

**Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church
2024 Report and Accounts**

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1. Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton (the PCC) has the responsibility for cooperating with the Incumbent, the Revd Jo Smith in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance and insurance of Euxton Parish Church, Wigan Road, Euxton, PR7 6JH and the Church Community Centre on School Lane Euxton, PR7 6JL.

2. Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our church family. The PCC also continues to ensure that the fabric of the church and surroundings are well maintained.

When planning activities for the year, the PCC is mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines with respect to public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable everyone to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, encouraging growth as disciples of Christ, recognizing and using their God given gifts.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and
- Missionary and outreach work

During 2024 we continued to encourage people to grow in their own faith and also focused on equipping people to share their faith with others. This was further enhanced by working to create a more family feel and help people find their place in our church family here at Euxton Parish Church.

3. Achievements and Performance

During 2024 our focus was on ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of the church in Euxton with a focus on enabling the spiritual growth of those who are already members of our church family and on enabling others to know God and to develop a lasting relationship with him. Our approach had three key themes, and these will remain our focus over the coming year:

- Promoting individual and corporate discipleship, with the aim of bringing us all closer to Jesus and fostering a bible centered culture of continuous learning.
- Facilitating outreach activities so that we can be a key part of the local community and share the gospel more widely.
- Ensuring that we have the right resources to provide a church for today as well as building a healthy church for tomorrow.

To ensure a keen focus on these areas was maintained, the PCC has established dedicated teams which are made up of PCC members and other members of the church family and whose role it is to lead on their area of focus and to provide regular updates back to the PCC.

Discipleship: This year we promoted discipleship in different ways. We ran several small groups, some for specified courses such as the Lent Course or Christianity Explored, and some, like Explore in '24 ran throughout the year as they read together through the Old Testament. During Lent and Advent, we used the diocesan resources with daily readings and prayers and over 150 took booklets to participate. Youth group has continued to meet each week in term time and ran the new Youth alpha this year.

In November, we had a celebration Sunday with ten young people being admitted to receive communion and then in a later service five of our church family being confirmed by Bishop Jill. This was a joyous day and a privilege to celebrate with each of these people as they took the next step in their faith journey.

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Outreach: The big outreach event this year was as part of the Chorley Deanery Come & See mission, where there were mission events happening all over the deanery. We hosted a packed out Crafternoon event and were privileged to host Warren Furman (from Gladiators) on the Sunday morning. We had a presence at Euxton Gala Day. Through pastoral visiting, we met with many who are unable to get to church and hosted a Carol Singing at Euxton Park Nursing Home. Along with other churches in Euxton, a monthly coffee & chat was held during the autumn and winter.

Resources: We know that we need to use our resources well for the ministry of Euxton Parish Church to continue and to grow. There have been repairs to the footpath and church family clean up days this year. Staffing wise, our Church Administrator's hours were doubled, which has made a significant difference and had a huge impact. We have also appointed a Church Community Centre Co-ordinator and Caretaker. In September, the Revd Amy Bland, who was here as a training Curate, left to become hospital chaplain in Kendal and we shall miss her ministry amongst us.

During 2024 we conducted twenty-six baptisms and one wedding. Each of these occasional offices is an event for both the family concerned and the community; a milestone in a person's life and we are delighted that we were able to provide these and prepare those involved.

During the year we conducted twenty funerals and fourteen committals or burials of ashes. Pastoral care is provided in all cases so that the joys and sorrows of life are marked and people are supported, loved, and welcomed into the church with respect and sensitivity. We believe, and have seen in true in experience, that the Christian hope of resurrection is transformative. Accordingly, we issue Jesus' invitation to walk with him through life to all people.

Church and Schools

We continue to enjoy strong links with our own school, Euxton Church of England Primary School, through the involvement of clergy, governors, and parents. We also have a link with Trinity Buckshaw primary school which is a joint Church of England and Methodist foundation school in the parish, having a presence on the governing body. Our governors were part of the appointment process for an Assistant Head and KS2 teacher. In March, we ran a CPAS School Venture for three church primary schools across the deanery including the whole of year 4 from Euxton CE.

In addition to these church schools, we have relationships with the other three schools in our parish. Many of our village schools normally visit us and use the churn building for their Christmas celebrations. The effect of worshipping together at Christmas with those who do not usually attend church, as well as doing so in an historic and beautiful church rather than in a school hall, is immeasurable.

Volunteers

Many people give their time and talents to make the church family a warm and vibrant community. The church would not function without them, and we are grateful to all of them. However, as with most charity organisations we are always in need of more volunteers to enable us to continue the ministry and for it to grow.

Deanery Synod

The PCC is represented on the Deanery Synod. This provides the church with important communication between the parish and the wider church.

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4. Financial Review

Financial performance for the year ended 31st December 2024 is summarised on page 8 in the Receipts and Payments account.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £213,980 of which £71,098 was unrestricted voluntary donations, a legacy of £60,500 was received and a further £10,246 was from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £416 were also received and are detailed in the financial statements.

The planned giving through Parish Giving Scheme, envelopes and banker's orders totalled £52,690 (2023 £46,302) so an increase of almost 14% following our Stewardship campaign in Autumn 2023. We are grateful to all those who give to support the ministry here.

Total unrestricted income including tax recovered but excluding the legacy was £86,345 (2023 £79,483) so an increase of 8%. We were grateful for a pecuniary legacy of £60,500.

£170,272 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Euxton Parish Church including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the diocese have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based on a combination of the number of stipendiary clergy, congregation size and relative level of deprivation. Our calculated share request was £106,117 but we received share support of £26,117 to reduce this to £80,000. By 31 December 2024 we had managed to pay £61,150 of this and in addition paid £24,000 share for earlier years.

The church continues to play an active part in the community and were able to hold various fundraising events throughout 2024 including Gala Day, and other events including the Iron Man Fundraiser by three members of our church family. General church fundraising income was £4,676 (2023 £3,911).

The Church Community Centre lettings to external groups totalled £44,487 and from internal groups £3,326. However, costs were £47,209 so there was a surplus of £604 in the year. Additional Fundraising for the Church Community Centre raised an additional £5,338 (2023 £5,507), so overall the Church Community Centre contributed £6,111 to support the mission and ministry of the church.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £43,708 on unrestricted funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December on unrestricted funds totalled £120,868.

5. Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in short term deposits and investments to ensure that they are readily available to meet the financial requirements of the church's activities.

The church plans to keep six months expenditure in reserves to ensure that liabilities can be met and staff can be paid. This requires reserves to be at a level of around £100,000. The unrestricted reserves of £120,868 held in bank and deposit accounts are slightly above this level but future work on the Church Community Centre and payment of parish share arrears will return the reserves to the appropriate level.

6. Plans for Future Periods

The key priority for the trustees in 2024 is to be a healthy church which transforms our community. We are also committed to ensuring the long-term financial viability of the ministry of the church in Euxton. All expenditure is scrutinised and strategies to increase income continue to be considered.

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7. Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical parish of Euxton is situated on Wigan Road Exton. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. Its correspondence address is the Vicarage, Wigan Rd, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6JH.

8. Administrative Information

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the parochial church council powers measure. The PCC is a registered charity under registration number 1130598.

The method of appointing members of the PCC is set out in the church representation rules. The members of the PCC from 1 January 2024 to the date this report was signed were:

Revd Jo Smith, Incumbent (Chair)

Sarah Ball

Revd Amy Bland to 29 September 2024

Gail Bolton to 28th April 2024

Lisa Butcher from 25th May 2025

Tim Cahill

Laura Fooks from 28th April 2024

Richard Gambon from 25th May 2025

Christine Glen

Andrew Grant to 28th April 2024

Anne Howard

Grant Ingham to 25th May 2025

Gareth Jones

Jenny Leap

Shona Lee

Joseph Marston from 28th April 2024

Kate Power from 28th April 2024

Maureen Rooney to 25th May 2025

Martin Shaw

Susan Swift

Sue Whyte

Approved by the PCC on 13th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Jo Smith as PCC Chair.



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Revd J Smith
PCC Chair

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Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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 statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	3a	146,845	416	147,261	79,483
Income from charitable activities	3b	12,252	5,167	17,419	10,826
Other trading activities	3c	54,501	-	54,501	52,183
Investments	3d	53	397	450	351
Other income	3e	329	-	329	102
Total Receipts		213,980	5,980	219,960	142,945
Note 2b					
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Ministry costs	4a	90,924	-	90,924	55,023
Church activities	4b	1,956	4,103	6,059	6,309
Administration	4c	13,112	-	13,112	6,533
Premises costs	4d	16,880	624	17,504	5,950
Church Community Centre	4e	47,209	-	47,209	41,779
Total expenditure on charitable activities		170,081	4,727	174,808	115,594
Raising funds	4f	191	-	191	
Total Payments		170,272	4,727	174,999	115,594
Note 2b					
Surplus/shortfall for the year before transfers		43,708	1,253	44,961	27,351
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in		-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out		-	-	-	-
Surplus/shortfall for the year after transfers		43,708	1,253	44,961	27,351
Cash/bank reserves bfw		77,160	2,755	79,915	52,564
Cash/bank reserves carried forward		£120,868	£4,008	£124,876	£79,915
Note 2b					

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments						
Investment Fund (Robinson)	-	11,006	11,006	-	10,760	10,760
Investment Fund (Walsh)	-	1,969	1,969	-	1,925	1,925
Total	£-	£12,975	£12,975	£-	£12,685	£12,685
			Note 2a			Note 2a
Bank balances						
PCC Santander	83,450	2,042	85,492	32,914	888	33,802
CCC NatWest	37,418	-	37,418	44,246	-	44,246
Alliance & Leicester	-	10	10	-	10	10
Deposit Fund Anthony Legacy	-	222	222	-	211	211
Deposit Fund Lymer Legacy	-	1,711	1,711	-	1,624	1,624
Deposit Fund CB3020611	-	23	23	-	22	22
Total	£120,868	£4,008	£124,876	£77,160	£2,755	£79,915
			Note 2b			Note 2b

Other assets include:

	2024	2023
Gift Aid reclaims outstanding	£7,729	£4,294

Other liabilities

The parish also had outstanding Parish Share at each year end, but this is not a legally enforceable debt. The outstanding amount has been reduced and has been as follows:

	2024	2023
Parish Share outstanding at year end	£22,739	30,889

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Previous accounts were prepared on an accruals basis, and the comparatives have therefore been revised so they now represent the 2023 Receipts and Payments rather than the amounts included in the prior year accounts which included adjustments for debtors, creditors, accruals, and prepayments. There are therefore no debtors and creditors or prepayments and accruals in these accounts or comparatives.

As these are receipts and payments accounts, they no longer show the original cost of the Church Community Centre or Annexe as under Receipts and Payments Accounting these would not have been capitalized but treated as a cost in the year (in the same way that the 2022 church roof repairs were a cost in those accounts). For information, the cost of the Church Community Centre in the 2023 accounts was £1,330,806 and the cost of the Annexe was £84,945. These had already been depreciated so had a lower net value at 31 December 2023. All other Fixed Assets had already been fully depreciated.

b. Funds

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. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted. Details of the designations are set out in note 2 below.

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in note 2 below.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Movement in funds during the year

The movements in the different funds can be summarised as follows:

a. Investments	1 Jan 2024	Increase in valuation	31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£
Churchyard (Robinson Legacy) - 476 shares	10,760	246	11,006
Religious Purposes (Walsh Legacy) - 85.14 shares	1,925	44	1,969
Restricted Investments A	£12,685	£290	£12,975
	SOAL 2023		SOAL 2024

The Investments are held in the CBF Church of England Income Fund. Dividends received are shown in Note 3d. As the Walsh Legacy is for religious purposes, the dividends are treated as belonging to the general fund whilst the Robinson Legacy dividends are used for churchyard upkeep.

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Movement in funds during the year (continued)

b. Cash and bank		1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	31 Dec 2024
		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund		62,852	213,503	161,491	114,864
Buildings Designated		14,308	477	8,781	6,004
Unrestricted Cash and Bank Total		B 77,160	214,980	170,272	120,868
Restricted Funds					
Building Fund		33	326	325	34
DBF Fees		-	5,167	3,952	1,215
Choir		438	-	-	438
Flowers		449	91	151	389
Churchyard (Robinson Legacy)		-	299	299	-
Church & Churchyard		1,835	97	-	1,932
Restricted Cash and Bank Total		C 2,755	5,980	4,727	4,008
Total Cash/bank balances (B + C)		D £79,915	£219,960	£174,999	£124,876
		SOAL 2023	R&P	R&P	SOAL 2024

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3. Further Analysis of Receipts

		2024		2023	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
3a Donations and legacies					
	Planned giving	52,690	-	52,690	46,302
	Other giving at services	7,244	-	7,244	6,602
	Donations - Sundry	11,046	-	11,046	10,399
	Donations - Roof Appeal	118	325	443	2,408
	Donations - Flowers	-	91	91	269
		71,098	416	71,514	65,980
	Tax refund	10,246	-	10,246	13,503
	Legacies	60,500	-	60,500	-
	Grants	5,001	-	5,001	-
	Donations and legacies	146,845	416	147,261	79,483
3b Income from charitable activities					
	Fees	7,131	5,167	12,298	6,200
	Remembrance plaque fees	990	-	990	690
	Church heating	805	-	805	900
	Church Community Centre lettings	3,326	-	3,326	3,036
	Income from charitable activities	12,252	5,167	17,419	10,826
3c Other trading activities					
	Fundraising events and activities	4,676	-	4,676	3,911
	Church Community Centre fundraising	5,338	-	5,338	5,507
	Church Community Centre lettings	44,487	-	44,487	42,707
	Books, postcards etc.	-	-	-	58
	Other trading activities	54,501	-	54,501	52,183
3d Investments					
	Interest	-	98	98	57
	Dividends	53	299	352	294
	Investments	53	397	450	351
3e Other income					
	Other income	329	-	329	102
	Other income	329	-	329	102
Total receipts		£213,980	£5,980	£219,960	£142,945

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

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4. Further Analysis of Payments

		2024			2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
4a Ministry costs					
Share - current year		61,150	-	61,150	49,000
Share - prior years		24,000	-	24,000	-
Clergy housing		4,302	-	4,302	4,437
Clergy working expenses		1,472	-	1,472	1,586
Ministry costs		90,924	-	90,924	55,023
4b Church activities					
Discipleship		167	-	167	-
Outreach		70	-	70	321
Services		983	-	983	2,541
Flowers		-	151	151	295
Sundry		736	-	736	2,698
DBF Fees paid over		-	3,952	3,952	454
Church activities		1,956	4,103	6,059	6,309
4c Administration					
Administrator		11,468	-	11,468	2,368
Administrative costs		529	-	529	102
Independent Examination		-	-	-	1,620
Website		1,017	-	1,017	-
DBS Checks		98	-	98	-
Sundry		-	-	-	2,443
Administration		13,112	-	13,112	6,533
4d Premises costs					
Routine maintenance		977	-	977	-
Insurance		1,518	-	1,518	1,437
Car park/churchyard		3,084	258	3,342	2,539
Utilities		2,521	41	2,562	-
Major Repairs - Church		8,780	325	9,105	1,974
Premises costs		16,880	624	17,504	5,950
4e Church Community Centre					
Running costs		2,425	-	2,425	32,196
Staff team		12,104	-	12,104	-
Insurance		781	-	781	-
Routine maintenance		17,118	-	17,118	9,583
Minor repairs, upkeep, and maintenance		3,202	-	3,202	-
Utilities		11,579	-	11,579	-
Church Community Centre		47,209	-	47,209	41,779
4f Raising funds					
Stewardship costs		50	-	50	-
Raising funds		141	-	141	-
Raising funds		191	-	191	-
Total payments		£170,272	£4,727	£174,999	£115,594