the church. The Parochial Church Council is part of the Chadkirk Deanery in the Diocese of Chester and the Province of York.

The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1130414. The elected trustees are appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) to which all persons on the Electoral Roll are invited and are entitled to vote. The APCM also appoints representatives on Deanery Synod for 3 years; they also serve on the PCC as trustees. Deanery Synod appoints representatives on Diocesan Synod, who also serve on the PCC as trustees. An Annual Meeting to elect churchwardens is also held and the two churchwardens elected; the vicar and lay readers also serve on the PCC as trustees.

Churchwardens are elected annually and other trustees are normally appointed for three years except when filling vacancies for part-expired terms. Trustees can be re-elected for a second three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees may be co-opted for the period to the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or for part of that period.

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. All new trustees are inducted into the work of the Parochial Church Council by existing members.

During the year 2020 the PCC met on eight occasions: two meetings in person and six meetings via Zoom.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

The trustees are responsible for their Annual Report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted Accounting Practice. In preparing these financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select the most suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are such as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time and enable them as trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity law. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and ensuring their proper application in accordance with Charity Law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

This Annual Report was approved by the PCC on 26 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by the Rev'd Tracy Ward.

The Revd Tracy Ward
Vicar of St Thomas' Church, Mellor and Chair of Mellor PCC

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 11-20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Katherine Scott BA (Hons) FCA
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Date:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	73,545	457	7,684	81,687	103,836
Other trading activities	2(b)	10,919	80	4,692	15,691	43,864
Investments	2(c)	90	10	3,228	3,330	3,581
Income from charitable activities	2(d)	5,801	6,627	3,802	16,230	44,594
Other income	2(e)	2,832	3,460	1,600	7,892	1,450
Total income		93,188	10,636	21,008	124,833	197,327
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	3(a)	33	9,673	1,215	10,922	19,685
Expenditure on charitable activities	3(b)	119,147	411	27,436	146,995	161,753
Other expenditure	3(c)	20	12,728	—	12,749	12,827
Total expenditure		119,201	22,813	28,652	170,667	194,267
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(26,012)	(12,177)	(7644)	(45,834)	3,060
Transfers 6						
Gross transfers between funds - in		3,339	12,187	—	15,527	9,259
Gross transfers between funds - out		—	(3,339)	(12,187)	(15,527)	(9,259)
Gains / losses on investment assets		—	—	6,810	6,810	15,793
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		—	—	—	—	163
Net movement in funds		(22,672)	(3,329)	(13,022)	(39,024)	19,016
Total funds brought forward		39,910	4,329	384,084	428,324	409,307
Total funds carried forward		17,238	1,000	371,062	389,300	428,324
Represented by 7						
Unrestricted						
General fund		17,238	—	—	17,238	39,910
Designated						
Jean Baines Fund		—	1,000	—	1,000	4,329
Restricted						
Church Building		—	—	14,445	14,445	17,011
Churchyard		—	—	22,215	22,215	20,527
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre		—	—	31,055	31,055	41,107
Mellor Choir Fund		—	—	2,651	2,651	4,661
Women's Evening Fellowship		—	—	1,767	1,767	1,873
Mellor Flower Group		—	—	411	411	406
Mellor Rose Queen		—	—	2,678	2,678	1,579
Mellor Toddler Group		—	—	514	514	479
Moor End Sunday School Fund		—	—	92,403	92,403	85,827
Organ Fund		—	—	1,107	1,107	1,504
Organ Scholar Fund		—	—	50	50	—
Parish Centre Building		—	—	200,727	200,727	208,087
Tea and Friendship		—	—	1,036	1,036	1,018

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR

BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Class and code	Notes	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets				
6431	4	Parish Centre	200,727	208,087
		Total Fixed assets	200,727	208,087
Current assets				
6501		Nat West Current Account	11,720	9,380
6502		Nat West Fees Account	966	786
6503		Nat West Lettings Account	479	710
6504		Mellor Choir Account	2,516	4,380
6505		Friends of Mellor Parish Centre	1,067	1,512
6507		Mellor Toddler Group	—	396
6508		Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship	1,688	1,802
6509		NatWest Charity Fund	—	—
6510		CCLA (CBF) deposit account	55,283	94,447
6513		Tea and Friendship	1,036	1,018
6514		Mellor Flower Group	249	219
6515		Moor End Sunday School Fund Deposit	3,511	3,016
6516		Moor End Trust Income Shares	88,505	82,810
6526		Churchyard Income Shares	17,332	16,217
6590		Cash in hand	496	781
Z05		Accounts Receivable	4,774	4,323
		Total Current assets	189,625	221,804
Liabilities				
6699		Agency collections	440	162
Z04		Accounts Payable	612	1,405
		Total Liabilities	1,052	1,567
		Net Asset surplus(deficit)	389,300	428,324
Reserves				
		Excess / (deficit) to date	(45,834)	3,060
Z01		Starting balances	428,324	409,307
Z02		Other gains/(losses)	6,810	15,793
Z03		Gains/(losses) own use	—	163
		Total Reserves	389,300	428,324
		Represented by funds		
		Unrestricted	17,238	39,910
		Designated	1,000	4,329
		Restricted	371,062	384,084
		Endowment	—	—
		Total	389,300	428,324

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MELLOR**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, prepared under FRS 102 (2015) as the applicable Accounting Standards and the 2015 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over fifty years) on a straight line basis. The 2009 improvements to the car park are being depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life of ten years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 July 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are included at cost or market value at 31 December.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Donations and legacies					
Regular Giving	48,023	—	—	48,023	45,202
Envelopes	847	—	—	847	3,694
Plate collections	676	—	—	676	5,244
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,540	62	1,551	15,154	16,524
Collections at weddings/funerals/baptism	360	—	—	360	1,618
Donations individuals	8,446	395	1,600	10,441	10,407
Patrons' Scheme	—	—	2,120	2,120	2,120
Donations Charity Fund	—	—	1,835	1,835	2,005
Donations Organ Recitals	—	—	—	—	1,896
Donations organisations	—	—	30	30	400
Church box	168	—	—	168	619
Legacies	1,483	—	—	1,483	12,920
Subscriptions/donations	—	—	548	548	1,184
Total	73,545	457	7,684	81,687	103,836
Other trading activities					
Fund-raising	536	—	—	536	2,604
Fête	2,550	—	—	2,550	13,991
Magazine - sales	2,823	—	—	2,823	2,962
Magazine - advertising	4,979	—	—	4,979	5,995
Publications - income from sales	30	—	—	30	137
Parish Centre - fund raising	—	80	—	80	425
Fundraising - events	—	—	3,593	3,593	13,859
Mellor Rose Queen - Fundraising	—	—	1,098	1,098	3,858
Total	10,919	80	4,692	15,691	43,834
Investments					
Investment income - dividends	—	—	2,964	2,964	2,878
Bank and building society interest	90	10	264	365	703
Total	90	10	3,228	3,330	3,581
Income from charitable activities					
Income from Parish Office activities	120	—	—	120	572
Fees for weddings/funerals/burials	5,681	—	—	5,681	7,883
Income from choir activities	—	—	3,802	3,802	16,995
Parish Centre - regular letting income	—	5,571	—	5,571	13,132
Parish Centre- occasional letting income	—	668	—	668	3,352
Parish Centre - wedding letting income	—	—	—	—	2,250
Parish Centre- conference letting income	—	388	—	388	407
Total	5,801	6,627	3,802	16,230	44,594
Other income					
HMRC JRS Grant	832	3,460	—	4,292	—
Recurring grants	—	—	600	600	—
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,000	—	1000	3,000	—
Children - Edale	—	—	—	—	1,450
Total	2,832	3,460	1,600	7,892	1,450
INCOME TOTAL	93,188	10,636	21,008	124,833	197,297

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
(a) Raising funds					
Fundraising expenses	—	—	1,220	1,220	4,594
Publications	33	—	—	33	98
Fête expenses	—	—	—	—	3,455
FoMPC Fundraising costs	—	—	(5)	(5)	2,205
Parish Centre - oil	—	1,143	—	1,143	2,245
Parish Centre - electricity	—	1,396	—	1,396	1,172
Parish Centre - insurance	—	2,295	—	2,295	2,481
Parish Centre - maintenance	—	4,655	—	4,655	3,230
Parish Centre - water	—	183	—	183	202
Total	33	9,673	1,215	10,922	19,685
(b) Expenditure on charitable activities					
Church - water	41	—	—	41	56
Church - oil	575	—	—	575	1,164
Church - electric	499	—	—	499	407
Church - heating maintenance	321	—	—	321	830
Church - electrical maintenance	—	—	—	—	290
Church - other maintenance	468	—	7,483	7,952	4,118
Church - waste removal	520	—	—	520	1,542
Church - churchyard maintenance	—	—	33	33	90
Church - fire safety	144	—	—	144	236
Church - cleaning costs	69	—	—	69	—
Church - window cleaning	57	—	—	57	114
Church - structural repairs	376	—	—	376	—
Church - insurance	2,286	—	—	2,286	2,170
Church - sundry fees and expenses	92	—	—	92	180
Office - Stationery	1,862	—	—	1,862	1,913
Office - Postage	215	—	—	215	63
Office - Photocopier	3,723	—	—	3,723	3,042
Office - IT	334	—	—	334	335
Office - Website	13	14	—	27	873
Office - other support goods, service	—	—	—	—	136
Office - telephone and broadband	546	—	—	546	547
Salaries	6,486	—	1,227	7,713	7,187
Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	623
Giving - relief and development	—	—	1,086	1,086	—
Home mission	161	—	—	161	240
Secular charities	—	—	1,086	1,086	1,871
Clergy routine expenses (travel etc)	509	—	—	509	673
Clergy one-off expenses (garments, books)	—	—	—	—	772
Vicarage - Council Tax	3,303	—	—	3,303	3,215
Vicarage - Water	507	—	—	507	708
Vicarage - maintenance and other	93	—	—	93	—
Governance costs	26	—	—	26	—
Education and training - volunteers	—	—	—	—	103
Books (inc library)	—	—	77	77	33
Depreciation	—	—	7,360	7,360	7,360

(b) charitable activities (cont.)

	<u>Unrestr</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restrict</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Children - Vestry Venturers	—	—	146	146	351
Messy Church	—	—	39	39	276
Children - Edale	(20)	—	—	(20)	1,437
Children - Children's work - other	—	—	474	474	370
Guest organist	80	—	—	80	1,105
Organ Maintenance and Repair	—	—	397	397	250
Choir Fees	162	—	178	340	638
Choir - Medals, Ribbons, Awards	—	—	72	72	162
Choir Robes	—	—	—	—	406
Choir Music	196	—	—	196	285
Sundry costs for choir/organ/bells	—	—	—	—	2,680
Choir Expenditure	—	—	5,812	5,812	13,171
Mission - goods and services	41	—	—	41	458
Mission - Christmas Cards	—	—	—	—	528
Churches Together Subs.	50	—	—	50	50
Worship - Service books and leaflets	—	—	—	—	33
Worship - Candles, wine, wafers	43	—	—	43	731
Worship - flowers, palms, etc	17	—	45	62	397
Church Music Licences	529	—	—	529	451
Worship - other expenses	1,345	—	24	1,369	—
Worship - food and drink	76	—	—	76	137
Worship - sundry fabrics	—	—	—	—	45
Payment to visiting priests	—	—	—	—	975
Parish share	93,386	—	—	93,386	91,108
Organ Scholar	—	—	550	550	—
Parish Centre - Licences	—	397	—	397	657
Grants to charity	—	—	850	850	2,171
Refreshments/expenses	—	—	495	495	1,969
Total	119,147	411	27,436	146,995	161,753

(c) Other expenditure

Bank Charges	20	—	—	20	5
Parish Centre - Electrical Maint.	—	390	—	390	335
Parish Centre - heating maintenance	—	321	—	321	239
Parish Centre - salaries	—	10,930	—	10,930	10,950
Parish Centre - cleaning	—	856	—	856	538
Parish Centre - window cleaning	—	47	—	47	190
Parish Centre- fire safety	—	—	—	—	275
Parish Centre - IT	—	75	—	75	62
Parish Centre - other support costs	—	10	—	10	82
Parish Centre - Conference expenses	—	97	—	97	147
Total	20	12,728	—	12,749	12,827
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	119,201	22,813	28,652	170,667	194,267
GRAND TOTAL	(26,012)	(12,177)	(7,644)	(45,833)	3,029

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>327,065</u>	<u>46,068</u>	<u>373,133</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	118,978	46,068	165,046
Charge for year	<u>7,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,360</u>
At 31 December 2019	126,338	46,068	172,406
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>200,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,727</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>208,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,087</u>

5. CHARTABLE GIVING 2020

5(a) Charity Fund

Four charities were chosen for support during the year 2020. The total amount raised was as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
General donations	1,835	2,005
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	<u>337</u>	<u>481</u>
	2,172	2,486

These funds were distributed at the Year End as follows:

	£
Water Aid	543
Stockport Foodbank	543
Shuktara Trust	543
Educaid	<u>543</u>
	<u>2,172</u>

5(b) Grants to Charity from other restricted Funds:

Women's Evening Fellowship Grant: Supportability: £850

5(c) Special Collections

Special Collections are agency collections and do not form part of the accounts.

Lent Lunches, in aid of Wellspring, raised £111.

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
FoMPC - Friends Of Mellor Parish Centre						
Restricted	41,107	2,130	(5)	(12,187)	—	31,055
Sub-total for FoMPC	41,107	2,130	(5)	(12,187)	—	31,055
JB Fund - Jean Baines Fund						
Designated	4,329	10	—	(3,339)	—	1,000
Sub-total for JB Fund	4,329	10	—	(3,339)	—	1,000
MFG - Mellor Flower Group						
Restricted	406	50	45	—	—	411
Sub-total for MFG	406	50	45	—	—	411
Organ - Organ Fund						
Restricted	1,504	0	397	—	—	1,107
Sub-total for Organ	1,504	0	397	—	—	1,107
OrganSch - Organ Scholar Fund						
Restricted	—	600	550	—	—	50
Sub-total for OrganSch	—	600	550	—	—	50
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	39,910	93,188	119,201	3,339	—	17,238
Sub-total for General	39,910	93,188	119,201	3,339	—	17,238
ChurchB - Church Building						
Restricted	17,011	4,916	7,483	—	—	14,445
Sub-total for ChurchB	17,011	4,916	7,483	—	—	14,445
ChurchYard - Churchyard						
Restricted	20,527	604	33	—	1,115	22,215
Sub-total for ChurchYard	20,527	604	33	—	1,115	22,215
MoorEnd - Moor End Sunday School						
Restricted	85,827	3,119	2,237	—	5,694	92,403
Sub-total for MoorEnd	85,827	3,119	2,237	—	5,694	92,403
Charity - Mellor PCC Charity Fund						
Restricted	—	2,172	2,172	—	—	—
Sub-total for Charity	—	2,172	2,172	—	—	—
ParishCen - Parish Centre						
Designated	—	10,626	22,813	12,187	—	—
Sub-total for ParishCen	—	10,626	22,813	12,187	—	—
PCBuild - Parish Centre Building						
Restricted	208,087	—	7,360	—	—	200,727
Sub-total for PCBuild	208,087	—	7,360	—	—	200,727
RoseQueen - Mellor Rose Queen						
Restricted	1,579	1,098	—	—	—	2,678
Sub-total for RoseQueen	1,579	1,098	—	—	—	2,678
Choir - Mellor Choir Fund						
Restricted	4,661	3,802	5,812	—	—	2,651
Sub-total for Choir	4,661	3,802	5,812	—	—	2,651
Toddlers - Mellor Toddler Group						
Restricted	479	298	263	—	—	514
Sub-total for Toddlers	479	298	263	—	—	514
WEF - Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship						
Restricted	1,873	1,964	2,070	—	—	1,767
Sub-total for WEF	1,873	1,964	2,070	—	—	1,767
TeaFriend - Tea and Friendship						
Restricted	1,018	250	232	—	—	1,036
Sub-total for TeaFriend	1,018	250	232	—	—	1,036
Grand total	428,324	124,833	170,667	—	6,810	389,300

7. FUND DETAILS

The PCC General Fund is unrestricted. Designated Funds are funds created by the PCC at its discretion.

Mellor Parish Centre and the Jean Baines Fund are designated funds.

The PCC has no endowment funds.

The restricted funds comprise:

Title of Fund	Purpose
Charity Fund	Charity Donations
Church Building Fund	Maintenance of church
Churchyard Fund	Maintenance of Churchyard
Friends of Mellor Parish Centre Fund	Maintenance and Running of Parish Centre
Jean Baines Fund	Porch improvements
Mellor Choir Fund	Furtherance of choir activities
Mellor Flower Group	Provision of floral displays
Mellor Rose Queen Fund	Nominated charity
Mellor Toddler Group	Parent and baby group activities
Moor End Sunday School Income Fund	Furtherance of education
Organ Fund	Maintenance of Organ
Organ Scholar	Grant for organ scholar
Parish Centre Building Fund	Parish Centre building
Tea and Friendship Group	Social gathering
Women's Evening Fellowship	General interest group

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expense items incurred.

