

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANNE'S, SHEVINGTON, BLACKBURN

England & Wales · Charity number 1130901

Details

Other names	ST ANNE'S PCC SHEVINGTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for personal prayer & contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick & bereaved, pursuits for senior citizens, parents & toddlers, & other special needs groups. Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups, school assemblies, events, meetings & literature. Supporting charities in UK & overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£115,740	£125,985	-	-
2024-12-31	£134,528	£148,006	-	-
2023-12-31	£121,747	£132,794	-	-
2022-12-31	£173,094	£104,749	-	-
2021-12-31	£83,957	£94,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Brown	Chair	2018-06-01
Brenda Morfydd Harrison		2020-10-19
HEATHER MARY RAWSON		2011-11-05
Jane Walker		2025-05-18
Jean Gillson		2025-05-18
John Rawson		2020-10-19
Leslie Robinson		2024-11-16
Nigel Mark Gillson		2025-01-20
PAULINE LYNDA BYRNE		2013-04-25
Peter Francis Xavier Calderbank		2020-10-19

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1st January 2025** To **31st Dec 2025**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Note	Finance Return	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2024 to nearest £
A1 Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts								
Planned Giving								
Planned giving (tax efficient)		1	42,446				42,446	38,943
Planned giving (other)		2	6,828				6,828	10,252
Collections at services		3	5,799				5,799	4,397
Other giving/ voluntary receipts	5a		7,452		1,603		9,055	38,358
Gift Aid Recovered		6	17,152				17,152	8,837
Activities for generating funds	5b	9	3,717				3,717	2,134
Investment income	5c	10	52	2,777			2,829	3,220
Church Activities	5d		10,768		17,147		27,915	28,387
Sub total			94,213	2,777	18,750	-	115,740	134,528
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.								
							-	
Total receipts		A,B,C	94,213	2,777	18,750	-	115,740	134,528
A3 Payments								
Church Activities							-	
Diocesan Parish Share		19	73,382				73,382	69,001
Other Payments	5e		23,314	7,236	6,784		37,334	63,473
Mission giving and charitable donations	5f	18	5,880		120		6,000	7,050
Cost of Generating Funds		25	688				688	309
Fund raising trading costs					8,402		8,402	7,891
Governance Costs		26	171		8		179	282
Sub total			103,435	7,236	15,314	-	125,985	148,006
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.								
							-	
Total payments		D,E,F	103,435	7,236	15,314	-	125,985	148,006
Net of receipts/(payments)			- 9,222	- 4,459	- 3,436	-	- 10,245	- 11,047
A5 Transfers between funds								
							-	
A6 Cash funds last year end								
			36,711	34,645	12,441		83,797	97,275
Cash funds this year end			27,489	30,186	- 15,877	-	73,552	83,797

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

Period start date
1st January 2025

To

Period end date
31st Dec 2025

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

Categories	Finance Return	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		Current account	14,804			
		Business	-		-	
		CBF Deposit Fund	12,685	30,186	15,877	
		Parish centre account			-	
	31	Total cash funds	27,489	30,186	15,877	-
		(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts))	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	32					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		Parish centre building and contents		unrestricted		
		Loss limit £2.9m				
B5 Liabilities		Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Outstanding invoices				

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

Andrew Brown
John Rawson

ANDREW BROWN
JOHN RAWSON

18-2-26
19-2-26

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from Period start date To Period end date
1st January 2025 31st Dec 2025

Section C Notes

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis

2. Assets retained for the charity's own use include the Parish Centre and its contents.

3. Any endowment and Fabric funds are with the CCLA (The CBF Church of England Deposit fund0

4. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

		Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:	Fabric	-				-
	Churchyard	-	278	273		5
	St Anne's school	-	120	120	-	-
	Flowers	46	-	46		-
	Christmas decs.	114	-	114		-
	DBF Fees	1,479	5,041	5,033		1,487
	Vases	1,976	681	167		2,490
	Other Fees	475	1,520	1,152		843
	Parish centre own A/c	8351	1633	617	-9367	-
	Parish centre res fund	0	9477	7792	9367	11052
		12,441	18,750	15,314	-	15,877
Designated:	Fabric(CBF)	557	2777	1204		2,130
	Mission (CBF)	34089	0	6032		28,057
						-
		34,646	2,777	7,236	-	30,187

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 £	2024 to nearest £
Receipts								
Other voluntary receipts	5a						-	
Collections weddings & funerals			166				166	460
Legacy			-				-	25,000
Donations to church funds			3,571				3,571	4,562
Churchyard donations					278		278	736
Community pantry (electricity)			-		1,205		1,205	
Donations for Christmas dec's							-	-
Donations for school toast			-		120		120	120
Sparkles			1,855				1,855	1,492
Men's/women's breakfast			319				319	220
Sunday refreshments			594				594	739
Holiday Club			-				-	318
Other activities			817				817	917
Benefact Trust Grant			-		-		-	2,100
Parish Centre insurance			130				130	1,560
Income from The Well	7		-				-	135
			7,452	-	1,603	-	9,055	38,359
Activities for generating funds	5b	9						
Shevington Fete			1,054				1,054	1,143
Craft Fayre			484				484	509
Dance			805				805	
Disco			721				721	
Brass Band Concert			653				653	482
			3,717	-	-	-	3,717	2,134
Investment income	5c	10						
Bank interest			52	2,777			2,829	3,220
			52	2,777	-	-	2,829	3,220
Receipts from Church Activities	5d							
Fees for weddings and funerals		11	10,768				10,768	12,690
Fees for vergers and sexton		11			1,520		1,520	1,710
Fees for vases		11			681		681	681
DBF Fees					5,041		5,041	4,590
Parish Centre income		12			9,905		9,905	8,716
			10,768	-	17,147	-	27,915	28,387

31st Dec 2025

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from
1st January 2025

To
31st Dec 2025

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 £	2023 to nearest £
Payments							
Church Activities							
Other Payments	5e						
Clergy expenses	21	1,166				1,166	1,268
						-	
						-	
Sub total (if required)		1,166	-	-	-	1,166	1,268
Lighting	24	937				937	1,136
Heating	24	1,052				1,052	1,294
Water	24	186				186	120
Insurance	23	3,137				3,137	3,064
Maintenance	23	3,598	1,204	-		4,802	33,095
Organ/Organist/CCLI licences	23	1,940				1,940	1,856
Fees to vergers and sexton				1,151		1,151	1,538
DBF Fees				5,033		5,033	5,273
Purchase of Vases				167		167	-
Purchase of Iranian Bibles				-		-	12
Communion wafers & wine	23	431				431	271
The Well expenses	22	-				-	20
Christmas decorations	22			114		114	35
Holiday Club	22	-				-	231
Mission Opportunities Fund	22		6,032			6,032	3,674
Sparkles	22	475				475	256
CPAS DBS checks	23	201				201	30
Christian resources	23	600				600	619
Resources for mission	22	70				70	431
Data protection	23	47				47	35
Independent examiner	23	75				75	75
Men's breakfast & other food	22	205				205	32
Sunday refreshments	22	-				-	85
Churchyard benches	23	-		-		-	-
Churchyard maintenance	23	4,926		273		5,199	4,725
Vicarage council tax & water		3,891				3,891	3,552
Other expenses	23	377		46		423	746
		23,314	7,236	6,784	-	37,334	63,473
Mission giving and donations	5f					-	
Barchester Fund		770				770	1,540
OMF International		1,600				1,600	1,500
Open Doors		1,170				1,170	1,250
Manchester City Mission		1,170				1,170	1,250
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,170				1,170	1,250
St Anne's School Toast				120		120	80
						-	
						-	
		5,880	-	120	-	6,000	6,870

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 you as 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:

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 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

(Name) Gill Taylor

(Date) 14.2.2026

(Relevant professional qualification or body) ACMA

(Address) 11 Windsor Drive, Brinscall, Chorley PR6 8PX



Reports for Annual Parochial Church Meeting 16th March 2026



***Our vision is “to know Christ better and
to male Christ better know”.***

Vicar's report 2026

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24



Dear Friends

What you do has eternal significance. That's the message all the way through the Bible. The world tells us something different, we're just flashes of consciousness here today, gone tomorrow and mean nothing in the big scheme of things, that is, despite none of us living this way. We know in our hearts and soul that we matter, our families matter, our work matters, we are so much greater than the sum of our parts. Your work for the Lord, has eternal value.

One of the most wonderful things I have noticed over the past year is the number of people stepping forward to take on responsibility. To have an idea and to run with it. To respond to requests for help. To step out of their comfort zone and do things. Sometimes it takes a bit of courage, but I've always found that when I do that, the Lord rewards me even more and many others can testify to that too.

Reflecting back on the year my daily prayer continues to be based on what Jesus said:

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

As I pray, I bring to mind the faces of our congregation and pray for strength, health and God's empowering presence.

In many ways the Lord has answered this prayer. You have been the answer to this prayer. From toddlers' groups, to older folks' groups, from Bible study fellowship groups, to churchyard work-parties. From men's groups to women's groups, from kitchen grafters to sermon preparers, from social event organisers to pastoral visitors. From diocesan form fillers to gift aid recoverers, from PCC members to readers and prayers. The list could go on and on. Our church is very active and our work does not go unseen. Wherever we work, we seek to work unto the Lord.

Since the last annual meeting so many different events have happened and I give thanks to the Lord for your energy and vision in serving Jesus and serving each other and in different and varied ways reaching out with His love and the message of salvation to our community.

In the coming year, we pray for God's leading, for growth in number and depth of faith, for opportunity to share and serve together and remember as our diocese is 100 years old that we are "All For Jesus".

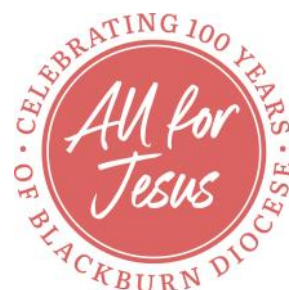
All Age Services

We have a small group of folk who come together to bring ideas and organise the All Age services. These services have been a service to families having their children baptised, but also we have started to draw families from the Sparkles group to the service and also our regular members. We meet within a couple of weeks of the service and delegate responsibilities to each other and bounce ideas off each other. Do continue to pray for our team and the All Age Services to be able to share the message of Jesus with our young families.

Your Brother Andrew

Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Electoral Roll Report for the A.P.C.M. 16th March 2026

The electoral roll has been updated this year, as it was revised last year. The number on the new roll is 98 of which 31 live outside the parish. (The overall number on the roll in May 2025 was 88)

Jean Gillson (PCC Secretary).

Report of the proceedings of the PCC May 2025 to February 2026

The PCC meets bi-monthly and met on 4 occasions during the shortened year under review.

The number of elected members to the PCC is governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll. For many years this has previously been greater than 100 and therefore we had up to 12 elected PCC members, in addition to the clergy, two churchwardens and two Deanery Synod representatives ex officio. Since the 2025 revision of the Electoral Roll resulted in just 88 people signing up, we have had nine elected PCC members plus those who are ex officio.

Topics discussed during the year (fabric, finance and safeguarding were on every agenda).

In July we reviewed the church's newsletter mailing format and have since incorporated photos of the events such as the village Fete and a spread about Sparkles group. It was agreed that the purpose of the mailing is to reflect what's going on in the wider Christian community.

In September we agreed to install a dishwasher in the Parish Centre kitchen (this was financed by a generous anonymous donation). We introduced a Who's who information slide onto the screen notices to introduce everyone to the PCC members and included a dedicated

Safeguarding slide to promote our church as a safe place. We also began planning the Christmas services and how to improve them from the previous year.

In November, we reviewed the risk assessment procedure for hiring the Parish Centre for high-capacity events, with the Family Christmas disco event in mind. We finalised plans for Christmas services, this included promoting the Blue Christmas service with local funeral directors and we appreciate the generosity from R Banks funeral services for sponsoring the event. It was agreed to have a charity collection when carolling in the village and the money raised went to The Brick in Wigan.

In January we reviewed the Christmas services to make notes for improvement planning for next year. We discussed the provision provided for families during services. With the re-formatted All Age services now successfully underway, it was decided to incorporate additional seating area with more activities for slighter older children on the Font side of church. It was decided that older children can be incorporated into the services by helping with prayers and Bible reading. The PCC approved sending two Sparkles team members to the Generation to generation training event for children's ministry in February. We approved the proposed plan to start new Christianity courses for new Christians, beginning with 123 course and following this, Christianity Explored. Finally, with this being the Diocese centenary year, we have begun to think about plans for September's Centenary Mission weekend - to join other parishes by hosting events and inviting those who wouldn't ordinarily come to church to share in fellowship, and also to hear something about Jesus and be invited to learn more.

Jean Gillson (PCC secretary)

Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31st 2025

Income

Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £96990 of which:

£49274 planned giving

£13251 unrestricted voluntary donations,

£17152 Gift Aid.

£10768 fees for funerals and burials of ashes..

£3717 from fund raising activities ie Dance, Family Disco, Shevington Fete, Craft Fayre and Brass Band Concert.

£2829 bank interest

Restricted funds of £18750 were also received, including:

£9905 for hire of the parish centre.

£7242 restricted fees (diocesan fees, fees to verger and sexton)

£1205 from the Community Pantry for the cost of the electricity used by them

£278 for the churchyard

£120 for toast at St Anne's school

64 people out of a membership of 89 (the number on the electoral roll at the end of the year) donated by way of planned giving, either by standing order or Free Will Offering envelopes. £49274 was given of which £45902 was eligible for gift aid. Gift Aid continues to be a lifeline for St Anne's and I would urge you if you are a tax payer and have not signed up for gift aid, to do so.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2025 was £125985:

£73382 parish share.

£5199 for upkeep of the churchyard

£1989 for church gas and electricity

£3137 for insurance for the church and parish centre.

£4802 for church maintenance

£950 for the organists

£6032 was spent out of the £50K gift received in 2022 (£5732 on the refreshment area at the back of church and £300 on website support)

£6351 for restricted fees

£6000 Mission giving

£5057 clergy expenses and vicarage council tax and water
£8402 parish centre running costs

***Day to day running costs for St Anne's church
(excluding the parish centre) in 2025 = £103,435***

Divided by 52 = £1989 per week

Divided by 365 = £283.38p per day

Parish share is the contribution each parish makes to the diocese for, amongst other things, clergy housing and salaries. The sum that the churches have to find is shared according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. In 2025 that was £73,382 In 2026 it is £75,216. That is a lot of money, and is much more than the single salary our vicar receives, but the parish system works on the basis that better off parishes support the less well off so that all can have a paid minister. In order to make savings, many parishes are being merged to form larger group ministries with fewer clergy. The hope is that if we keep making payment of our parish share a priority we will continue to have a full time paid minister at St Anne's.

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which in 2025 amounted to £6000. £770 of this was paid into a fund (the Barchester Fund) specifically for the use of St Anne's school; £1600 was given to OMF specifically for Roz Stimpson working to spread the gospel in Japan; £1170 was given to Open Doors an organisation supporting the persecuted church; £1170 was given to Mission Aviation Fellowship, an evangelical Christian organisation and the world's largest humanitarian air operator, flying medical supplies, doctors, and nurses to places no one else can reach; 1170 to Manchester City Mission a local organisation which shares the Gospel through training, prison visitation, street work and chaplaincy.

At the end 2025 we had £73,552 in the bank, in all funds, compared with £83,797 at the end of 2024.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the finances of St Anne's. We are grateful for money through special events and one-off gifts, but the backbone of our income is always the regular planned giving of our members and the gift aid that generates.

So thank you to each and every one of you.

I am sure that when dealing with your personal finances you assess what you expect your income for the year will be, whether that is from a salary or pension, and then decide what you have left to spend when you've budgeted for expenses. The church is no different. We know it costs on average £283 per day to keep St Anne's going and pay all the bills. I would strongly urge you, if you don't already, to give in a planned way either through the bank by regular standing order, or using Free Will Offering envelopes, so that we can have a clearer idea of what our income will be and budget accordingly.

We all need to be realistic about what we give to church too, compared with what we are prepared to spend going out for coffees, meals or other luxuries. Is giving to God's work here a priority for you? Have you increased your giving over the last year in line with the increase in your salary or pension? And would you consider leaving a legacy to St Anne's in your will to help future generations keep this church going? (Gifts to charities avoid inheritance tax).

As you read this report, please do use it as a prompt to prayer and ask the Lord how you can respond. We thank God for his gracious provision and continue to trust Him for the upkeep of our buildings and, above all, the mission and ministry of St Anne's, as we seek to spread the Gospel and grow His Church.

Heather Rawson

(Treasurer to St Anne's PCC)

Churchwarden's Report for APCM Meeting on 16th March 2026

Church Building and Graveyard

We have continued to do repair works from the last Quinquennial Inspection, and are slowly coming to the end of that work. The church emergency lighting system has been renewed.

At present we are pursuing a project to resurface most of the churchyard paths, to be paid for by a generous donation by a church couple, to whom we are very grateful.

Church Refreshment Area

The Refreshments Area at the back of church, with hot water system, boiling water dispenser for drinks preparation, fridge and dishwasher, was completed at the end of 2025. This was financed from the £50,000 anonymous gift we received some time ago. Our sincere thanks go to the volunteers who put in many hours of work to install this. It enabled us to serve drinks in church for the Christmas Services, and is now in regular use on Sundays.

Church Cellar Drainage System

For several years we have had continual problems with the cellar pump failing, leading to serious flooding of the cellar. A new drainage pump with a better water level control system has been installed to overcome this problem.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre toilets have been refurbished, with new toilet lights, new tiling around the sink, and redecoration.

The main room has been completely re-decorated.

Parish Centre Dishwasher

A dishwasher was kindly donated, and is now installed and operational in the Parish Centre. Our thanks go to the volunteers who installed this.

Thanks to our volunteers

Our thanks go to **ALL** our volunteers and helpers who do so much in so many ways. Their hard work and enthusiasm keeps St. Anne's going. We are not naming individuals, so as not to offend anybody missed, but **THANK YOU** to all of you.

Vicar

As always, Andrew has worked tirelessly, and we thank him for his leadership, vision, enthusiasm and commitment during the last year.

John Rawson and Rodger Lock

(Church wardens)

Safeguarding Report St Anne's, Shevington 16th March 2026

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The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a church we operate under the guidelines laid down by the "Promoting A Safer Church" document published by the House of Bishops, 2017. This statement is based on the 5 foundations of the Gospel, Human Rights and the Law, Core Principles, Good Safeguarding Practice, and Learning from the past.

The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington, are committed to six overarching principles laid out in the "Promoting a Safer Church" policy. These include:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture,
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church,
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation,
- Caring pastorally for victims and survivors of abuse and other affected persons,
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons, and,
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others within our church community.

Praise God that St Anne's is a safe church where all volunteers maintain a safe working environment.

Approved Policies

Since Nigel Gillson (PSO) was appointed, the PCC have adopted the following policies in line with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance:

- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Responding to concerns and Allegations
- Volunteers working alone
- Understanding Appropriate Boundaries
- Using Social Media on behalf of St Anne's
- Data Protection and Retention
- Managing Known Offenders
- How to support victims and survivors

All relevant posters have been updated to ensure all visitors are aware of who the Safeguarding team are.

Risk Assessments

All church activities have had appropriate risk assessments completed in line with safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

Safer Recruitment

Andrew and Nigel have updated the policy for Safer Recruitment, and this will involve:

- A job description
- A character reference from someone who is not part of St Anne's
- A brief interview with Andrew or an appointed person
- A brief safeguarding induction (which will be in addition to expected diocesan training)
- A DBS must be completed prior to commencement of the role

Safer Recruitment will apply to all volunteers who begin a role (whether voluntary or paid) as part of St Anne's Church and if at least one of the following applies:

- They have not held and do not hold an existing position within St Anne's Church for at least one year
- They have not already been safely recruited by St Anne's Church within the last five years
- They have been away from St Anne's Church for a minimum of three years.

It has been agreed that all existing volunteers will not need safer recruitment.

Current members of the PCC who are trained to safely recruit are:

- Revd Andrew Brown
- Nigel Gillson
- Heather Rawson

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Prayer Points

Please pray that as we welcome new people into the church, that they will find St Anne's a safe haven away from the world's influences where they can feel comfortable to disclose any safeguarding needs with the relevant people. That no one will feel like they are alone, and that vulnerable adults and children are cared for and supported according to their need.

Nigel Gillson

(Parish Safeguarding Officer)



Weekly Prayer Meeting

Meeting to pray together is the most effective activity we can do as a church, and our weekly prayer meetings continue to take place on a Wednesday morning at 11am at 55 The Oval.

Andrew leads with a short Bible passage and then we pray, both silently and aloud.

The great blessing of this time together is that it gives us an overview of the needs of our parish, and because people know that we are praying, we regularly have requests for prayer.

We thank God for answers to prayer in the past year, particularly for 2 people who were receiving "end of life care" but are now at home.

We pray particularly for those in the parish who are sick, their families and their carers.

We pray for the needs of the world and remember our Christian family of the Persecuted Church.



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We can pray together and practice pastoral care for each other.

All the groups welcome new members for times of learning together.

Pastoral Care Team

We thank God for the loyal Pastoral Care Team who visit people who are no longer able to attend church.

Some of the visits include Communion, prayer and Bible Reading. For others it is an informal visit with prayer.

Jeanette is no longer able to be part of the team because of her own health issues, but Lorna, Audrey and Violet are continuing along with 4 new members, Sue Mousley, Elaine Ellams, Jean Fisher and Les Robinson.

They meet with Andrew on a regular basis to prepare and pray for the Memorial Services.

Please remember the team in your prayers as they work alongside Andrew in this important task.

Brenda Harrison

O M F United Kingdom

Roz Stimpson is our link missionary working in Japan.

She has been studying, working and learning the language for a few years now.

She is due home this summer and will return to Japan in 2027.

Please Pray for her as she, with others, seeks to spread the Gospel message in a very different culture.

Brenda Harrison



The Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group meets twice a month in the Parish Centre. We have an attendance of between 12-15 who regularly attend. Everyone is greeted with a warm welcome and a smile. The aim of the group was thinking about individuals living alone, but the group consists of singles and couples. Tea, coffee and cake are plentiful throughout the afternoon. Some of the group enjoy a game of Scrabble while the rest enjoy a good chat. Although the group is small we think it's of benefit to those who come, and hope in the future numbers will increase.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon of floral arranging making a table decoration for Christmas—they looked amazing! The demonstration was given by one of our late member's daughter.

For those living alone who attend it's something to look forward to on those weeks, and we love to see them all.

Ruth Porter



Sparkles meets every Tuesday term-time only and is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who have been DBS checked and have attended Safeguarding training courses. Ruth Porter (Sparkles Leader) and another team member, have attended Generation to Generation children's ministry Conference in February.

The session runs from 10-11.30am and we have an average of 24—30 families attending weekly. The group is proving to be very popular and is also attended by families outside from the Shevington area. Children attending have a fun time in a safe, nurturing environment and parents/carers also receive a warm welcome. The Sparkles team all wear lanyards so if parents/carers have any questions they are there to help.

The children enjoy weekly crafts which are based on God's love for us and also free play. The reading table has a toddler Bible and books telling stories from the Bible for the children to enjoy.

The Sparkles display boards are enjoyed by everyone using the Parish Centre, and a lovely way to showcase the children's work.

The children enjoy a mid morning snack sitting with siblings and friends. Both children and adults help with 'tidy up time' and finally everyone settles on the carpet for 'circle time' which consists of nursery rhymes and songs. Vicar Andrew plays his guitar and the children join in singing with actions to "Jesus loves is very wonderful" while playing musical instruments. We finish the session with the Sparkles prayer.

As families leave, it is lovely to hear both children and adults saying that they have had a good time, and this is entirely down to the hard work of the Sparkles team.

Sparkles is also linked to the All Age service and a couple of the Sparkles grandparents are on the team helping with planning and making crafts.

Sparkles families attend All Age service and enjoy the crafts and showing the congregation their drawings. The Sparkles prayer is always said in the service.

May Sparkles and the All age service continue to flourish in God's love and guidance.

Ruth Porter

(Sparkles Leader)





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There is plenty of room for more men and women to come – look out for future dates in the Monthly Mailing.

Men's Work

Over the past year, men from the church have attended men's services at Blackburn, curry nights, breakfasts with a speaker and also retreat weekends. This is an opportunity for blokes to encourage each other and be encouraged, and also to bring friends along to different events. As the Bible says, "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Your Brother Andrew



Mother's Union

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The program consists of a variety of different speakers, encouragement for social action e.g. prevention of domestic abuse, times for prayer and fellowship, and an Agape meal during Lent.

The committee members for 2025-26 are Linda Green and Marie Simpson (joint branch leaders), Joan Boardman, Marjorie Moore, Rhona Anderson and Anne Jones.

In 2025, the membership was 20, there were 13 meetings over the year. In May, 4 members attended the Chorley Deanery Festival at St Laurence's Church.

In June, members enjoyed fellowship at the Gathurst Golf Club over a meal—they enjoyed it so much that the venue was booked for December's meal.

In October, we held the annual MU Wave of Prayer service.

New members of MU are always welcome.

For more information contact Linda on 07939123036.

Linda Green

MU Secretary / Joint Leader

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 you as 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:

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 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

(Name) Gill Taylor

(Date) 14.2.2026

(Relevant professional qualification or body) ACMA

(Address) 11 Windsor Drive, Brinscall, Chorley PR6 8PX

Accounts



Reports for Annual Parochial Church Meeting 18th May 2025



***Our vision is 'to know Christ better and
to make Christ better known'***

Vicar's report 2025

Dear Friends

One of the things about having a tough year is that we have to depend on God more. Trusting in His promises to us, trusting in the power of the cross, trusting in His presence with us day by day. If we look in on ourselves all the time, it can lead to self-pity, bitterness and despair in the bad times, and pride and conceit in the good. These are not the places to go. Over the past year I have sought to look with gratitude for all those who have cared for us as a family and myself. I try to count my blessings every morning for the goodness of the Lord and what He continues to do. Keeping our eyes on the Lord takes them from ourselves.

I have increasingly found that prayer and being with God a great source of strength. It is not a surprise, because as we read the Bible it shares with us those exact promises, but the Evil One doesn't like this and deters us from the thing that would actually bring us true hope and the sense of the Lord's presence.

As we travelled through Lent and reflected on the Bishop's call to prayer, I hope we take this seriously, because as we pray things start to happen. I pray that we would turn the 'Spiritual Temperature' of our church up, that as individuals and a community, we would be faithful in prayer, in reading our Bibles, in meeting together and service.

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share

with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12 verses 9-13

We have seen many good things over the past year; many people stepping up and volunteering; our events team starting new events; wonderful and well attended services and a very large increase in our Easter service attendance. We also look to a new refreshment area at the back of church, which will enable fellowship in our regular and larger special services and events. We give thanks that God is at work.

We also mourn the loss of dear friends and servants of the church over the past year, especially Jim and Jean Evans and Sharon Drury, amongst others who have given devoted service over the years. We pray for their families and give thanks for their energy, love and service.

As we look forward to the coming year, let's remember the faithfulness of the Lord and let's, "never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord."

Your Brother Andrew

Electoral Roll Report for the A.P.C.M. 18th May 2025

The electoral roll has been completely revised this year, as it is every six years. The number on the new roll is 88 of which 25 live outside the parish. (The number on the roll in May 2024 was 142)

Heather Rawson (PCC Secretary)

Report of the proceedings of the PCC May 2024 to April 2025

The PCC meets bi-monthly and met on 6 occasions during the year under review.

There were several changes to the elected PCC during the year.

We were very sad to lose Sharon Drury and Jim Evans who both died in the autumn. Both had been loyal and hardworking member of the PCC over many years. Sharon had served variously as PCC secretary, Parish Safeguarding Officer and member of the Deanery Synod. Jim had managed all aspects of running the Parish Centre looking after the maintenance, managing bookings and the finances.

Norman Cullen left the parish and Rev Jenny Brown moved to a job with the diocese thus relinquishing their membership of the PCC. We were grateful to Les Robinson and Nigel Gillson who agreed to be co-opted during the year. Les took on the role of Parish Centre bookings secretary, and Nigel the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The number of elected members to the PCC is governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll. For many years this has been greater than 100 and we therefore could have up to 12 elected PCC members, in addition to the clergy, two churchwardens and two Deanery Synod representatives ex officio. The 2025 revision of the Electoral Roll resulted in just 88 people signing up and therefore we will now have up to nine elected PCC members plus those who are ex officio..

Topics discussed during the year (fabric, finance and safeguarding were on every agenda).

In July we thought about the church's vision for the year which aligned with that of the diocese to inspire children and young people, grow leaders, make disciples for Jesus Christ and be witnesses to Jesus Christ.

In September we discussed All Age worship and the viability of worship at Standish Lower Ground which had not re-commenced after the summer break due to lack of numbers

In November we discussed the way forward for St Anne's in the short and longer term in the light of Rev Jenny Brown leaving her post as part time Associate Vicar and Rev Andrew Brown taking on his job as Vicar full-time.

In January we again discussed the way forward for St Anne's and ways in which we could support Andrew as full-time vicar. Plans were made for the first new style All Age worship, the Men's Breakfast was to restart and a Social Events Team was proposed.

In March we had a presentation by Sam Lee, Diocesan Ignite Team Project Manager.

£25.5 million has been received by Blackburn Diocese from central C of E funds to continue Vision 2026 into the future. This funding is to be used to invest in growing a younger, more socio-economic and culturally diverse church. The plan is to at least double the number of under 18s in the diocese who engage with church. This will be achieved by employing 30 dedicated members of staff (Ignite Leaders) attached to specific parishes throughout the diocese. This is a proven model for effective young peoples' ministry.

Sam Lee explained what was involved in applying for an Ignite Leader, what they would do in a parish and how they would be funded jointly by the diocese and parish over 6 years.

In April we discussed what Sam Lee had said and decided that it was not for St Anne's at the moment. Andrew planned to develop the work he already does with St Anne's School and Millbrook school and hoped to gain entry into Shevington High School. These links could provide the basis for work with primary and secondary aged children in church, with or without an Ignite worker.

Heather Rawson (PCC secretary)

Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31st 2024

Income

Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £115835 of which:

- £49195 was planned giving
- £14759 was unrestricted voluntary donations,
- £8837 was from Gift Aid.
- £25000 was a legacy from Olive Aspinall
- £12690 was fees for weddings and funerals.
- £2134 was from fund raising activities
- £3220 was bank interest

Restricted funds of £18693 were also received, including:

- £8718 for hire of the parish centre.
- £2100 Benefact Trust Grant towards quinquennial repairs
- £6981 restricted fees
- £600 donation from the Community Association towards upkeep of the churchyard
- £294 other restricted donations

67 people out of a membership of 142 donated by way of planned giving, either by standing order or Free Will Offering envelopes. £49195 was given of which £38943 was eligible for gift aid. Gift Aid continues to be a life-line for St Anne's and I would urge you if you are a tax payer and have not signed up for gift aid, to do so.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2024 was £148,006:

- £69001 was for parish share.
- £4725 was for upkeep of the churchyard
- £2430 was for church gas and electricity
- £3064 was for insurance
- £33092 for quinquennial repairs and other church maintenance
- £1116 for the organist

£3674 was spent out of the £50K gift received in 2022

£6811 for restricted fees

£6890 Mission giving

£4820 clergy expenses and vicarage council tax and water

£7891 was parish centre running costs

Parish share is the contribution each parish makes to the diocese for, amongst other things, clergy housing and salaries. The sum that the churches have to find is shared according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. In 2024 that was £69,001. In 2025 it is £73,382. That is a lot of money, and is much more than the single salary our vicar receives, but the parish system works on the basis that better off parishes support the less well off so that all can have a paid minister. In order to make savings, many parishes are being merged to form larger group ministries with fewer

clergy. The hope is that if we keep making payment of our parish share a priority we will continue to have a full time paid minister at St Anne's.

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which in 2024 amounted to £6890. £1540 of this was paid into a fund (the Barchester Fund) specifically for the use of St Anne's school; £1600 was given to OMF specifically for Roz Stimpson working to spread the gospel in Japan; £1250 was given to Open Doors an organisation supporting the persecuted church; £1250 was given to Mission Aviation Fellowship, an evangelical Christian organisation and the world's largest humanitarian air operator, flying medical supplies, doctors, and nurses to places no one else can reach; 1250 to Manchester City Mission a local organisation which shares the Gospel through training, prison visitation, street work and chaplaincy.

At the end of the year we had £83,797 in the bank compared with £97,275 the previous year. This sounds a lot of money but it costs roughly £2000 per week to run St Anne's. The drop in funds is due mainly to building repairs.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the finances of St Anne's. And we are extremely grateful to Olive Aspinall for her legacy of £25000 which arrived just as we needed to pay for the quinquennial repairs.

I am sure that when dealing with your personal finances you assess what you expect your income for the year will be, whether that is from a salary or pension, and then decide what you have left to spend when you've budgeted for expenses. The church is no different. We know it costs on average £2000 per week to keep St Anne's going and pay all the bills. I would strongly urge you, if you don't already, to give in a planned way either through the bank by regular standing order, or using Free Will Offering envelopes, so that we can have a clearer idea of what our income will be and budget accordingly. Maybe it's time to increase your giving and perhaps you could follow Olive's example and leave a legacy to St Anne's in your will. Gifts to charities avoid inheritance tax.

As you read this information, please do use it as a prompt to prayer and ask the Lord how you can respond. We thank God for his gracious provision and continue to trust Him for the mission and ministry of St Anne's, and the upkeep of our buildings, as we seek to fulfil our mission statement of 'Knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'.

Heather Rawson (Treasurer to St Anne's PCC)

Churchwarden's Report for APCM Meeting on 18th May 2025

Church Quinquennial Repairs

Following the Quinquennial Inspection, we have now completed most of the repair work required. The high-level roof work was based on a survey of the roof from ground level, and we expected to find more work required once safe roof access was available. The 2 large stone crosses on the roof apex were both found to be rocking and unsafe. This meant extra expensive scaffolding for them both to be reseated and stabilized. Also, the redundant boiler house chimney was found to be unsafe, and we decided to reduce its height, since the problem area was the top of the chimney. Again, this meant more expensive scaffolding and building work, plus it needed a faculty permission.

So far, the works have cost in excess of £34,000, but we have been helped by a grant from the Benefact Trust of £2,100. We now have to complete pointing work and car park entrance improvements.

Church Refreshment Area

Plans for a refreshment area at the back of church are ongoing, as we seek to find a solution that is both cost effective and practical.

Car Park Sink Hole

A sink hole appeared in the church car park, which for safety and risk assessment reasons meant we had to employ a groundworks surveyor for advice before we could repair it.

Churchyard

A new notice board has been installed near the church entrance, and the grassed areas continue to be kept in good order by our gardening contractor.

Thanks to our volunteers

Our thanks go to **ALL** our volunteers and helpers who do so much, and whose hard work saves us money. We are not naming individuals, so as not to offend anybody missed, but **THANK YOU** to all of you.

Vicars

Jenny Brown has now moved on from our parish and we thank her for all the work she did for St. Anne's, and wish her every success in her new Diocese position. Now Andrew is our full-time vicar and we thank him for all his hard work, enthusiasm and commitment during the last year.

John Rawson and Rodger Lock

Safeguarding Report St Anne's, Shevington May 2025

The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a church we operate under the guidelines laid down by the "Promoting A Safer Church" document published by the House of Bishops, 2017. This statement is based on the 5 foundations of the Gospel, Human Rights and the Law, Core Principles, Good Safeguarding Practice, and Learning from the past. The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington, are committed to six overarching principles laid out in the "Promoting a Safer Church" policy. These include:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture,
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church,
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation,
- Caring pastorally for victims and survivors of abuse and other affected persons,
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons, and,

- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others within our church community.

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Since being appointed, Nigel has worked to update the Safeguarding Parish Dashboard. This is a centralised platform for record keeping and to ensure we are compliant with all legislation that make us a safer church community. We are currently at 95% completion with plans to complete the outstanding tasks within the next month.

Nigel has delivered two safeguarding courses in the Parish Centre and is planning on delivering another two in the coming month. This will ensure all volunteers and workers at St Anne's who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are fully aware of any safeguarding needs within our church community. They are also aware of how to work safely not only to protect those in their care, but themselves also.

All members of the PCC are trained to the highest level appropriate for their role in church.

All safeguarding posters have been updated, as has the website with all the relevant safeguarding information, including contact details of Nigel Gillson, Rev. Andrew Brown and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at Blackburn.

Safer Recruitment

The PCC have agreed that all roles from 2025 onwards are to be safer recruited. This means anyone who would like to volunteer in serving God within St Anne's can be safely recruited. This involves the creation of a job description, interview and, where appropriate, references sought from appropriate bodies. To date, there are two members of the PCC who are safer recruitment trained, Nigel Gillson and Heather Rawson (this is in addition to Rev. Andrew Brown).

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) May 2025

In 2025, the PCC approved the GDPR policy. As a church, we are doing very well in maintaining data protection. There have been no data breaches since the policy was approved.

The GDPR policy details what personal information the St Anne's Church confidentially keeps and why. If you would like to know what information is kept about you, please contact either Nigel Gillson, Rev. Andrew Brown or Heather Rawson.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

In 2025, the PCC approved the DBS policy. All volunteers who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults should have a valid and up to date DBS certificate that has been completed by St Anne's Church. This certificate needs to be updated every three years. To date, all the members of the PCC have received an enhanced DBS. All volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults have received their DBS. There are two volunteer's whose DBS is due to expire. Nigel is working on getting them renewed.

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray that we will remain a safe church for children, young people and vulnerable adults and in addition for victims and survivors of abuse as we live to serve the Lord and share his Gospel.

Nigel Gillson

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This is a relaxed and informal time of prayer lasting about 45 minutes. Currently 6 or 7 people attend and we would love this to grow.



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Ruth Porter



The Wednesday Group Christmas Party



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The children enjoy crafts which are based on Bible stories, and also free play. Sparkles is linked with the All Age Service and one of the recent crafts was to make sheep as we were covering the Parable of the Lost Sheep. The children enjoyed this and some of their work is displayed in the Parish Centre on the Sparkles display board.



The children sit with siblings and friends for snack time and then children and parents help with 'tidy up time'. Finally everyone settles on the carpet for 'circle time' which consists of nursery rhymes and songs which the children select, and ends with the Sparkles prayer.

The leader always says goodbye to each family as they leave and it's good to hear from parents/carers that the children have had a lovely time. This is entirely due to the dedication and hard work of the Sparkles team.

Ruth Porter



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The new leaders for 2025 are Linda Green and Marie Simpson and new members are always welcome.

Contact Linda on 07939123036 for more information

 THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE	Charity Name		Parochial Church Council of St Anne Shevington		No (if any)		1130901		 VISION 2026
	Receipts and payments accounts								
	For the period from		Period start date		To		Period end date		
		1st January 2024				31st Dec 2024			

Section A Receipts and payments								
	Note	Finance Return	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								
Planned Giving								
Planned giving (tax efficient)		1	38,943				38,943	38,285
Planned giving (other)		2	10,252				10,252	10,588
Collections at services		3	4,397				4,397	4,524
Other giving/ voluntary receipts	5a		35,362		2,996		38,358	15,145
Gift Aid Recovered		6	8,837				8,837	15,447
Activities for generating funds	5b	9	2,134				2,134	2,993
Investment income	5c	10	302	2,918			3,220	2,663
Church Activities	5d		12,690		15,697		28,387	32,102
Sub total			112,917	2,918	18,693	-	134,528	121,747
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.								
Total receipts		A,B,C	112,917	2,918	18,693	-	134,528	121,747
A3 Payments								
Church Activities								
Diocesan Parish Share		19	69,001				69,001	65,232
Other Payments	5e		30,698	13,009	19,766		63,473	50,427
Mission giving and charitable donations	5f	18	6,890		160		7,050	6,870
Cost of Generating Funds		25	309				309	379
Fund raising trading costs					7,891		7,891	9,886
Governance Costs		26	244		38		282	-
Sub total			107,142	13,009	27,855	-	148,006	132,794
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.								
Total payments		D,E,F	107,142	13,009	27,855	-	148,006	132,794
Net of receipts/(payments)			5,775	- 10,091	- 9,162	-	- 13,478	- 11,047
A5 Transfers between funds								
A6 Cash funds last year end								
Cash funds this year end			30,936	44,736	21,603		97,275	108,322
			36,711	34,645	- 12,441	-	83,797	97,275

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1st January 2024 To 31st Dec 2024

assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Finance Return	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		Current account	1,005			
		Business	8,380		4,090	
		CBF Deposit Fund	27,326	34,645		
		Parish centre account			8,351	
	31	Total cash funds	36,711	34,645	12,441	-

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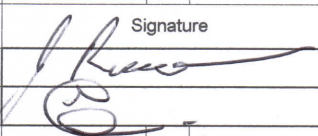
		Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets						

		Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets					
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		Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Parish centre building and contents	unrestricted		
		Loss limit £2.9m			

		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		Outstanding invoices			

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
CHURCH WARDEN		JOHN RAWSON	13 May 2025
CHURCH WARDEN		Rodger Lock	13 May 2025

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from Period start date 1st January 2024 To Period end date 31st Dec 2024

Section C Notes

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis

2. Assets retained for the charity's own use include the Parish Centre and its contents.

3. Any endowment and Fabric funds are with the CCLA (The CBF Church of England Deposit fund0

4. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

			Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:		Fabric	9,465	2,100	23,607	12,042	-
		Churchyard	582	736	1,485	167	-
		Mission	12	-	12	-	-
		St Anne's school	40	120	160	-	-
		Flowers	31	40	25	-	46
		Christmas decs.	149	-	35	-	114
		DBF Fees	2,161	4,591	5,273	-	1,479
		Vases	1,295	681	-	-	1,976
		Other Fees	303	1,710	1,538	-	475
		Parish centre	7564	8716	7929	-	8,351
			21,602	18,694	40,064	12,209	12,441
Designated:		Fabric(CBF)	6974	2918	9335	-	557
		Mission (CBF)	37763	0	3674	-	34,089
							-
			44,737	2,918	13,009	-	34,646

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						-	
Collections weddings & funerals			460				460	796
Legacy			25,000				25,000	
Donations to church funds			4,562				4,562	6,282
Churchyard donations					736		736	757
			-				-	
Donations for Christmas dec's							-	500
Donations for school toast			-		120		120	
Sparkles			1,492				1,492	1,503
Men's breakfast			220				220	322
Sunday refreshments			739				739	751
Hope Exhibition paintings							-	40
Holiday Club			318				318	325
Other activities			877		40		917	1,256
Benefact Trust Grant			-		2,100		2,100	
Brighter Boroughs Grant		8	-				-	950
Parish Centre insurance			1,560				1,560	1,503
Income from The Well		7	135				135	160
			35,363	-	2,996	-	38,359	15,145
Activities for generating funds	5b	9						
Shevington Fete			1,143				1,143	1,676
Craft Fayre			509				509	537
Brass Band Concerts			482				482	780
			2,134	-	-	-	2,134	2,213
Investment income	5c	10						
Bank interest			302	2,918			3,220	2,663
			302	2,918	-	-	3,220	2,663
Receipts from Church Activities	5d							
Fees for weddings and funerals		11	12,690				12,690	11,568
Fees for vergers and sexton		11			1,710		1,710	2,925
Fees for vases		11			681		681	766
DBF Fees					4,590		4,590	6,308
Parish Centre income		12			8,716		8,716	10,535
			12,690	-	15,697	-	28,387	32,102

 THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE	Charity Name		No (if any)	
	Parochial Church Council of St Anne Shevington		1130901	
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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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 £	2023 to nearest £
Payments							
Church Activities							
Other Payments	5e						
Clergy expenses	21	1,268				1,268	923
						-	
						-	
Sub total (if required)		1,268	-	-	-	1,268	923
Lighting	24	1,136				1,136	1,290
Heating	24	1,294				1,294	2,602
Water	24	120				120	113
Insurance	23	3,064				3,064	3,007
Maintenance	23	12,144	9,335	11,616		33,095	1,692
Organ/Organist/CCLI licences	23	1,856				1,856	1,911
Fees to vergers and sexton				1,538		1,538	3,062
DBF Fees				5,273		5,273	5,680
Purchase of Vases				-		-	1,968
Purchase of Iranian Bibles				12		12	280
Communion wafers & wine	23	271				271	218
The Well expenses	22	20				20	225
Christmas decorations	22			35		35	351
Holiday Club	22	231				231	159
Mission Opportunities Fund	22		3,674			3,674	14,316
Sparkles	22	256				256	631
CPAS DBS checks	23	30				30	6
Christian resources	23	619				619	1,070
Resources for mission	22	431				431	785
Data protection	23	35				35	35
Independent examiner	23	75				75	75
Men's breakfast	22	32				32	94
Sunday refreshments	22	85				85	91
Churchyard benches	23	-		-		-	1,321
Churchyard maintenance	23	3,458		1,267		4,725	4,994
Vicarage council tax & water		3,552				3,552	3,346
Other expenses	23	721		25		746	182
		30,698	13,009	19,766	-	63,473	50,427
Mission giving and donations	5f					-	
Barchester Fund		1,540				1,540	1,540
OMF International		1,600				1,600	1,500
Open Doors		1,250				1,250	1,250
Manchester City Mission		1,250				1,250	1,250
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,250				1,250	1,250
St Anne's School Toast				160		160	80
						-	
						-	
		6,890	-	160	-	7,050	6,870

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

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- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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(Name) Gill Taylor

(Date) 12/5/2025

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Accounts

Trustees Report of the Parochial Church Council of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Standish Lower Ground and Crooke for 2023

Aims and Purposes

St. Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbents, Reverends Andrew and Jenny Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building and St Anne's parish centre.

Objectives and Activities

St Anne's PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible in the localities of Shevington, Standish Lower Ground and Crooke to access services and worship at our church and in our church school building, and to become part of our church community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and parish centre and maintain the graveyard.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Sunday worship at St Anne's comprises a traditional service at 9.30am offering Holy Communion every week followed by a more informal worship service at 11am with modern worship songs which is more accessible to families and newcomers to church. Between the two we offer refreshments in the parish centre which provides an opportunity for members of both congregations to meet each other.

In addition to this there is a service at 4pm at 'The Well' which meets in St Anne's School building in Standish Lower Ground. The Well was a new venture launched in June 2022 to offer a place of worship for those living in that part of the parish who are seeking Jesus and

thirsty to know more. Our prayer is that The Well will truly be a place of refreshment whose ripples move through the community.

Throughout the year we have welcomed a number of Iranian asylum seekers to our church and some of them have been baptised. Much of the Sunday services is displayed on an overhead screen with simultaneous translation into Farsi, and we have printed service sheets in Farsi as well. Our vicar Andrew also takes a weekly Bible study with the men. This is a fluid community as asylum cases are heard and some of the men move away but it has been a privilege and a joy to hear their stories and provide a way in to the Christian faith for them. They have broadened our horizons and provided some practical help too.

One of the positive things to come out of the Covid restrictions was the provision of worship online and this has continued at St Anne's. Andrew records a shortened version of Sunday worship with hymns and songs each week for those who are housebound, and we estimate that about 20 people access this.

In his annual report to the church Andrew spoke about the faithfulness of God in both the past and present. He highlighted some of the things for which we particularly thank God:

- The Nativity service on Christmas Eve, complete with live animals, when our church building was literally overflowing with families;
- The deepening of faith in our Lent services and courses drawing us closer to the Lord;
- The opportunity to build on the reputation of our toddler group, Sparkles, as we seek to integrate these families further into the life of the church;
- Developing work in our church school;
- A strong and supportive Mothers' Union group and regular work with men with our Men's Breakfasts and other events;
- The multiplying of Home Groups as more members of the church meet together to study the Bible and share fellowship;
- Continued pastoral care of those in need in both the church and wider community;
- The care and improvement of our church buildings.

Pastoral Care

Caring for those around us is the practical outworking of our faith. St Anne's has an active Pastoral Team who offer prayer support for the sick and bereaved and take Holy Communion to people in their home. There is a weekly prayer group and a Memorial Service every 3 months.

One of our most successful ventures is 'Sparkles', a weekly (in term time) group for pre-school children and their carers, whether that be parents, grandparents or child minders. For 90 minutes on a Tuesday morning our parish centre is filled with the sound of up to 40 children having fun, and provides an opportunity for their carers to get together in a supportive Christian atmosphere.

The parish centre is also the home of Shevington Community Pantry, a venture started during Covid by the local community originally as a food bank. It is now an outlet for food donated by local shops and supermarkets that is close to its sell-by date and would otherwise be consigned to landfill. Thus it has the dual benefit of providing affordable food for the less well-off and helping the environment by reducing waste.

Mission and Evangelism

St Anne's vision statement is, 'Knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'.

In order to know Christ better we not only worship Him, but study the Bible together in Bible Study groups and individually at home.

In order to make Christ better known we look to evangelistic opportunities which hopefully draw the local community in, for example special services at Easter and Christmas, a Holiday Club during the school summer holidays and a church tent at the summer fete. Some of these activities may not be overtly 'church' but members of the church show that Christians care deeply about their friends and neighbours, have a different set of values to the cut and thrust of everyday life, and demonstrate the love of God for all.

In line with Biblical teaching, we remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support Christian mission agencies at home and overseas. This year we supported Manchester City Mission, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors and a specific missionary working in Japan with OMF.

Financial Review

Income

Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £96681 of which:

- £48753 was planned giving
- £17460 was unrestricted voluntary donations,
- £15447 was from Gift Aid.
- £11568 was fees for weddings and funerals.
- £2993 was from fund raising activities
- £458 was bank interest

Restricted funds of £22861 were also received, including:

- £10535 for hire of the parish centre.
- £950 Brighter Boroughs grant for churchyard benches
- £500 gift specifically for decorating church at Christmas
- £9999 restricted fees

67 people out of a membership of 147 donated by way of planned giving, either by standing order or Free Will Offering envelopes. £48753 was given of which £38285 was eligible for gift aid which continues to be a lifeline for St Anne's.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2023 was £132794:

- £65232 was for parish share.
- £14316 was spent out of the £50K gift received in 2022
- £5000 was for upkeep of the churchyard
- £3892 was for church gas and electricity
- £3000 was for insurance
- £13934 was for restricted expenditure
- £9886 was parish centre running costs

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which in 2023 amounted to £6870. £1540 of this was paid into a fund (the Barchester Fund) specifically for the use of St Anne's school.

Overall, and excluding expenditure from the gift of £50K given in 2022 specifically for mission and ministry opportunities, income exceeded expenditure by £1064.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is currently equivalent to £26,000 and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Conclusion

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to the finances of St Anne's enabling us to end 2023 with a small surplus. 2024 will pose a greater challenge as we tackle the repairs highlighted by the Quinquennial Inspection and our gift aid claim will be back to 12 months (approximately £12,500).

We thank God for his gracious provision and continue to trust Him for the mission and ministry of St Anne's, and the upkeep of our buildings, as we seek to fulfil our mission statement of 'Knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Anne's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbents, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average level of attendance of 84%.

Administrative Information

St. Anne's Church is situated on Church Lane, Shevington. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Anne's Vicarage, 81 Gathurst Lane, Shevington Wigan WN6 8HW. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1130901.

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbents: Reverend Andrew Brown and Reverend Jenny Brown
- Warden: Mr Peter Calderbank
- Warden: Mr John Rawson

Elected members:

- Mrs Sharon Drury, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Pauline Byrne, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Heather Rawson (treasurer)
- Mr James Evans
- Mrs Brenda Harrison
- Mrs Angie Cunningham (vice chair)
- Mrs Pauline H Johnson
- Mrs Violet Hughes
- Mrs Jean Fisher
- Mr Norman Cullen
- Mrs Jennifer Cullen (resigned October 2023)

Approved by the PCC

Signed on behalf of the PCC by the Reverend Jenny Brown (PCC chairman)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

Period start date
1st January 2023

To

Period end date
31st Dec 2023



Section A Receipts and payments

	Note	Finance Return	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								
Planned Giving								
Planned giving (tax efficient)		1	38,165		120		38,285	37,505
Planned giving (other)		2	10,588				10,588	10,325
Collections at services		3	4,524				4,524	4,440
Other giving/ voluntary receipts	5a		12,938		2,207		15,145	70,040
Gift Aid Recovered		6	15,447				15,447	15,748
Activities for generating funds	5b	9	2,993				2,993	1,458
Investment income	5c	10	458	2,205			2,663	294
Church Activities	5d		11,568		20,534		32,102	33,284
Sub total			96,681	2,205	22,861	-	121,747	173,094
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.								
Total receipts		A,B,C	96,681	2,205	22,861	-	121,747	173,094
A3 Payments								
Church Activities								
Diocesan Parish Share		19	65,232				65,232	63,329
Other Payments	5e		22,177	14,316	13,934		50,427	28,740
Mission giving and charitable donations	5f	18	6,790		80		6,870	7,715
Cost of Generating Funds		25	379				379	
Fund raising trading costs					9,886		9,886	4,965
Governance Costs		26					-	-
Sub total			94,578	14,316	23,900	-	132,794	104,749
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.								
Total payments		D,E,F	94,578	14,316	23,900	-	132,794	104,749
Net of receipts/(payments)			2,103	- 12,111	- 1,039	-	- 11,047	- 10,183
A5 Transfers between funds								
A6 Cash funds last year end			28,833	56,847	22,642		108,322	39,977
Cash funds this year end			30,936	44,736	- 21,603	-	97,275	108,322

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from Period start date 1st January 2023 To Period end date 31st Dec 2023

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

Categories	Finance Return	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		Current account	1,590			
		Business	15,027		14,039	
		CBF Deposit Fund	14,316	44,737		
		Parish centre account			7,565	
	31	Total cash funds	30,933	44,737	21,604	-
		(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Investment assets		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	32					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		Parish centre building and contents		unrestricted		
		Loss limit £2.9m				
B5 Liabilities		Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Outstanding invoices				
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	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	R PALDERBANK		26-2-24	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	J. RAWSON		26-2-24	

Receipts and payments accounts

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2. Assets retained for the charity's own use include the Parish Centre and its contents.

3. Any endowment and Fabric funds are with the CCLA (The CBF Church of England Deposit fund0

4. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

		Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:	Fabric	10,505	-	1,040	-	9,465
	Churchyard	-	757	175	-	582
	Mission	291	-	279	-	12
	St Anne's school	-	120	80	-	40
	Flowers	31	-	-	-	31
	Organ & music	429	-	429	-	-
	DBF Fees	1,533	6,308	5,680	-	2,161
	Vases	2,497	766	1,968	-	1,295
	Other Fees	440	2,925	3,062	-	303
	Parish centre	6915	10,535	9886	-	7,564
		22,641	21,411	22,599	-	21,453
Designated:	Fabric(CBF)	6711	263	-	-	6,974
	Mission (CBF)	50137	1942	14316	-	37,763
						-
		56,848	2,205	14,316	-	44,737

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 £	2022 to nearest £
Receipts							
Other voluntary receipts	5a					-	
Collections weddings & funerals		796				796	869
Donation for ministry & mission		-				-	50,000
Donations to church funds		6,282				6,282	5,940
Churchyard donations				757		757	2,445
Donations for Iranian Bibles		-				-	540
Donations for Christmas dec's				500		500	
Transfer of 'Scamps' funds		-				-	563
Sparkles		1,503				1,503	861
Men's breakfast		322				322	386
Sunday refreshments		751				751	745
Hope Exhibition (paintings)		40				40	404
Holiday Club		325				325	197
Other activities		1,256				1,256	307
Diocesan Vision Fund Grant		-				-	438
Brighter Boroughs Grant	8	-		950		950	1,650
Parish Centre insurance		1,503				1,503	
Income from The Well	7	160				160	
		12,938	-	2,207	-	15,145	65,345
Activities for generating funds	5b	9					
Shevington Fete		1,676				1,676	844
Craft Fayre		537				537	614
Brass Band Concerts		780				780	
		2,993	-	-	-	2,993	1,458
Investment income	5c	10					
Bank interest		458	2,205			2,663	294
		458	2,205	-	-	2,663	294
Receipts from Church Activities	5d						
Fees for weddings and funerals		11				11,568	13,306
Fees for vergers and sexton		11		2,925		2,925	2,532
Fees for vases		11		766		766	2,497
DBF Fees				6,308		6,308	6,280
Hire of Parish Centre		12		10,535		10,535	8,669
						-	
		11,568	-	20,534	-	32,102	33,284

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st January 2023		31st Dec 2023

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section C Notes continued

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Payments							
Church Activities							
Other Payments	5e						
Clergy expenses	21	923				923	685
						-	
Sub total (if required)		923	-	-	-	923	685
Lighting	24	1,290				1,290	725
Heating	24	2,602				2,602	1,094
Water	24	113				113	90
Insurance	23	3,007				3,007	2,904
Maintenance	23	652		1,040		1,692	1,838
Organ/Organist/CCLI licences	23	1,483		428		1,911	1,183
Fees to vergers and sexton				3,062		3,062	2,092
DBF Fees				5,680		5,680	4,747
Purchase of Vases				1,968		1,968	-
Purchase of Iranian Bibles				280		280	320
Communion wafers & wine	23	218				218	175
The Well expenses	22	225				225	537
Christmas decorations	22			351		351	
Holiday Club	22	159				159	299
Mission Opportunities Fund	22		14,316			14,316	200
Sparkles	22	631				631	251
CPAS DBS checks	23	6				6	6
Christian resources	23	1,070				1,070	1,229
Resources for mission	22	785				785	137
Data protection	23	35				35	35
Independent examiner	23	75				75	75
Men's breakfast	22	94				94	100
Sunday refreshments	22	91				91	64
Churchyard benches	23	371		950		1,321	
Churchyard maintenance	23	4,819		175		4,994	4,605
Vicarage council tax & water		3,346				3,346	3,182
Other expenses	23	182				182	90
		22,177	14,316	13,934	-	50,427	26,663
Mission giving and donations	5f						
Barchester Fund		1,540				1,540	1,540
OMF International		1,500				1,500	1,500
Open Doors		1,250				1,250	1,500
Manchester City Mission		1,250				1,250	1,500
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,250				1,250	1,500
St Anne's School Toast				80		80	120
						-	
		6,790	-	80	-	6,870	7,660

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Aims and Purposes

St. Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbents, Reverends Andrew and Jenny Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building and St Anne's parish centre.

Objectives and Activities

St Anne's PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible in the localities of Shevington, Standish Lower Ground and Crooke to access services and worship at our church and in our church school building, and to become part of our church community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and parish centre and maintain the graveyard.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The lifting of Covid restrictions at the beginning of 2023 provided a welcome return to worshipping regularly in person in our church building. The return provided an opportunity to review service times and we now have a traditional service on Sundays at 9.30am offering Holy Communion every week followed by a more informal worship service at 11am with modern worship songs and which is more accessible to families and newcomers to church. Between the two we offer refreshments in the parish centre which provides an opportunity for members of both congregations to meet each other.

Throughout the year we have welcomed a number of Iranian asylum seekers to our church and a number of them have been baptised. Much of the weekly services is displayed on an

overhead screen with simultaneous translation into Farsi and we have printed service sheets in Farsi as well. A request to the congregation for money for Iranian Bibles raised over £500 an Andrew takes a weekly Bible study with the men. This is a fluid community as asylum cases are heard and some of the men move away but it has been a privilege and a joy to hear their stories and provide a way in to the Christian faith for them. They have broadened our horizons and provided some practical help too.

Our vicars, Andrew and Jenny, lead assembly in our church school every week and offer pastoral support to both teachers and children. Our school is at the heart of the community of Standish Lower Ground, a couple of miles away from the main area of the parish in Shevington. In June Jenny started a new congregation called The Well meeting weekly at 4pm on a Sunday at the school. The informal worship begins with a cuppa and is for those who perhaps don't know Jesus and are seeking to find more. When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well He said, 'Come and find living water'.

In 2022 there were 150 parishioners on the electoral roll of whom 23 live outside the parish. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 68 plus 7 children, taken from St Anne's and The Well. This number increased at festivals with one of the high spots of the year being a Nativity Outside complete with donkey and sheep and wise men who were genuinely from the east (Iran). More than 200 people from the local community came to that.

One of the positive things to come out of the Covid restrictions was the provision of worship online and this has continued at St Anne's. Andrew records a shortened version of Sunday worship with hymns and songs each week for those who are housebound, and we estimate that about 20 people access this.

Pastoral Care

Caring for those around us is the practical outworking of our faith. St Anne's has an active Pastoral Team who offer prayer support for the sick and bereaved and take Holy Communion to people in their home. There is a weekly prayer group and a Memorial Service every 2 months.

One of our most successful ventures is 'Sparkles', a weekly (in term time) group for pre-school children and their carers, whether that be parents, grandparents or child minders. For 90 minutes on a Tuesday morning our parish centre is filled with the sound of up to 40 children having fun, and provides an opportunity for their carers to get together in a supportive Christian atmosphere.

The parish centre is also the home of Shevington Community Pantry, a venture started during Covid by the local community originally as a food bank. It is now an outlet for food donated by local shops and supermarkets that is close to its sell-by date and would otherwise be consigned to landfill. Thus it has the dual benefit of providing affordable food for the less well off and helping the environment by reducing waste.

Mission and Evangelism

St Anne's vision statement is, 'Knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'.

In order to know Christ better we not only worship Him, but study the Bible together in Bible Study groups and individually at home.

In order to make Christ better known we look to evangelistic opportunities which hopefully draw the local community in, for example special services at Easter and Christmas, a Holiday Club during the school summer holidays and a church tent at the summer fete. Some of these activities may not be overtly 'church' but members of the church show that Christians care deeply about their friends and neighbours, have a different set of values to the cut and thrust of everyday life, and demonstrate the love of God for all. This year we held the 'Hope Exhibition' in our church building, an exhibition of paintings by a convicted murderer who became a Christian in prison and whose work depicted his journey from darkness to light.

In line with Biblical teaching, we remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support Christian mission agencies at home and overseas. This year we supported Manchester City Mission, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors and a specific missionary working in Japan with OMF.

Financial Review

Income

- Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £147839 of which £67046 was unrestricted voluntary donations, £50000 was an anonymous donation to be designated for mission opportunities and a further £15748 was from Gift Aid.
- We were also fortunate to receive:
 - a legacy of £3000;
 - a grant from the Diocesan Vision Fund of £438 towards the setting up of a new congregation at our church school in Standish Lower Ground;
 - a DBF energy support grant of £1624.
- The income from fees for weddings and funerals was £13306.
- Restricted funds of £18975 were also received, including £8669 for hire of the parish centre.
- 71 people donate by way of planned giving, either by standing order or Free Will Offering envelopes. £47710 was given of which £37385 was eligible for gift aid.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2022 was £104749 of which £63329 was for parish share. Parish share is the contribution each parish makes to the diocese for, amongst other things, clergy housing and stipends. The sum that the churches have to find is shared according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations. For 2023 the amount

requested by the diocese increased by nearly 9%, but following a discussion with members of the Diocesan Board of Finance the increase has been reduced to around 3%, and this year we will have to pay £65233. This is a lot of money, and is far more than the single salary our vicars, Jenny and Andrew, receive. But the parish system works on the basis that better off parishes support the less well off so that all can have a paid minister. In order to make savings, many parishes are being merged to form larger group ministries with fewer clergy. The hope is that if we keep making payment of our parish share a priority we will continue to have a full time paid minister at St Anne's.

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which this year amounted to £6000.

Overall, income exceeded expenditure by £66812, of which £50000 was a donation designated for mission opportunities.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is currently equivalent to £24000 and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £26833 held in unrestricted funds at the yearend is above this due to unclaimed expenses and work carried over to next year.

The balance of £10505 in the Fabric restricted fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs required as a result of the Quinquennial Inspection. These repairs are estimated to cost approximately £15000 and the funds deposited with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund (£6700) will also be used for this purpose.

Conclusion

2022 was a good year for St Anne's financially. Planned giving increased and the average amount given weekly increased to £16.37. We brought our gift aid claim up to date which resulted in an additional £5000. We received a legacy of £3000 and an anonymous donation of £50000 to be designated for mission opportunities. We received a grant from the Diocesan Vision Fund towards setting up a new congregation in Standish Lower Ground called The Well, and a grant from the Diocesan Board of Finance towards increased energy costs. The Parish Centre was once again available for hire and income exceeded expenditure by £3700.

2023 will pose a greater challenge as we tackle the repairs highlighted by the Quinquennial Inspection, the increased cost of energy and rising inflation. However we look forward to using money from the gift to improve our church facilities with the clear aim of drawing people to Christ in line with our mission statement of, 'Knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Anne's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbents, churchwardens, and members

elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met nine times during the year with an average level of attendance of 88%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These are: Ministry, Mission, 'Grounds and Buildings' and Finance. These committees report back to the full PCC with their decisions which are discussed and approved as necessary.

Administrative Information

St. Anne's Church is situated on Church Lane, Shevington. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Anne's Vicarage, 81 Gathurst Lane, Shevington Wigan WN6 8HW. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1130901.

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbents: Reverend Andrew Brown and Reverend Jenny Brown
- Warden: Mr PFX Calderbank
- Warden: Mr John Rawson

Elected members:

- Mrs Sharon Drury, representative on Deanery Synod (vice chairman)
- Mrs Pauline Byrne, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Heather Rawson (treasurer)
- Mrs Beryl Smith (until 16th May 2022)
- Mr James Evans
- Mrs Brenda Harrison
- Mrs Pauline L Johnson
- Mrs Angie Cunningham
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- Mrs Y Robinson
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- Mrs Violet Hughes
- Mr David Tempest

Approved by the PCC on 27th March 2023
Reverend Jenny Brown (PCC chairman)

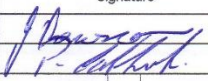
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THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE		City/Town Name		No (if any)													
		Parochial Church Council of St Anne Shevington		1130901													
Receipts and payments accounts																	
For the period from		Period start date		To													
		1st January 2022		31st Dec 2022													
Section A Receipts and payments																	
	Note	Finance Return	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2021 to nearest £									
A1 Receipts																	
Voluntary Receipts																	
Planned Giving																	
Planned giving (tax efficient)									1	37,385		120		37,505	36,494		
Planned giving (other)									2	10,325				10,325	9,097		
Collections at services									3	4,440				4,440	10,275		
Other giving/ voluntary receipts									5a	14,896	50,000	5,144		70,040	4,031		
Gift Aid Recovered									6	15,748				15,748	10,477		
Activities for generating funds									5b	9	1,458			1,458			
Investment income									5c	10	107	174	13		294	8	
Church Activities									5d		13,306		19,978		33,284	13,575	
Sub total											97,665	50,174	25,255	-	173,094	83,957	
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.																	
Total receipts									A,B,C		97,665	50,174	25,255	-	173,094	83,957	
A3 Payments																	
Church Activities																	
Diocesan Parish Share									19		63,329				63,329	61,219	
Other Payments									5e		11,768		16,972		28,740	17,927	
Mission giving and charitable donations									5f	18	7,595		120		7,715	7,020	
Cost of Generating Funds									25						-	51	
Fund raising trading costs													4,965		4,965	7,921	
Governance Costs									26						-	-	
Sub total											82,692	-	22,057	-	104,749	94,138	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.																	
Total payments									D,E,F		82,692	-	22,057	-	104,749	94,138	
Net of receipts/(payments)											14,973	50,174	-	3,198	-	68,345	-
A5 Transfers between funds											2,185		2,185		-		
											3,954	3,954					
A6 Cash funds last year end											12,091	10,627	17,259		39,977	50,158	
Cash funds this year end											28,833	56,847	-	22,642	-	108,322	39,977

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		Receipts and payments accounts					
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period							
Categories	Finance Return	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds		Current account	1,403				
		Business	27,464		16,187		
		CBF Deposit Fund		56,847			
		Parish centre account			7,289		
	31	Total cash funds	28,867	56,847	23,476	-	
(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)			Agreement Error	OK	Agreement Error	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £		
B2 Other monetary assets		Gift Aid to reclaim	3,023				
B3 Investment assets		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	32						
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
		Parish centre building and contents		unrestricted			
		Loss limit £2.9m					
B5 Liabilities		Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
		Outstanding invoices					
		Cheque Number 2919		restricted	460		
		Cheque Number 2922		unrestricted	34		
		Parish Centre cheques not presented		Parish Centre	116		
		Parish Centre DD not collected		Parish centre	259		

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
			JOHN RAWSON PETER CALDERBANK		27 FEB 2023 27 FEB 2023

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Payments							
Church Activities							
Other Payments	5e						
Clergy expenses	21	685				685	312
						-	
Sub total (if required)		685	-	-	-	685	420
Lighting	24	725				725	631
Heating	24	1,094				1,094	621
Water	24	90				90	85
Insurance	23	2,904				2,904	2,799
Maintenance	23			1,838	1,838	3,676	1,503
Organ/Organist/CCLI licences	23			1,183	833	2,016	877
Fees to vergers and sexton				2,092		2,092	
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Purchase of Iranian Bibles				320	320	640	
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Independent examiner	23	75				75	50
Men's breakfast	22	100				100	-
Sunday refreshments	22	64				64	
Defibrillator costs	23			1,650	1,650	1,650	
Churchyard maintenance	23			4,605	4,605	9,210	6,982
Vicarage council tax & water		3,182				8,926	3,081
Other expenses	23	90				90	
		11,768	-	16,972	18,709	47,449	17,800
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Manchester City Mission		1,500				1,500	1,050
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,500				1,500	1,050
Bishop Julian retirement fund		25				25	50
Shevington in Bloom		30				30	30
St Anne's School Toast				120		120	120
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Accounts

2021 Trustees Report of the Parochial Church Council of St Anne's Church, Shevington

Aims and Purposes

St. Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbents, Reverends Andrew and Jenny Brown, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building and St Anne's parish centre.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of St Anne's PCC is to enable as many people as possible in the localities of Shevington, Standish Lower Ground and Crooke to access services and worship at our church and to become part of our church community

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities during this difficult year with various Covid restrictions, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- ☐ Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- ☐ Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- ☐ Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and parish centre and maintain the graveyard.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

2021 has been a particularly challenging year with Covid 19 restrictions coming into force from 23rd March, 2020. Pre-pandemic we offered weekly:

- an early Sunday morning Communion service for those who preferred a quiet, reflective service;
- Parish Communion at 9.45 followed by refreshments in the parish centre;
- a mid-week Communion Service every Thursday morning.

We used service booklets and enjoyed singing hymns and worship songs accompanied by our resident organist.

At the height of the pandemic our church building and parish centre were closed and we were only able to meet virtually. However, throughout this period, a service pre-recorded by Andrew or Jenny was released on our YouTube channel at 11am on Sunday mornings and we had the comfort of knowing that our church members were able to take part in worship at home at the same time. An unforeseen bonus of this was that people anywhere in the world could join us, and friends living abroad did. For those who were unable to join online a printed version of the service, along with a news sheet keeping people in touch, was delivered weekly by a small army of volunteers to everyone on the electoral roll.

In addition to Sunday worship, our vicars, or occasionally a member of the congregation, pre-recorded a mid-week meditation and prayer time which was made available on our website for anyone to watch.

As Covid restrictions were relaxed St Anne's was able to open its doors once more on 18th March 2021 with regular disinfection of surfaces, hand sanitising, social distancing and wearing of masks. Services were projected on a large screen so that we didn't need to touch books and at first we were not allowed to sing. By the time we were allowed to sing again our organist had moved to a new home in a different area and we were using recorded music. It has taken many months for our most vulnerable members to have the confidence to join in-person worship and so a short online worship service is still produced weekly, and some still receive a weekly mailing.

Our regular weekly attendance before Covid was 83. It is now 63. We have an ageing congregation so some are now housebound, some have sadly died and others have moved out of the area.

We are fortunate at St Anne's to have a church primary school in Standish Lower Ground. Throughout the pandemic Jenny and Andrew have worked creatively with the headteacher and staff to produce regular online school assemblies, moving to outdoors assemblies when restrictions and the weather allowed, contributing to the RE curriculum and offering pastoral support to the staff. Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, Sunday worship was occasionally offered in the school building and this has not yet resumed. It is hoped to establish a new congregation centred around pupils and parents at the school and extending more widely into the community in that area of the parish.

There was also a monthly ecumenical service at Crooke Methodist church which our vicar took turns in leading and it is hoped that this will resume early in the new year.

Pastoral Care

The pandemic has provided an opportunity to assess all that we do at St Anne's church and how we use our resources. It has highlighted what we value most and has raised up new volunteers. It has shown us that we can adapt to changing circumstances and can care for each other no matter what. Our pastoral team has been particularly busy this year. Each member of the team was given a list of people to telephone each week to see how they were getting on and if any help was needed. Each member of the team then reported back to Rev Jenny so that the clergy were able to keep in touch with every member of our church community.

WhatsApp groups were set up so that folk could remain connected. There were many requests for prayer as members of St Anne's and their family and friends succumbed to covid and other traumas, but also words of encouragement and joy as we sought to encourage one another in our shared belief that God is with us in all circumstances. And as we discovered skills we never knew we had, two Bible study groups continued to meet via Zoom.

Our parish newsletter is now distributed monthly to all parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll either via email or on paper. The newsletter keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church along with articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Mission and Evangelism

One of the first groups to re-start in the parish centre in September was Sparkles, a weekly meeting for any pre-school children and their parents/carers. They enjoy play, fellowship and a Bible story over a cuppa. They met in the church building for Harvest in November and for their Nativity in December when 45 children and their families came.

Christmas time provided an opportunity to do something new so we had an evangelistic 'Family Carol Service', a 'Blue Christmas Service' for all who had lost a loved one during the year, and 'Christmas Outside' on Christmas Eve for families with young children to gather round the stable scene and hear the Christmas story and sing songs, both in Shevington and Standish Lower Ground. Due to worries about the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid our indoor Christmas services were not well attended. However 'Christmas Outside' proved very popular, especially on the park in Shevington where the estimated attendance of adults, children and dogs was somewhere between 60 and 70, but, in spite of the torches, it was so dark that it was impossible to count!

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Thus when the opportunity arose at the beginning of the pandemic to allow our parish centre to be used as a distribution centre for a new local food bank we were happy to agree. Rev Jenny was soon drafted onto the organising committee and members of St Anne's generously added essential items to those supplied by local supermarkets and businesses. When the need for the food bank was deemed to have passed the enterprise changed to become Shevington Community Pantry. Their aim is to reduce food waste, and support less well off families, by selling food donated by local shops and supermarkets which, for example, is close to its 'use by' date or has damaged packaging, and would otherwise be consigned to landfill.

In line with Biblical teaching, we also give 10% of our unrestricted income to support Christian missions at home and overseas which share our vision of, 'knowing Christ better and making Christ better known'. This vision involves not just maintaining what we already do, but seeking opportunities to engage with the local community and 'make new disciples.'

In 2022 there are plans to re-start groups for children and young people in line with the Vision 2026 aim of 'inspiring children and young people'. To this end our vicar will be attending a youth leadership training course run by the diocese to ensure that our groups are appealing and relevant to the young people of today, and enable them to become 'worshipping and prayerful children and young people that love Jesus and want to follow Him, and who live out their faith in communities, in friendships and in families.'*

We are currently in the process of updating the training of personnel who can use the kitchen in our parish centre to Level2 Food Hygiene so that we can use this resource more effectively. We hope to start both Ladies' and Men's Prayer Breakfasts in the new year. These are a great opportunity for committed Christians to invite their non-Christian friends to hear and experience the gospel message in an informal setting.

Financial Review

Income

- Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £79,521 of which £59,050 was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £10476 was from Gift Aid.
- The income from fees for weddings and funerals ('church activities') was £9992, and for hire of the parish centre, £3582.
- 77 people donate by way of planned giving, 63 people by standing order and 14 people using Free Will Offering envelopes. £45,251 was given of which £36,154 was eligible for gift aid and £9097 was not. Planned giving increased by 7.2% above 2020 and it was good to see the number of people using standing orders increase when we were not allowed to worship in church during the Covid 19 pandemic and plate donations stopped.

- Following a Stewardship Campaign in the autumn of 2021, planned giving has increased by approximately 17% per month, to £4379 per month.
- Covid restrictions have meant that our Parish Centre has been unavailable to hire for much of the year and the income from hire was just £3583. The cost of running and maintaining the parish centre was £7921, a deficit of £4338. However bookings in November and December were encouraging and it is expected that the parish centre will at least break even next year.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2021 was £94,137 of which £61,219 was for parish share. Parish share is the contribution each parish makes to the diocese for, amongst other things, clergy housing and stipends. The sum that the churches have to find is shared according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregations. For 2022 the amount requested by the diocese increased by nearly 11%, but following a discussion with members of the Diocesan Board of Finance the increase has been reduced to around 3%, and this year we will have to pay £63333. This is a lot of money, and is far more than the single salary our vicars, Jenny and Andrew, receive. But the parish system works on the basis that better off parishes support the less well off so that all can have a paid minister. In order to make savings, many parishes are being merged to form larger group ministries with fewer clergy. The hope is that if we keep making payment of our parish share a priority we will continue to have a full time paid minister at St Anne's.

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which this year amounted to £5790 plus £1230 carried over from 2020.

Overall, expenditure exceeded income by £10,183 of which £5845 is attributable to the church.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure. This is currently equivalent to £20000 and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £24783 held in unrestricted (including designated) funds at the year end is above this due to generous donations and legacies in the past..

The balance of £11,900 in the Fabric restricted fund is retained towards meeting the cost of repairs which may be required as a result of the Quinquennial Inspection due in 2022.

The funds deposited with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund (£6672) are designated for maintaining the fabric of St Anne's but could be used for other purposes if the need arose.

Conclusion

Throughout the last 2 years our ability to generate income has been severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic and it is a testament to the faith and commitment of the membership of St Anne's under the dedicated leadership of Andrew and Jenny, and above all the grace of God, that we have continued throughout to worship and serve members of the church and the wider community. We have incurred a considerable deficit in 2021 but 2022 is looking much better. The parish centre is being hired out on a regular basis and should once again fund itself. We will recover Gift Aid in 2022 every 4 months rather than just once a year and the effect of bringing that up to date will be an increase, for this year only, of around £6000. However we will have the expense of a quinquennial inspection of our church building, and the cost of any recommended repairs over the next 5 years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Anne's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbents, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met seven times during the year with an average level of attendance of 94%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These are: Ministry, Mission, 'Grounds and Buildings' and Finance. These committees report back to the full PCC with their decisions which are discussed and approved as necessary.

Administrative Information

St. Anne's Church is situated on Church Lane, Shevington. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Anne's Vicarage, 81 Gathurst Lane, Shevington Wigan WN6 8HW. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1130901.

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbents: Reverend Andrew Brown and Reverend Jenny Brown
- Warden: Mr PFX Calderbank
- Warden: Mr John Rawson

Elected members:

- Mrs Sharon Drury, representative on Deanery Synod (vice chairman and secretary)
- Mrs Pauline Byrne, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Heather Rawson (treasurer)
- Mr Eddie Austin (until 17th May 2021)
- Mr Thomas Naylor (until 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Dorothy Naylor (until 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Beryl Smith
- Mr James Evans
- Mrs Brenda Harrison
- Mrs Pauline L Johnson
- Mr Frank Anderson (until 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Angie Cunningham (from 17th May 2021)
- Mr Leslie Robinson (from 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Pauline H Johnson (from 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Violet Hughes (from 17th May 2021)
- Mrs Jennie Bryant (from 17th May 2021)
- Mr Colin Bryant (from 17th May 2021)
- Mr David Tempest (from 17th May 2021)

Approved by the PCC on 23rd March 2022 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Jenny Brown (PCC chairman)

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		Parochial Church Council of St Anne Shevington		1130901					
Receipts and payments accounts									
For the period from		Period start date		To		Period end date			
		1st January 2021				31st Dec 2021			
									
Section A Receipts and payments									
	Note	Finance Return	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2020 to nearest £	
A1 Receipts									
Voluntary Receipts									
Planned Giving									
Planned giving (tax efficient)		1	36,154		340		36,494	34,078	
Planned giving (other)		2	9,097				9,097	8,562	
Collections at services		3	10,275				10,275	18,154	
Other giving/ voluntary receipts	5a		3,522		509		4,031	6,179	
Gift Aid Recovered		6	10,477				10,477	10,306	
Activities for generating funds	5b	9			3,583		3,583	4,042	
Investment income	5c	10	3	3	2		8	75	
Church Activities	5d		9,992				9,992	9,003	
Sub total			79,520	3	4,434	-	83,957	90,399	
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.									
							-		
Total receipts			A,B,C	79,520	3	4,434	-	83,957	90,399
A3 Payments									
Church Activities									
Diocesan Parish Share		19	61,219				61,219	56,159	
Other Payments	5e		7,808		10,119		17,927	19,381	
Mission giving and charitable donations	5f	18	5,480		1,540		7,020	4,590	
Cost of Generating Funds		25	51				51	61	
Fund raising trading costs					7,921		7,921	7,530	
Governance Costs		26					-	-	
Sub total			74,558	-	19,580	-	94,138	87,721	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.									
							-		
Total payments			D,E,F	74,558	-	19,580	-	94,138	87,721
Net of receipts/(payments)			4,962	3	- 15,146	-	- 10,183	2,679	
A5 Transfers between funds			- 1,253		1,253		-		
A6 Cash funds last year end			9,195	10,624	30,339		50,158	47,479	
Cash funds this year end			12,904	10,627	16,446	-	39,975	50,158	

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		Church Name Parochial Church Council of St Anne Shevington		No. of parishes 1130901			
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Section C Notes							
1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis.							
2. Assets retained for the charity's own use include the Parish Centre and its contents.							
3. Any endowment and Fabric funds are with the CCLA (The CBF Church of England Deposit fund)							
4. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:							
			Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:		Fabric	13,395	-	1,503	-	11,892
		Churchyard	6,501	140	6,982	341	-
		Mission	330	-	590	260	-
		St Anne's school	668	340	1,660	652	-
		Flowers	37	40	46	-	31
		Organ & music	2,489	-	877	-	1,612
		Parish centre	6915	3914	7921	-	2,908
			30,335	4,434	19,579	1,253	16,443
Designated:		CBF account	6,669	3	-	-	6,672
5. Receipts and Payments analysis							
		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2020
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Receipts							
Other voluntary receipts	5a					-	
Collections weddings & funerals		1,852				1,852	369
Parish centre prop. of insurance		939				939	1,079
Mission & church endeavours		678				678	-
Churchyard donations				140		140	1,160
Flower fund				40		40	80
Building Fabric							380
Complaint compensation							350
Organist duties refund							1,700
Shevington Community pantry donation		52				52	
Donations to Parish centre				329		329	1,061
						-	
						-	
		3,521	-	509	-	4,030	6,179
Activities for generating funds	5b	9					
Hire of Parish centre				3,583		3,583	3,699
Parish centre catering						-	110
Magazine sales						-	21
		-	-	3,583	-	3,583	3,830
Investment income	5c	10					
Bank interest		3	3	2		8	75
		3	3	2	-	8	75
Receipts from Church Activities	5d						
Fees for weddings and funerals		11				9,992	9,851
						-	
						-	
		9,992	-	-	-	9,992	9,851

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Pa Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees 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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning matters.

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