

A Charity Registered in England and Wales No. 1130654



**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 2024

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
Curate	Chairman Father Ian Rushton
Church Wardens	Mrs C Robson
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
J Cregan, B Bennett

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.

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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. In January, we hosted ordinations: our deacon, Fr. Ian Rushton was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Blackburn, with another candidate, Fr. Tristan Mears.

During this Year, we have been engaged in the LyCIG initiative, which culminated in a Mission weekend on the last weekend in April. This was a success, and moves are being made to organise a mini version of it later in 2025. The Church also hosted the "Walsingham taster" two weeks later, with 28 teenagers attending. This will be repeated in 2025.

The Parish Magazine continues, with the steady subscriptions 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 2024 there were 53 baptisms, no weddings in church, unfortunately and 12 funerals either in church or at the cemetery/crematoria. We also confirmed 6 candidates in Church, and 13 in School.

There were 74 people listed on the Electoral roll of the parish as of 31st December 2024. The Electoral Roll is continually updated and maintained. In 2025, the Electoral Roll is due to be completely renewed.

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The normal and typical Sunday attendance was over 55 adults plus children, whose numbers have increased. Our Children's Church usually numbers an average of 15. On Easter Sunday 2024, there were 32 children, with some other Sundays having an attendance of over 20 children.

Deanery Synod:

Our Deanery Synod representatives have been attending Synod meetings during 2024. We are entitled to two representatives and R Sargeant and C Taylor continued to represent us at these meetings.

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. There is a Parish bingo night every last Tuesday of the month, with the intention of attracting those who might not necessarily darken the door of a Church. 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 2024. 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 committee have met Bi-monthly during 2024

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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.

Unfortunately, a lot of the woodwork in the Parish centre has reached the end of its useful life, with the main double doors now being almost unusable, and during wet weather, the rot expands to either make the doors impossible to open, or to shut. The window to the side of it is also rotted. Application was made and refused by the DAC to replace these in UPVC. Consequently, these are in the process of being replaced facsimile using a list B application; with the French doors and fire exit by the kitchen being included in the work.

The Church doorframes also need attention; the frame has sunk, is rotten, and one of the glass panes at the side has sunk into the rot, leaving a 2.5" gap at the top of the frame. This too will be completely replaced facsimile, as per a list B application.

The Quinquennial survey of the Church was completed in 2024. There were no 'A's requiring immediate work, and only a few 'B's. These jobs are in hand.

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 2024 the Parish was served by a full-time Incumbent, Fr. Martin Daniels; an ALM Pastoral Assistant, Mrs. Susan Charlton, an NSM curate, Fr. Ian Rushton and a retired priest, Fr. David Lyon to assist on occasions.

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 Confirmation courses were held in 2024. The clergy visit St. Nicholas School every week, the St. Nicholas Annual Year 3 Christingle was held in December, and on occasions the Clergy visit the non-Church School at Hawes Side Academy, from which there were two Nativities held in Church. In addition to this, ministry to the local residential home, the Willows, was started at the beginning of 2024 and is continuing. There are usually between 18 and 20 communicants.

Walsingham

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The cell of Our Lady of Walsingham met during the year and in September 2024 there was again a pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, which was enjoyed by 25 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 principal 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 Safeguarding. 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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**THE PARISH CHURCH ST. CHRISTOPHER
HAWES SIDE LANE
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TIMES OF SERVICES

Principal Sunday Services:

8.30 a.m. Said Mass
10.30 a.m. Sung Mass

Wednesday

10.30 a.m.

Said Mass (11am during Lent)

Thursday

6.30pm

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament

7.00 p.m.

Said Mass

Friday (Advent)

12.00 noon

Said Mass

Friday (Lent)

7pm.

Stations of the cross

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



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 January 2024	To	31 December 2024
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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 £	2023 to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts					-	
<i>Regular Giving</i>					-	
Planned giving (tax efficient)	6,298				6,299	8,315
Planned giving (other)						
Collections at services	5,170				5,170	5,397
Other voluntary receipts	5a 8,516				8,515	34,459
Gift Aid Recovered	2,581				2,581	3,678
Activities for generating funds	5b 17,562				17,562	22,564
Investment Income	5c					172
Receipts from Church Activities	5d 15,206				15,206	17,897
Fees Received	5d	2,316			2,316	4,229
Radio Mast Fees	20,570				20,570	22,995
					-	
Sub total	75,903	2,316	-	-	78,219	119,706
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.					-	
Total receipts	75,903	2,316	-	-	78,219	119,706
A3 Payments						
Office Expenses	1,593				1,593	1,133
Fund-raising trading costs	165				165	347
Church Activities						
Diocesan Parish Share	37,796				37,796	39,330
Other Payments						
Mission giving and charitable donations	396				396	54
Church Running Costs	5e 46,577				46,577	52,929
Fees Paid		2,811			2,811	4,334
Sundry Costs	5f 16,476				16,476	15,344
Sub total	103,003	2,811	-	-	105,814	113,471
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.					-	
Total payments	103,003	2,811	-	-	105,814	113,471
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 27,100	- 495	-	-	- 27,595	6,235
A5 Transfers between funds					-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	98,539	5,626	-	-	104,165	
Cash funds this year end	74,556	2,014		-	76,570	



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

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B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Account	74,556	2,014		76,570
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets					
B3 Investment assets			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B5 Liabilities			Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	TOTAL				

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	20.03.25
	Susan Charlton	20.03.25

Church Name	St Christopher & St Nicholas Parish Church, Blackpool	Account	Excepted
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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	589		495		94
Donation	1,750				1,750
					-
	2,509	-	495	-	2,014
					-

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 £	2023 to nearest £
Receipts						
Other voluntary receipts	5a					
Legacy						29,964
Donations	8,515				8,515	4,495
	8,515	-	-	-	8,515	34,459
Activities for generating funds	5b					
Centre Income	13,518				13,518	15,767
General Fund Raising	4,044				4,044	6,797
	17,562	-	-	-	17,562	22,564
Investment Income	5c					
Interest Received		-	-		-	172
Receipts from Church Activities	5d					
PCC Income Weddings & Funerals	1,426				1,426	2,751
Candles/Tea & Coffee	897				897	911
Fees Received		2,316			2,316	4,229
Memorial Book	90				90	210
Sundry Receipts	34				34	2,032
Magazine	4,181				4,181	3,801
Walsingham Cell	8,578				8,578	7,816
Miscellaneous						376
	15,206	2,316	-	-	17,522	22,126

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Section C Notes continued

5. Receipts and Payments analysis

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Church Running Expenses							
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Insurance		1,857				1,857	1,616
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Clergy Expenses		5,269				5,269	1,005
Visiting Deputies							
Organist		1,100				1,100	1,200
Organ Maintenance							264
General Church Expenses		4,118				4,118	2,906
		46,577	-	-	-	46,577	52,929
Sundry Expenses	5f						
Licences		717				717	668
Memorial Book							
Flowers		225				225	-
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Fees Paid			2,811			2,811	4,334
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Walsingham		9,350				9,350	8,680
		16,476	2,811	-	-	19,287	19,678
Office Expenses						-	
Stationery/Telephone etc		1,593				1,593	1,133
General Expenses						-	
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Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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