





Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 January 2023	To	Period end date 31 December 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

Note	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2022 to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts					-	
<i>Regular Giving</i>					-	
Planned giving (tax efficient)	8,315				8,315	12,365
Planned giving (other)					-	-
Collections at services	5,397					5,837
Other voluntary receipts	5a 34,459				34,459	6,326
Gift Aid Recovered	3,678				3,678	3,861
Activities for generating funds	5b 22,564				22,564	20,683
Investment Income	5c 172				172	354
Receipts from Church Activities	5d 17,897				17,897	14,712
Fees Received	5d	4,229			4,229	4,168
Radio Mast Fees	22,995					20,512
					-	
Sub total	115,477	4,229	-	-	119,706	88,818
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					-	
Total receipts	115,477	4,229	-	-	119,706	88,818
A3 Payments						
Office Expenses	1,133				1,133	1,067
Fund-raising trading costs	347				347	189
Church Activities					-	-
Diocesan Parish Share	39,330				39,330	33,674
Other Payments					-	-
Mission giving and charitable donations	54				54	575
Church Running Costs	5e 52,929				52,929	36,865
Fees Paid		4,334			4,334	2,642
Sundry Costs	5f 15,344				15,344	12,074
Sub total	109,137	4,334	-	-	113,471	87,086
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					-	
Total payments	109,137	4,334	-	-	113,471	87,086
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,340	- 105	-	-	6,235	1,732
A5 Transfers between funds					-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	92,199	5,731			97,930	
Cash funds this year end	98,539	5,626	-	-	104,165	

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	Father Martin Daniels	21.03.24
	Susan Charlton	21.03.24



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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					-
Christian Aid	170				170
Fee Income	694	4,229	4,334		589
Donation	1,750				1,750
					-
	2,614	4,229		-	2,509
					-

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 £	2021 to nearest £
Receipts						
Other voluntary receipts	5a					
Legacy					29,964	
Donations					4,495	6,326
		-	-	-	34,459	6,326
Activities for generating funds	5b					
Centre Income					15,767	15,128
General Fund Raising					6,797	5,555
		-	-	-	22,564	20,683
Investment Income	5c					
Interest Received		-	-		172	1,824
Receipts from Church Activities	5d					
PCC Income Weddings & Funerals					2,751	3,401
Candles/Tea & Coffee					911	950
Fees Received		4,229			4,229	4,168
Memorial Book					210	180
Sundry Receipts					2,032	1,821
Magazine					3,801	2,432
Walsingham Cell					7,816	5,928
Miscellaneous					376	
		4,229	-	-	22,126	18,880



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Section C Notes continued

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 £	2021 to nearest £
Payments							
<u>Church Running Expenses</u>							
Maintenance	5e	15,957				15,957	13,345
Amenities		26,405				26,405	10,005
Cleaning		2,526				2,526	2,266
Insurance		1,616				1,616	1,510
Wedding/Funeral Costs		1,050				1,050	1,210
Clergy Expenses		1,005				1,005	3,737
Visiting Deputies						-	75
Organist		1,200				1,200	1,000
Organ Maintenance		264				264	640
General Church Expenses		2,906				2,906	3,077
						-	
						-	
		52,929	-	-	-	52,929	36,865
<u>Sundry Expenses</u>	5f						
Licences		668					666
Memorial Book						-	185
Flowers		-				-	-
Advertising Costs		911				911	796
Copier Costs		720				720	720
Auditor		300				300	300
Magazine Costs		3,684				3,684	2,997
Fees Paid			4,334			4,334	2,462
Miscellaneous Costs		381				381	284
Walsingham		8,680				8,680	6,425
		15,344	4,334	-	-	19,678	14,835
<u>Office Expenses</u>						-	
Stationery/Telephone etc		1,133				1,133	1,670
General Expenses						-	
						-	
						-	
		1,133	-	-	-	1,133	1,670



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Parochial Church Council of St. Christopher & St. Nicholas Parish Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1130654

Set out on pages

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**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 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 statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

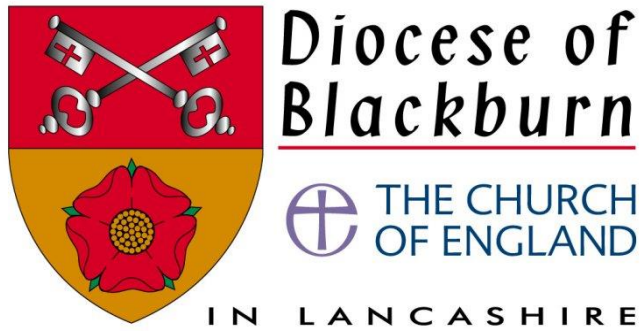
18/3/24

Name:

Stuart Emery ACMA CGMA

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

CIMA



**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 2023

Incumbent

The Reverend Fr. Martin Daniels

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

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

Current Church Officers

Incumbent	Father M Daniels Chairman
Curate	Father Ian Rushton
Church Wardens	Mrs C Robson Mr P Lonsdale
Parish Secretary	Mrs E Nutland
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 Mr C. Taylor
Gift Aid	Mr. B. Bennett
Charity Commission parish link person	Mrs S Charlton
Licensed to administer the Chalice within the Parish	Mr. B. Bennett Mr. P. Steeden Mrs. S. Charlton Mrs. C. Robson Mrs. A. Whitehead Mrs. J. Barlow Mr. C. Taylor
ALM Pastoral Assistant	Mrs. S. Charlton

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

Messrs: P Lonsdale, C Taylor, R Sargeant, R Milner, P Steeden, R. Anderson

Mesdames: C Robson, S Charlton, E Nutland, S. Dooley, J. Barlow, Ann Marie Boswell.

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 ecumenical.

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.

Achievements and Performance:

During the year we have maintained a regular pattern of worship and pastoral care to ourselves and the wider community.

The Parish Magazine continues to be popular, which although published by St Christopher's, is done ecumenically with articles by the Methodist, Salvation Army and Roman Catholics. At the end of 2023 we still had a circulation of 125.

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.

Along with our commitment to mission and outreach, we see the celebration of Occasional Offices as an important witness of God's love for his people. In 2020 there were 40 baptisms, 1 wedding in church, 1 wedding blessing and 21 funerals either in church or at the cemetery/crematoria.

There were 71 people listed on the Electoral roll of the parish as at 31st December 2023. The Electoral Roll is continually updated and maintained.

The normal and typical Sunday attendance was over 58 communicants plus children. Our Children's Church usually numbers an average of 12.

Deanery Synod:

Our Deanery Synod representatives have been attending Synod meetings during 2023, (when they are notified). We are entitled to two representatives.

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

The Church Centre:

During the past year the Parish Centre has been used by a variety of user groups on a regular basis. These groups include Youth Organisations and Mother's Union, plus a substantial number of in-house fund-raising events held in aid of church funds including the summer and Christmas Fair, monthly bingo nights and quarterly quiz nights. The centre is used on a weekly basis for external groups, sequence dance club, Tumble Tots and Weight Watchers, Little Kickers, Zumba and in the upstairs room a Photographer.

We extend our hospitality to the community by permitting external bookings.

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 met bi-monthly during 2023. 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.

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.

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

Fabric:

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

In 2019 new double doors were fitted to the front of the church. This was not without its problems and it was found that rot had decayed the frame and it wasn't anchored properly. This had to be remedied as an emergency repair and this added to the overall cost. It has been noticed that the entire frame is sinking and the whole of the doorframe will need complete replacement.

Similarly, in the Parish Centre, the double doors and the fire doors, together with the window at the side of the front doors have rotted, being of softwood construction. These need immediate replacement. A faculty is being applied for to convert these into UPVC.

Some work still remains to be completed from the Quinquennial of 2022, 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 CCLI Licence Scheme. The church also holds a licence under the Gaming Act – this licence holder is Susan Charlton.

Parish Ministry:

In 2023 the Parish was served by an ALM Pastoral Assistant and during 2023 we had 2 retired Priests to assist and cover holidays. In June we welcomed a Deacon, Fr. Ian Rushton, to our ministry team and he will be ordained priest in 2024. He is non-stipendiary and we share him with St. Paul's, Marton.

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, and in 2023 we welcomed St. Nicholas choir to our Mothering Sunday, Pentecost and Harvest worship.

We were invited to take part in, and have engaged with, the LyCIG initiative (Leading your Church Into Growth), headed by Steve Haskett as mission lead. This is financed from central funding and we met bi monthly at Whalley Abbey during 2023. This follows a track already set down to the PCC in 2021 that our priorities were 2 things ; mission to the wider parish and the children's work, which seems to be producing some fruit.

Walsingham

The cell of Our Lady of Walsingham met during the year and in September 2023 there was again a pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, which was enjoyed by 23 pilgrims from St Christophers and Holy Cross.

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

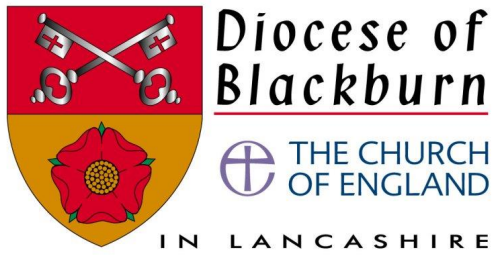
All officers/volunteers who have access to children and young people are required to undergo clearance through the DBS checking system. The Incumbent is the principle officer.

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.



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

**THE PARISH CHURCH ST. CHRISTOPHER
HAWES SIDE LANE
BLACKPOOL**

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
Wednesday in Lent	11.00 am	Said Mass
Thursday	6.30 pm	Exposition of the Holy Sacrament
	7.00 pm	Said Mass
Friday (Advent)	12.00 noon	Said Mass

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