



Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chester, St
Mark's Lache-cum-Saltney
Registered Charity Number: 1130731

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Annual Report

Aim and Objectives

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mark's Lache-cum-Saltney presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The primary objective of the PCC is the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, it is responsible for working with Revd Hennie Johnston as incumbent to 'promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The church's vision is to be a community that loves God and makes His love known. It encourages those in the congregation and community to come as they are, to connect with others, to journey into God's Word, and to do life together, in order to experience life in all its fullness.

Activities


The church's services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament, while a series of events throughout the year aims to witness to the love of God within the local community. In planning the church's activities, the PCC has been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

Six focus areas were identified for 2023:

- Prayer and prophecy
- Life Groups;
- Children and youth work;
- Welcome and hospitality;
- Communications;
- The Faith Building Project.

Further information relating to activity in these and other areas is provided in the Vicar and Churchwarden reports which follow.

Vicar's Report



"Rejoice always, pray without
ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for
you. Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophecies, but
test everything; hold fast what
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1 Thessalonians 5:16-21 (ESV)

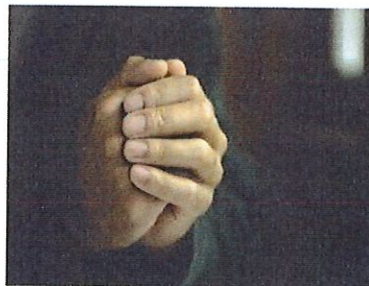
Last year I finished with this verse from 1 Thessalonians 5. v 16-21 and as I look back over 2023, I think we have much to give thanks for. Every year as I sit down and begin to write this annual report, I am blessed with the sight of daffodils beginning to flower as I look out through my study window, a sign that Spring is on the way. What a wet winter we have had, and yet in many countries across the world they pray day after day without ceasing for the gift of rain!

As I write this year we are also in the period of Lent, with Easter being so early, and I am reminded that it was the Holy Spirit that drove Jesus out into the wilderness, the same Holy Spirit that came down upon Him at His baptism, to prepare Him for those 40 days and 40 nights tempted by Satan. We must not quench the Spirit who leads us into all truth, and helps us to walk the way of Jesus, rather than being led astray by the temptations of the world we live in.

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'.

We know that prayer must be the foundation on which we do all things, for this is the will of God. Last year we did not have a time of 24hr prayer but sometimes God has other ideas, and what we did instead was have a time of prayer on a Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. Out of this has come a monthly time of prayer on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 12 pm, incorporating the new prophetic prayer group meeting between 11 am and 12 noon, and an opportunity for people to come and receive prayer ministry as well.

'Do not despise prophecies, but test everything: hold fast to what is good'



ASK Prayer group on Monday morning, and the Wednesday morning prayer group continue to meet to intercede, and are well attended with people having powerful encounters with God.

Our Parish weekend away last autumn was another time of powerful prayer and worship as we specifically chose to focus on worshipping God in song and prayer rather than having a guest speaker. Jonty and Mirkku were excellent, both experienced in the gifts of prophetic worship, and led us, together with our own wonderful music group in extended times of sung worship and prophetic prayer.

We also had some different workshops which were much appreciated by those who attended. I want to give thanks for the weekend, to all who made it such a memorable event, and pray that we will continue to put into action all that we learnt and experienced from that time at Cloverly.

We rejoice and give thanks in the continuing work of the Debt Advice Centre last year, and extending the site of our tent as they move into Hawthorn House, in the centre of the Lache Estate, later this Spring.

Last year the PCC agreed to sell the curate's house after Hana moved on to Dodleston, and I pray that the sale may have gone through by the time you read this report.

The Faith Building Project continues to need our unceasing prayer, as we slowly move forward with the next phase. I want to thank Nigel and Chris especially for their commitment and patience. At the end of last year Nigel decided to stand down as Project Manager, due to the expansion of the DAC, and I am delighted that Lisa Sawyers has agreed to step into this role for the next phase of the project. She brings much experience, and knows the architect well, so please pray for her and the new team, as they take on the next phase of the project.

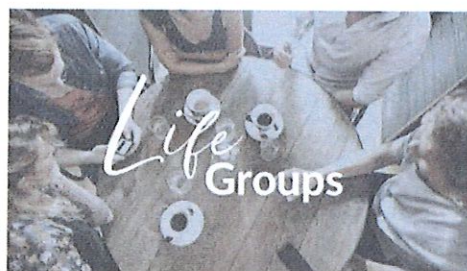


I want to thank God for all the ministries that are going on at St. Mark's both in the Church, Centre, and out in the local community, and do take time to read their reports as well to inform yourselves of God's work in this parish. Thank you to all those who lead and facilitate these ministries as well.

However, I do want to highlight the need for a larger team to help Nikki on Sunday mornings with the Kids club. Very generously last year a donation was offered to support Nikki, for just one year, to facilitate the children's work on Sundays, but this will cease at the beginning of September this year. The reality is that if we do not have others stepping up to help with Sunday kids club, then this may well have to cease too. God said to Joshua as he was about to take up a new role, and lead the Israelites, into a new land (a pretty scary thing to do), '*to be strong and courageous: do not be frightened, because God will be with Him wherever he goes*'. I know stepping into a new ministry, especially perhaps children ministry, can feel overwhelming, but God will honour your

decision, equip you, and be with you. Please pray and see whether God is asking you to join Nikki in this wonderful and important ministry, however scary it may feel!

Last year we held an Alpha Course which was one of the best ever, and I am thrilled to say that it is now an energised Life Group, with others having joined it as well. Liz continues to oversee Life Groups, thank you Liz, but with more people wanting to join we need more people who would be willing to facilitate groups, and more groups ready to welcome new people. Please pray.



Last year we were also able to run Love Lache again, which is so much appreciated by the local Lache Community, again a huge thank you to all who enable it to happen, and last year a big thanks to Maggie and Christine for doing so much behind the scenes. Praise God too that there were no serious incidents – God's protection was over us.

Another exciting thing that happened last year, and part of our extending our tent, was outsourcing our website to a company in London called Gemstone, enabling us now to have a clear and accessible website. Our Facebook page is now updated, and we are now available on Instagram – this is all part of our desire to improve our communications. Another area of church life to give thanks for as Emma Jackson takes on oversight of our Facebook/Instagram.

Our Sunday and Thursday services are being blessed by God, with new people joining us, and Café Church flourishing and easily accessible to those new to Church. Thank you to all who lead (music and services), preach, read/prayers, IT/Sound, welcome and help with refreshments. Each part you play is much appreciated, and seen by your Father in Heaven.

Last year we said goodbye to Hana as she took up the post as part time Rector at Dodleston and Higher Kinnerton, and as School Chaplain at Bishop's High School. We also said good-bye to Karen as my PA, and Christine as Parish Secretary. We welcomed Liz as she was licensed Assistant Minister to St. Mark's by Bishop Mark early last year, and welcomed Cat as our new Youth Worker, and Petra as my new PA in April last year. When people leave and join, team dynamics naturally change, but it has been a joy getting to know Cat and Petra over this past year, and having Liz join the team as well.

Thank you staff team, you are all amazing as you bring to your particular roles the different gifts that God has given you, and to the team as a whole. I have much appreciated your support, wisdom, friendship and much needed prayer during this last year!

I want to thank the Leadership team and PCC for their commitment and support as we work together and discern God's voice, will and way. We have had some big items on our Agendas

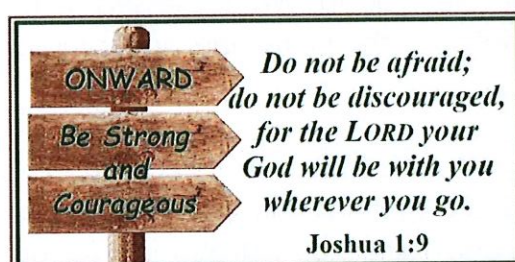
this past year, including our financial situation. Let's continue to pray without ceasing and seek God's wisdom.

Thanks to Dave and Kofi for being our Church Wardens this year, as they have navigated some quite challenging areas of church life both pastorally, spiritually, practically and financially. In all that they have done it has been done with love, grace and prayer. I have appreciated their support, wisdom, prayer and friendship through times of tears, and also laughter. Thank you.

I also want to thank Rose Johnson, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and Kathryn de Beger, who has stepped up to help assist her. They have been very busy in 2023 with DBSs, encouraging those who need to, to access safeguarding training, and helping me and others with safeguarding issues – not always an easy task – but always exercised with love and grace. Thank you both.

Finally, thank you to all who are part of the family of God at St. Mark's, and who daily serve Him in so many different ways; obediently using the gifts He has given you to build His Kingdom in this parish, and help to continue to extend the site of our heavenly tent across our local community. I know it isn't always easy, and often we forget that when we are about our Father's business, then we will also find ourselves being attacked by the evil one.

I therefore leave you this passage from Joshua to hold on to throughout 2024 as a challenge and an encouragement.



Churchwardens' Report

It's been another exciting year at St Mark's, and one of tangible change as well.

Finance is regularly a source of concern for some, particularly in the current global climate, but, again, we've encountered the grace of God at work throughout the ministry and mission of St Mark's, and we have faith that His goodness will continue to sustain us. We keep praying for the church's finances, which, although not as healthy as we'd prefer them to be, are God's finances, and continue to treat them as such. We thank the whole church family for what you already give, and encourage us all to keep holding our finances before God in prayer, submitting our lives to His will.

The Faith Building Project continues to progress through various legal stages, now spearheaded by Lisa who is tenaciously helping drive this key project forward. Although there's some disappointment with what a slow pace this fundamental part of God's plan for our church has

been until recently, we continue to believe and see afresh His will and power at work in this complex but essential stage in the project.

Following on from our weekend away at Cloverley Hall the church came back to Saltney with a fresh outpouring of worship, reflected in our giving and recent utilising of a high-spec acoustic drum kit, now in its third week of use. This powerful addition to the tools of worship we have is continuing to drive forward the changes at St Mark's: with sound-proofing the drums will solidify the sound and quality of our worship offering each week, and is something we're already continuing to extend our tent with by hosting the New Wine service in March 2024. They'll also make a noticeable difference to the music when we use them at Love Lache this summer!

We'd like to thank the entire staff team at St Mark's who have worked tirelessly for another year to see God's plan unfold in our church and community. Thank you to Nikki, Cat, Maggie, Christine, Kathryn (as Training Ordinand) and Petra for all your dedication this year!

Our thanks go out to the incredible team of clergy we're so blessed to have at St Mark's: Simon, Liz, Wendy and John Stanley, you lead, encourage and inspire so faithfully and we love you for it!

Special thanks, of course, to our wonderful Vicar, Hennie. Thank you for another year of sacrifice and service to St Mark's Church, the communities of Lache and Saltney, and to the wider diocese of Chester in the multitude of roles you fill. We're blessed to have worked alongside you as Wardens this year and to experience the incredible adventure of faith-filled service alongside you.

This has been Kofi's last year out of four serving as a Warden at St Mark's. Kofi goes on to spearhead Love Lache, a position God has truly called him to and which he's already fulfilling with great tenacity, courage and faith. Kofi will also join in supporting Lisa with the building project. Thank you, Kofi, for everything you sacrificed and put into St Mark's over an awesome four terms; you progress to this next chapter with all our support, love and blessings! We look forward to welcoming in a new Churchwarden, in due course.

A final word of gratitude to the congregation of St Mark's who have been confident, courageous, and steadfast in another year of seeing the tent expand! May God's grace meet you in the next year, whatever lies ahead, and His love sustain us all as we run this race together.

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 and is a registered charity.

Appointment of PCC members is in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The PCC at St Mark's consists of the vicar, curate (applicable for part only of 2023), other clergy licensed to the parish, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern

and importance to the parish, including the church's finances and the buildings for which it is responsible. It is supported with respect the latter by a Fabric Team.

Six scheduled meetings were held in 2023, all in person, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place on 14 May 2023.

Administrative information

PCC membership as at 31 December 2023:

Vicar	Rev'd Hennie Johnston
Assistant minister	Rev'd Simon Chesters
Associate minister	Rev'd Liz Mills
Wardens	Mr Kofi Kyei Mr David Pitt
Deanery Synod representatives	Mr Mike Jones Mrs Sarah Griffiths
Elected Members	Mrs Liz Chesters Mrs Sue Crisp Mrs Judy Evans Mrs Jeanette Gilmartin Mrs Pam Harris Mr Jack Jackson Mr Adam Orr Dr Caroline Robson
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Rose Johnson
Secretary	Dr Caroline Robson
Electoral Roll Secretary	Mr Mike Jones
Treasurer	Mrs Christine Mackay

The following members of the congregation served on PCC for part of 2023, but were not in place at year end:

Curate	Rev'd Hana Amner (to summer 2023)
Elected member	Mr Gareth Griffiths (to APCM, May 2023)
Co-opted PCC members	Mrs Katie Marshall (to APCM, May 2023) Mrs Kathryn Elsmore (Jun to Dec 2023)



Deanery Synod representatives:

Mrs Kathryn Elsmore (to APCM, May 2023)
Mr Richard de Beger (to APCM, May 2023)
Mrs Karen Fallon (to APCM, May 2023)

Principal Address

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Financial Statements

Parochial Church Council's Responsibilities

We are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the PCC's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the PCC

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Rev'd Simon Chesters
(Assistant Minister)

April 2024

Financial Review of the year

The finance team consists of a treasurer (Christine Mackay) and an assistant treasurer (Cathryn Jones). The team aims to provide transparency of figures for both PCC and the congregation, an efficient and simple giving programme and accurate budgeting information to the PCC to enable them to make decisions.

During 2023 income was generated internally from giving, church fees and rental of the Church Hall. Total net giving from congregations during the year was £124,735 (2022: £114,004).

Income in relation to church activities in 2023 was £13,157 (2022: £10,960).

Expenditure was £209,992 (2022: £197,087). The largest item of expense was the Parish Share which was £58,188 (2022: £51,697).

The budget for 2023 was agreed at the PCC meeting in March 2023.

Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities, to which the PCC is responsible by 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.

Funds

- **Endowment funds** are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.
- **Restricted funds** represent (a) Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may be expended on the specific object for which they are given. Any balances remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance of that fund.
- **Unrestricted funds** are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

The PCC may decide to put some of the unrestricted fund money aside in other funds for use in the future (for example, for future projects). This money is 'designated' for these particular projects for administration purposes only. **Designated funds** are still unrestricted and can be moved to other general funds (re-designated or un-designated) if the PCC so decides.

Income

Planned giving collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised on a monthly basis.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Disclosures

The PCC is a public benefit entity. The SORP requires various disclosures which are included here.

Trustee benefits

The SORP requires disclosure of remuneration, personal expenses and other benefits paid to trustees. Clergy stipends and provision of the vicarage as housing for the incumbent are not paid by the PCC, however certain costs of clergy members conventionally paid by the PCC fall under this requirement.

The following trustees were provided with personal expenses to cover the cost of council tax and water and telephone charges:

Rev'd Hennie Johnston: £3,847 (2022: £3,630).

Rev'd Hana Amner: £1,905 (2022: £2,750).

In 2023, the total cost to the PCC of these items was £12,952. This includes loan interest.

Transactions with related parties

Except for reimbursement of purchases of goods and services for the PCC, the SORP requires disclosure of transactions with trustees and close family members. These include expenses incurred performing their role such as conferences, training, travel and other costs which are totalled by recipient, and charitable donations by individual trustees to the PCC for which an overall total is disclosed (excluding gift aid claimed). Personal expenses are not included here but are disclosed above as trustee benefits.

<i>Trustee/family member</i>	<i>£ Description</i>
Rev'd Hennie Johnston	£1,288 incurred expenses
Rev'd Hana Amner	£831.39 incurred expenses

Employee costs and benefits

The SORP requires disclosure of the average number of employees, numbers earning above £60,000, and the split between gross salaries, national insurance, and pension costs.

The number of employees in 2023 was 6. None earned over £60,000. The cost breakdown was as follows:

Description

Total salary costs £70,983 (2022: £44,322).
Includes employer's pension costs and payroll agency costs.

Financial service fees

The SORP requires disclosure of audit or independent examination fees. For 2023, the independent examiner's fee was £150.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the Vicar's house as it is deemed the property of the diocese. The curate's house was sold in March 2024 for the sum of £270,000.

All investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2023.

Reserves Policy

The PCC have agreed on a reserves policy which will be reviewed every six months.

The reserves policy at the end of 2023 was set as follows: Confirmation that the financial resources of the PCC meet present and future needs.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	145,497.75	79,670.30	-	225,168.05	174,217.21
Income from charitable activities	5,611.00	-	-	5,611.00	6,548.00
Other trading activities	11,155.37	114.20	-	11,269.57	9,946.53
Investments	5,732.21	831.83	-	6,564.04	1,730.15
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	167,996.33	80,616.33	-	248,612.66	192,441.89
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	2,489.58	-	2,489.58	2,050.59
Expenditure on charitable activities	147,874.31	36,131.51	-	184,005.82	156,435.41
Parish share	-	-	-	-	-
Church activities	19,507.20	267.00	-	19,774.20	34,498.23
Outward donations	-	-	-	-	500.00
Assigned fees	3,723.35	-	-	3,723.35	3,603.63
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	171,104.86	38,888.09	-	209,992.95	197,087.86
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(3,108.53)	41,728.24	-	38,619.71	(4,645.97)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,794.87	-	-	1,794.87	2,404.12
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(1,794.87)	-	(1,794.87)	(2,404.12)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(1,313.66)	39,933.37	-	38,619.71	(4,645.97)
Total funds brought forward	285,921.51	35,061.63	17,149.71	338,132.85	342,778.82
Total funds carried forward	284,607.85	74,995.00	17,149.71	376,752.56	338,132.85

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

					At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	252,886.33	-	-	-	252,886.33	252,886.33
Programme related investments	-	-	-	17,149.71	17,149.71	17,149.71
	252,886.33	-	-	17,149.71	270,036.04	270,036.04
Current assets						
Debtors	2,039.42	-	844.70	-	2,884.12	1,697.97
Cash At Bank And In Hand	150,829.47	8,549.99	78,588.96	-	237,968.42	204,819.70
	152,868.89	8,549.99	79,433.66	-	240,852.54	206,517.67
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	2,546.82	-	4,438.66	-	6,985.48	7,605.52
	2,546.82	-	4,438.66	-	6,985.48	7,605.52
Net current assets less current liabilities	150,322.07	8,549.99	74,995.00	-	233,867.06	198,912.15
Total assets less current liabilities	403,208.40	8,549.99	74,995.00	17,149.71	503,903.10	468,948.19
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	127,150.54	-	-	-	127,150.54	130,815.34
	127,150.54	-	-	-	127,150.54	130,815.34
Total net assets less liabilities	276,057.86	8,549.99	74,995.00	17,149.71	376,752.56	338,132.85
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	276,057.86	-	-	-	276,057.86	277,371.52
Designated						
Designated - Policy running reserve	-	21,900.00	-	-	21,900.00	21,900.00
Designated - Church building fund (des)	-	(13,350.01)	-	-	(13,350.01)	(13,350.01)

Restricted

Restricted - Debt Advice Centre	-	-	39,256.03	-	39,256.03	15,753.36
Restricted - Everything Art	-	-	1,669.12	-	1,669.12	-
Restricted - Living Room	-	-	1,050.00	-	1,050.00	1,050.00
Restricted - Projector	-	-	562.50	-	562.50	562.50
Restricted - Uganda trip bursary	-	-	541.12	-	541.12	541.12
Restricted - Love Lache	-	-	259.63	-	259.63	749.21
Restricted - Sound System Fund	-	-	(4,410.87)	-	(4,410.87)	(4,410.87)
Restricted - Organ fund	-	-	(2,000.00)	-	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Restricted - Firm Roots	-	-	247.78	-	247.78	247.78
Restricted - Saturday Fellowship	-	-	(1,462.96)	-	(1,462.96)	(750.06)
Restricted - Child Contact Centre	-	-	(4.25)	-	(4.25)	(4.25)
Restricted - Youth Group Lache	-	-	14,182.33	-	14,182.33	10,293.92
Restricted - Flower fund	-	-	44.34	-	44.34	44.34
Restricted - Education Trust Fund - Revenue	-	-	(4,966.62)	-	(4,966.62)	(3,787.10)
Restricted - Children and Family Outreach	-	-	7,642.10	-	7,642.10	299.27
Restricted - Youth Work Fund - Youth	-	-	(100.97)	-	(100.97)	-
Restricted - Church building fund (res)	-	-	22,229.52	-	22,229.52	16,216.21
Restricted - Bibles fund	-	-	256.20	-	256.20	256.20

Endowment

Endowment - Education Trust Fund - Capital	-	-	-	17,149.71	17,149.71	17,149.71
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Fund Totals	276,057.86	8,549.99	74,995.00	17,149.71	376,752.56	338,132.85
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Programme related investments						
A210: Investment - Education Trust Fund	-	-	-	17,149.71	17,149.71	17,149.71
Total	-	-	-	17,149.71	17,149.71	17,149.71
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
A102: Property - 19 Capeland Close	249,839.00	-	-	-	249,839.00	249,839.00
A300: Computer equipment	3,047.33	-	-	-	3,047.33	3,047.33
Total	252,886.33	-	-	-	252,886.33	252,886.33
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
B100: Cash - Lloyds current	(54,833.65)	31,227.59	23,606.06	-	-	-
B105: Cash - CCLA deposit account	104,056.21	-	-	-	104,056.21	104,056.21
B120: Cash - CAF	31,257.23	(22,440.98)	(8,677.06)	-	139.19	9,526.54
B121: Cash - CAF Gold	66,873.95	-	22,124.98	-	88,998.93	89,771.80
B122: CAF - Cash Debt Advice Centre	0.20	-	43,308.74	-	43,308.94	-
B130: Cash - Prepaid cards	3,396.02	(236.62)	(1,815.92)	-	1,343.48	1,343.48
B140: Cash - Paypal account	43.77	-	-	-	43.77	43.77
C100: Cash float - petty cash	5.74	-	-	-	5.74	5.74
C110: Cash float - flowers	-	-	26.46	-	26.46	26.46
C120: Cash float - Cafe	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	30.00
C140: Cash float - Saturday Fellowship	-	-	15.70	-	15.70	15.70
Total	150,829.47	8,549.99	78,588.96	-	237,968.42	204,819.70
Current Asset - Debtors						
D100: Prepayments	2,464.32	-	114.20	-	2,578.52	2,411.88
D200: Gift Aid Receivable	1,182.52	-	730.50	-	1,913.02	(6.49)
D403: Leaders Client Acct	(1,607.42)	-	-	-	(1,607.42)	(1,607.42)
Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	900.00
Total	2,039.42	-	844.70	-	2,884.12	1,697.97
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,255.76	-	2,255.76	1,850.03
Total	-	-	2,255.76	-	2,255.76	1,850.03

Liability - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

L501: Mortgage on 19 Capeland Close	127,150.54	-	-	-	127,150.54	130,815.34
Total	127,150.54	-	-	-	127,150.54	130,815.34

Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year

L100: 2014 Accruals	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
Z04: Accounts Payable	2,546.82	-	2,182.90	-	4,729.72	2,755.49
Total	2,546.82	-	2,182.90	-	4,729.72	5,755.49

Net total assets	276,057.86	8,549.99	74,995.00	17,149.71	376,752.56	338,132.85
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Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	276,057.86	-	-	-	276,057.86	277,371.52
Designated - D221-ChBld	-	(13,350.01)	-	-	(13,350.01)	(13,350.01)
Designated - D400-Resv	-	21,900.00	-	-	21,900.00	21,900.00
Restricted - ChBld	-	-	22,229.52	-	22,229.52	16,216.21
Restricted - DAC	-	-	39,256.03	-	39,256.03	15,753.36
Restricted - Eart	-	-	1,669.12	-	1,669.12	-
Restricted - LivingRoom	-	-	1,050.00	-	1,050.00	1,050.00
Restricted - P226-Prj	-	-	562.50	-	562.50	562.50
Restricted - P240-Bib	-	-	256.20	-	256.20	256.20
Restricted - P350-Uga	-	-	541.12	-	541.12	541.12
Restricted - P370-FnDy	-	-	259.63	-	259.63	749.21
Restricted - SoundSystem	-	-	(4,410.87)	-	(4,410.87)	(4,410.87)
Restricted - X200-EdRev	-	-	(4,966.62)	-	(4,966.62)	(3,787.10)
Restricted - X210-Child	-	-	7,642.10	-	7,642.10	299.27
Restricted - X215-Youth	-	-	(100.97)	-	(100.97)	-
Restricted - X222-Org	-	-	(2,000.00)	-	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Restricted - X290-Flow	-	-	44.34	-	44.34	44.34
Restricted - X330-FmR	-	-	247.78	-	247.78	247.78
Restricted - X331-SatF	-	-	(1,462.96)	-	(1,462.96)	(750.06)
Restricted - X340-CCC	-	-	(4.25)	-	(4.25)	(4.25)
Restricted - YGL	-	-	14,182.33	-	14,182.33	10,293.92
Endowment - X300-EdCap	-	-	-	17,149.71	17,149.71	17,149.71
Total	276,057.86	8,549.99	74,995.00	17,149.71	376,752.56	338,132.85



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chester, St Mark's Lache-cum-Saltney		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1130731
Set out on pages	1 and 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Frank Linford **Date:** 15 April 2024

Name: Frank Linford

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Internal Auditors (UK and Ireland)
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Section B	Disclosure
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
	None

