



**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST. CHRISTOPHER & ST. NICHOLAS BLACKPOOL**
ANNUAL REPORT

of
Parochial Church Council (PCC)
(Trustees of the Charity)
For the year ended 31st December 2020
Incumbent
The Reverend Fr. Martin Daniels

**The Vicarage
Hawes Side Lane
Blackpool FY4 5AH**

Current Church Officers

Incumbent	Father M Daniels
Church Wardens	Mrs C Robson Mr P Lonsdale
Parish Secretary	Mr. D. Hill M.R.A.E.S
Parish Treasurer	Mrs S Charlton Vice Chairman
Health & Safety / Fire	Mr C Taylor
Safe Guarding Officer	Mr W Greene
Electoral Roll	Mrs S Charlton
Deanery Synod	Mr R Sargeant
Gift Aid	Mr. B. Bennett
Charity Commission	Mrs S Charlton
parish link person	
Licensed to administer the Chalice within the Parish	Mr. S. Billington Mr. B. Bennett Mr. D. Hill M.R.A.E.S Mrs. A. Hall Mrs. K Morris Mr. P. Steeden
Licensed Reader	Mr. D. Hill M.R.A.E.S
Pastoral Assistant	Mrs K Morris

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the full or part of the year

Messrs: P Lonsdale, D. Hill M.R.A.E.S, C. Taylor, R Sargeant, R Milner, W Greene,

P Steeden, Michael Downer.

Mesdames: C Robson, S Charlton, K Morris. E Nutland, L Henderson MBE, Maureen Gordon.

Members of the PCC and Sides Persons are elected/accepted once a year at the annual meeting. Membership is open to all persons in accordance with Diocesan and national guidance.

Aims and Purposes

In accordance with the PCC measure of 1956: the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and eumenical.

The Ecclesiastical parish of St. Christopher and St. Nicholas, Blackpool

The Parish Mission Statement continues as:
The mission of the Church of England in the Parish of St. Christopher and St. Nicholas Blackpool is:

*To worship God
To bear the living Christ
To live and proclaim the Gospel
To serve the local community
To accompany people of all ages on their journey of Christian faith
and discipleship.*

FR. MARTINS REPORT :

As you would expect me to say, who would have thought that what happened, did happen in 2020, and it has had a great deal of influence on how we survived / functioned / grew / declined / suffered or anything else you can think of, which affected us when the Covid pandemic hit us.
Our Church closed for worship after the Sunday of Lent 3 last Year (15th April), so Mothering Sunday didn't happen. We were then closed completely, even for funerals until Wednesday 7th July. During that time we had an increase in Crematorium funerals and graveside services, unfortunately two of our own members, are included in those statistics. In accordance with Diocesan instructions, these funerals were all done for free, which has affected our fee income in 2020 by about £4200.
Following re-opening and subsequently closed again for worship we have been steadily offering worship on line, and when open, have had attendances between the two masses averaging around 35-38 communicants.
In spite of all these difficulties we have managed to (almost) pay our Parish Share in full - borrowing just under £1000 to fulfil our obligations to the Diocese, which in the long run will be beneficial to us regarding the longstanding debt I inherited from the Interregnum. I have to congratulate our congregation for continuing to make their Standing Orders, saving their weekly offering envelopes and making one-off donations to us in order to pay our way. We are in a better state than a lot of Parishes as we ended 2020.
Our Schools work and Children's Church has been suspended but hopefully will restart in September 2021, after restrictions end. Consequently there were no confirmations in 2020 and Baptisms were just a handful. Weddings happened when we could have them! The newly formed Pastoral Visitors group were trained just before lockdown and have been invaluable in keeping in touch with those who live on their own, were shielding or vulnerable. It is hoped to expand their scope in the coming Year once that is possible.
The buildings have had to have a few repairs, including some major electrical works in the Parish Centre. The lighting scheme has gone for Faculty and we hope, finally to have the new lighting installed by the Summer of 2021.
I hope 2021 brings new and different possibilities as we pull back together again; it may necessitate a few changes and perhaps people doing things they thought they would never do. It is my hope that we grow, concentrate on the Pastoral work and teaching ministry that we may move confidently forward post Covid.

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Worship and Prayer:

The Church community of St Christopher is dedicated to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Morning Prayer is said each day in Church. Particular attention is paid to the spiritual development of the community as a whole and the strengthening of discipleship for each individual. We believe that sacred space is an important expression of our relationship with God and each other. The sacred space that the building provides is treated with reverence and love. Every member of the congregation is encouraged to participate in the care of the building for the benefit of worshippers and the wider community. We realise that we have something very special here, not only in the building, but in the depth of spirituality, pastoral care and commitment to mission and outreach. We believe that the church both as the people of God and a building, is an icon of stability and presence in an ever-changing world. This is particularly true of Blackpool, which attracts a transient population.

There were 86 people listed on the Electoral roll of the parish as at December 2020. The Electoral Roll is continually updated and maintained.

Deanery Synod:

Deanery Synod meeting were held via Zoom.

The Church Centre:

The Church Centre remained closed for the most part from October to December 2020.

Structure, governance and management:

PCC members are Trustees/Directors of the charity. For the purpose of simplicity all PCC members will be termed as Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Act.

The PCC only met twice during 2020 due to Covid. Overall average attendance was 80%.

In order to ensure full participation in church life, the PCC has continued to value the input of members of the following committees:

Finance Committee (FC) : to oversee the financial affairs and responsibilities of the PCC and to make recommendations about budgeting and the funding of expenditure projects.

Church Facilities Committee (CFC) : to ensure the short-term and long-term upkeep and security of the church building and its contents and the church grounds, to manage the day to day running of the church as a public place of worship, ensuring comfort, cleanliness and safety and to support the promotion of the use of the church building as a resource for prayer, worship and outreach.

Hall Management Committee (HMC) : to manage the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall as a parish and outreach facility and ensure its long term maintenance.

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Social Committee: this committee organises social and fund-raising events.

The Standing Orders cover all committees and stipulate that they should meet formally on a regular basis. Each committee Chairman ensures a report is presented at the first PCC meeting following a committee meeting.

Copies of all documents relating to committees are available on request.

Fabric:

Essential maintenance and repair work has been undertaken throughout the year and is recorded by the Church Wardens in the Parish log book. .

A new lighting system for the Church building has been designed by Mr Mike Overton, to replace the failing current system, which, once a faculty has been granted, will be installed in the New Year.

Some work still remains to be completed from the Quinquennial of 2017, including redecoration of the Church.

Qualified engineers carried out fire and electrical safety checks in accordance with best practice.

The Church holds Copyright and Performing Rights licences for the buildings under the CCL Licence Scheme. The church also holds a licence under the Gaming Act – this licence holder is Susan Charton.

Parish Ministry:

The Parish is served by a Reader and a Pastoral Assistant. During 2020 we had 1 retired Priest to assist and cover holidays.

Mission and Evangelism:

The ministry team and the PCC are committed to mission and evangelism in the local area. Pastoral care is offered to the best of our ability. The clergy regularly visit schools.

Walsingham

Due to the pandemic the Walsingham Cell was inactive during 2020.

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Ecumenical relationships:

We are members of Churches Together in Marton. We have various ecumenical events throughout the year and we are committed to working together as far as is possible.

Safe from Harm and DBS

All officers/volunteers who have access to children and young people are required to undergo clearance through the DBS checking system. The incumbent is the principle officer.

The parish has an under 18's co-ordinator and a Vulnerable Adult Representative whose role is to ensure that the PCC and the wider local church in this parish comply with Child Protection issues and Safe Guarding. The parish has adopted the new Diocesan Child Protection Policy as well as a policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.

The Data protection Act, Freedom of Information Act and The Disability Discrimination Act are fully complied with by the PCC.

Health and Safety at Work Act

The PCC is aware of the legislation and all contractors and users of the facility are reminded also about their obligations to protect and keep themselves safe. Parish property is a smoke-free environment.



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HAWES SIDE LANE
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TIMES OF SERVICES

Principle Sunday Services:
8.30 a.m. Said Mass
10.30 a.m. Sung Mass

Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Said Mass
Thursday 7.00 p.m. Said Mass
Friday (Advent & Lent) 12.00 noon Said Mass

Evensong and Benediction on 1st Sunday of the month at 6pm.

Most solemnities and Holy days where celebrated will be advertised within the weekly newsheet or within the parish magazine.



Receipts and payments accounts

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Note	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2016 to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts					-	
Regular Giving					-	
Planned giving (tax efficient)	12,100				12,100	9,238
Planned giving (other)	6,841				6,841	2,657
Collections at services	2,034				2,034	7,944
Other voluntary receipts	5a 1,835				1,835	7,380
Gift Aid Recovered	2,767				2,767	6,047
Activities for generating funds	5b 8,583				8,583	21,402
Investment Income	5c 1,824				1,824	1,899
Receipts from Church Activities	5c 6,014	166			6,180	14,800
Fees Received	5d	6,208				
Radio Mast Fees	14,049				14,049	14,049
Sub total	56,047	6,374	-	-	62,421	85,416
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					-	
Total receipts	56,047	6,374	-	-	62,421	85,416
A3 Payments						
Office Expenses	1,666				1,666	1,738
Fund-raising trading costs	43					354
Church Activities						
Diocesan Parish Share	33,345					54,987
Other Payments						
Mission giving and charitable donations	185					410
Church Running Costs	5e 18,205					44,438
Fees Paid		6,009				
Sundry Costs	5f 3,994					11,615
Sub total	57,438	6,009	-	-	63,447	113,542
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					-	
Total payments	57,438	6,009	-	-	63,447	113,542
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,391	365	-	-	- 1,026	- 29,250
A5 Transfers between funds					-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	157,237	1,420			158,657	187,907
Cash funds this year end	155,846	1,785	-	-	157,631	



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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Account 7126	1,655			1,655
	Account 83121	1,171	199		1,370
	Account 93096	70,248	1,586		71,834
	Account 25943247	82,772			82,772
	Total cash funds	155,846	1,785	-	157,631
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Part of Money received from Estate of the Late Jean Glover		25943247		
	Part of Money received from Estate of the Late Jean Glover		25943239		
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Parish Share 2016		Acc 7126	14,660	
	Parish Share 2017		Acc 7126	17,139	
	TOTAL			31,799	

The notes attached on page 3 form part of these financial statements

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Father Martin Daniels	
	Susan Charlton	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	To	Period end date
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Section C Notes

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis
- The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

	Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:/Designated					
Walsingham		166			166
Christian Aid	170				170
Fee Income		6,208	- 6,009		199
Donation	1,250				1,250
					-
	1,420	6,374	- 6,009	-	1,785
					-

5. Receipts and Payments analysis

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2016 to nearest £
Receipts							
Other voluntary receipts	5a						
Legacy						-	
Donations		1,835				1,835	
		1,835	-	-	-	1,835	-
Activities for generating funds	5b						
Centre Income		7,231				7,231	15,780
General Fund Raising		1,352				1,352	5,622
						-	
		8,583	-	-	-	8,583	21,402
Investment Income	5c						
Interest Received		1,824	-	-	-	1,824	1,899
Receipts from Church Activities	5d						
PCC Income Weddings & Funerals		2,942					3,384
Candles		329				329	698
Tea & Coffee		148				148	669
Memorial Book		270				270	120
Sundry Receipts							8,486
Magazine		2,325					1,443
Walsingham Cell			166			166	
Fee Income			6,208			6,208	
		6,014	6,374	-	-	12,388	14,800

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Section C Notes continued

5. Receipts and Payments analysis

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Payments							
Church Running Expenses							
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Amenities		3,128				3,128	7,399
Cleaning		1,824				1,824	5,275
Insurance		1,496				1,496	1,573
Wedding/Funeral Costs		910				910	570
Clergy Expenses		4,270				4,270	2,107
Visiting Deputies						-	35
Organist		700				700	1,200
Organ Maintenance		540				540	582
General Church Expenses		869				869	2,248
						-	
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		18,205	-	-	-	18,205	44,438
Sundry Expenses	5f						
Licences		621				621	618
Memorial Book		321				321	
Flowers		60				60	551
Advertising Costs		498				498	1,732
Copier Costs						-	1,570
Auditor		150				150	150
Magazine Coasts		2,036				2,036	
Fees Paid			6,009				
Miscellaneous Costs		308				308	6,994
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Office Expenses						-	
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General Expenses						-	
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
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Parochial Church Council of St. Christopher & St. Nicholas Parish Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
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1130654

Set out on pages

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It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
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Signed:

Date:

27/3/2021

Name:

Stuart Emery ACMA CGMA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.



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