

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST GREAT MEOLS

England & Wales · Charity number 1131062

Details

Other names PCC ST JOHN THE BAPTIST GREAT MEOLS

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-08-10

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Activities

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

Activities: The church provides pastoral and spiritual care to the community providing lunches for the elderly, support and study groups. Children's work, providing marriage preparation. we are working with our local school. We offer the church for community use provide a weekly coffee morning with breakfast and no charge is made we are open to all the community those who are of our faith and those of none.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£141,515	£142,562	-	-
2024-12-31	£166,358	£148,502	-	-
2023-12-31	£135,910	£185,526	-	-
2022-12-31	£111,604	£118,653	-	-
2021-12-31	£108,169	£124,801	-	-
2020-12-31	£143,144	£136,649	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adele Sedgwick		2019-04-28
Alex Calvert		2024-01-01
Andy Liston		2017-04-30
CHRISTINE BRANCH		
CLAIRE BARNARD		2012-06-11
CLARE O'CONNELL		2013-05-28
Clive Burgess		2023-05-05
DAVID CHRISTOPHER MOSS		
EUNICE PATRICIA MOSS		
LESLEY YOUNG		
ROWAN CONNELL		2013-05-28
STEPHEN AUSTIN		2011-05-18
Stephen Gee		2025-05-11
Susan Dutton		2020-10-18
Tim Smith		2014-09-11
WILLIAM STEPHEN SYMES		2011-05-23

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PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ending

31st December 2025

The principal function of the PCC is “to promote, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.” The PCC members are also Trustees, and, therefore, stewards both of the mission and the resources of the Church, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering its charitable outcomes. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church Centre.

PCC members were:

Vicar	Gillian Rossiter (Until 31 January 2025)
Readers	David Moss Lesley Young
Churchwardens	Steve Symes (Assistant Treasurer) Martin Hodson (Until May 2025) Tim Smith (From May 2025)
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Lesley Young Claire Barnard Daniel Branch Eunice Moss
Pastoral Worker	Chris Branch Andy Liston Alex Calvert
Elected members	Steve Austin (Treasurer) Clive Burgess Julie Burgess (Until September 2025) Rowan Connell Sue Dutton (Secretary) Steve Gee Martin Hodson (From May 2025 until August 2025) Clare O’Connell Adele Sedgwick

Both the PCC and Standing Committee met on six occasions each in 2025.

Safeguarding is a constant agenda item, and a Safeguarding team led by Chris Branch aided by Clive and Julie Burgess have continued to ensure that not only our Safeguarding policies are up to date and comply with the Safeguarding Dashboard Level 3 but that the ministry team and all members of the PCC have completed the safeguarding training required by their role.

There is no denying that we were devastated to learn of Rev Gillian's forthcoming retirement at the end of January 2025. Throughout January, Gillian worked with the ministry team and church wardens to ensure that church life would continue in her absence until a new incumbent was appointed. When asked about the future of our Parish and if we would have a new full-time vicar the answer was always "Yes". St John's has faithfully paid its Parish share and has been a beacon and example of good work." The archdeacon agreed St John's was a great example of a church working for its community and very outward looking so all will be well!

Rev Gillian's final service on 26th January 2025 came round all too quickly. The responsibility for the many and varied activities of the church was shared out so that we could continue our ministry and community activities as normal. We are lucky to have so much support, not only from our parishioners but also our local community.

Steve Symes and Tim Smith were appointed by the PCC to represent them in the Vacancy process, which involved consultation with the PCC and the Archdeacon. Throughout February and March producing our Parish Fact File and Parish Profile dominated the work of the PCC. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to these, and those who also responded to the questionnaire that was circulated. Your responses were analysed and continuing our outreach work and growing our congregation, particularly with youngsters, featured high on the topics mentioned.

The Archdeacon, Mike Gilbertson, and Rural Dean, David Vestergaard, joined us at the PCC meeting in March to give us useful feedback on the first draft of our Profile. They emphasised the need to take our time writing the profile in order to get it 'right' and to give St John's time to reflect on what we are looking for in our next vicar.

Once the necessary documentation for the vacancy process ie our Fact File and Parish Profile, were complete the advert was published on the Chester Diocese website with interviews planned for early July.

In the meantime, activities continued much as before, and we kept finding all the things that happened behind the scenes, that Gillian just did! It was lovely to welcome Bishop Julie to our Easter Day service and to witness Jonny O'Connell being confirmed.

Notice was given to the residents of the vicarage, and we were pleased to hear that as it has been rented out by the Diocese for the past 13 years, the Diocese would undertake any refurbishments that were needed, St John's did not become financially responsible for it until these were completed.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May we welcomed Tim Smith back as a Church Warden together with Steve Symes. Martin Hodson was thanked for his contribution to church life as a warden over the past two years and we wish him well as both he and Natalie continue with the next stage of their Ministry course. Martin will remain as a member of the PCC.

Jean Hodgson, Gill Childs and Hazel Moon were also thanked for their contributions and support to the PCC as they stepped down, and were replaced by Steve Gee, Julie Burgess and Martin Hodson.

The process to find a new vicar for St John's continued as, following interviews in July, it was decided not to appoint, and a new advert was published. Steve and Tim met with the Archdeacon to discuss the next steps to take. Meanwhile, the wardens, David, Lesley and the PCC continued to organise and monitor the everyday services and activities of the church, and we are ever grateful to the visiting retirees who have led our services, and continue to do so.

Our September PCC meeting opened with a presentation on the diocesan 'Parish Giving Scheme' which would run alongside our present 'Planned Giving' but would greatly reduce the administration work done by David and the finance team with regards Gift Aid claims. The PCC agreed to register for the scheme and a number of the PCC agreed to trial this before opening up to the rest of the parish. All contributions and Gift Aid claimed will still come to St Johns. We hope to roll this out to the parish in the new year 2026.

Throughout the year, Steve continued to monitor the church building, including roof repairs and blocked drainpipes! We were pleased to hear that the church heaters had been repaired thanks to a generous donation, and the perseverance of Steve, so we should be warm this winter, You may still get wet if you sit under the continuing leak in the lady chapel, although this has been considerably lessened but still needs attention. Steve has also done battle with sorting new accounts with energy suppliers, water rates and council tax for the church and vicarage. Thanks go to Steve for all the time and work he gives to these matters on top of all the other roles he has at St John's.

The PCC reviewed annual donations that are made by St Johns and agreed that they would remain the same in 2026 ie Tanzanian Church £600, Sat-7 £600 and the Bible Society £500. All other donations made are raised by fund raising events such as the Christingles - £650 to Children Society; Carols on the Green - £250 to MIND; Jig Saw Sale - £760 to Kids Connect. The Meols Community Choir and Great Meols Primary School Concert in October raised £1000 in aid of the RNLI.

Our relationship with Great Meols Primary school continues to flourish and they visit for educational activities and, Harvest and Christmas services while the school 'Ambassadors' have helped with our 'Soup at Home' packing and deliveries, and the school choir sang at our community Christmas lunch.

Other outreach activities include a Place of Welcome Café, Swap Shop with our partner church, St Chads, providing support for struggling families, The Big Shed Project provides furniture for emergency accommodation and baby equipment particularly in liaison with Heart4Refugees.

All these church activities and the additional children's events including Messy Church, Pancake Fun, Light Party etc would not happen without the support of all those (too many to list) who volunteer to help. Thank you to you all.

As the Parish vacancy continues into 2026, we must not take our situation to heart. This is not a reflection on our parish of St John's, but a national problem and we are not alone in our search. We must just pray that we will soon find a new incumbent to lead us forward, and in the meantime continue with the good works of the parish.

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST , GREAT MEOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

Please find my report as follows :

1 The Receipts and Payments Accounts comprising pages one to four provide the details. These are ---

Receipts and Payments summary
Receipts and Payments analysis
Balance sheet

2 Main highlights --

- a Overall there was a negative movement of all funds of £3,056.37 comprising ---
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|---|-----------------|
| Excess payments over receipts | 1,047.55 |
| Decrease in the valuation of investment | 2,008.82 |
| Per summary page | <u>3,056.37</u> |

It is important to note the above deficit includes one off donations and legacy of approx £25,000 .
Without these the deficit would have been approx. £28,000.

We cannot assume these large donations will recur which emphasizes the need for addition income to cover our costs.

To repeat last years report, the basic source of income of collections, planned giving and Gift Aid does not cover our Parish Share .For this reason we continue to encourage Parishioners to join the planned giving scheme and contribute as much as they can. I also need to remind everyone of the Parish Giving Scheme which is now available, with some of us having already enrolled .The Scheme is working well but needs more members signing up.

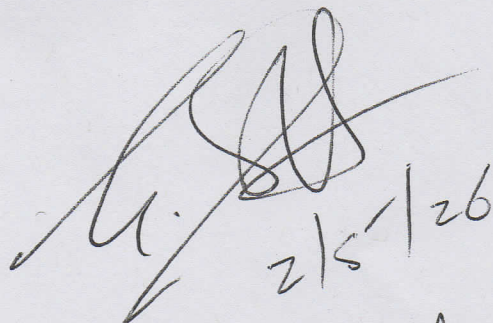
2025 comments and main highlights

b Receipts

- 1 All purpose donations include one off donations of £20,000 as mentioned above .
- 2 Planned Giving standing orders were down on 2024 by approx £2,000 .
- 3 One off heaters fund donations of £4,500 are within a designated fund with PCC discretion for usage.
- 4 Tax recoverable on Gift Aid is up on 2024 due to the one off donations above.
- 5 Hall lettings were up due some items redesignated from donations plus increased rates and activity. .
- 6 Investment income increased slightly due to the level on deposit during the year and interest rates changes.
- 7 Income from weddings and funerals were similar compared to 2024.
- 8 Grants and insurance claim of £9,984 were received for repairs as below.

d Payments

- 1 Parish Share increased in the year by 3% to £94,788
- 2 Total running costs were similar at £12,605 (2024 £13,161)
Running costs include gas, electric , insurance , water and telephone.
Gas costs were less in 2025 .
- 3 Major repairs consist of :-
Roof repairs £8,650 part covered by insurance claim receipt £8,250.
Replacement lighting £1,895 part covered by grant receipt £1,510.


2/5/26

Accepted at APCM on 26/4/26.
Signed on behalf of the PCC.

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e **Balance sheet**

1 Investment -- COIF Legacy Reserve

Current market value 2025 £101,025 , a decrease compared to 2024 by £2,008.

2 Bank , deposits and cash --- 2025 £71,146 a represents a decrease on 2024 of £947

3 Fund transfers

Net transfers into St John's deposit account from Barclays Bank amounted to £2,000.
This was for general cash flow purposes.

Net transfers into Keightley Trust deposit account from Barclays amounted to £1,280.28 ,
being net KT payments over receipts..

4 The Keightley Trust investment valuation at 31/12/2025 stood at £152,702.11 .

St Johns is only entitled to quarterly income as included in receipts .

5 Budget 2026 -- draft at the time of writing this report

This overall shows payments exceeding receipts by approximately £35,000 .

It assumes no large one off donations as in 2025 and that generally usual receipts and payments
will be at a similar level with a few exceptions.

This reinforces my comments above regarding the need for additional income.

Accounts approval and thanks

I wish to offer the accounts for 2025 to the meeting for their approval.

I also wish to thank Robert Smith FCA and everyone involved in the PCC who have helped me during the year.

In particular Steve Symes in addition to his duties as Warden.

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Saint John the Baptist
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

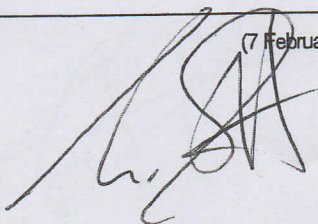
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	98,385.94	4,500.00	-	-	102,885.94	129,053.28
Income from charitable activities	20,304.90	-	-	-	20,304.90	18,334.79
Investments	1,252.84	-	-	-	1,252.84	352.17
Other income	11,669.36	-	5,401.96	-	17,071.32	18,617.68
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	131,613.04	4,500.00	5,401.96	-	141,515.00	166,357.92
Payments						
Raising funds	268.20	-	-	-	268.20	207.32
Expenditure on charitable activities	131,422.16	1,621.20	5,841.69	-	138,885.05	139,065.11
Other expenditure	3,409.30	-	-	-	3,409.30	9,229.89
Total Payments	135,099.66	1,621.20	5,841.69	-	142,562.55	148,502.32
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(3,486.62)	2,878.80	(439.73)	-	(1,047.55)	17,855.60
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(3,486.62)	2,878.80	(439.73)	-	(1,047.55)	17,855.60
Net movement in funds	(5,495.44)	2,878.80	(439.73)	-	(3,056.37)	22,843.71
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	152,589.15	-	21,861.58	-	174,450.73	151,607.02
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	147,093.71	2,878.80	21,421.85	-	171,394.36	174,450.73



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Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Planned giving standing orders	45,584.50	-	-	-	45,584.50	47,494.50
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,395.00	-	-	-	1,395.00	1,037.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,385.42	-	-	-	2,385.42	3,653.44
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	984.00	-	-	-	984.00	2,055.00
0502 - All purpose donations	25,142.53	-	-	-	25,142.53	10,440.95
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,937.33	-	-	-	3,937.33	7,970.89
0601 - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	17,347.66	-	-	-	17,347.66	11,838.75
0701 - Legacies	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	42,500.00
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
0902 - Sumup contactless donations	1,359.50	-	-	-	1,359.50	2,012.75
0903 - Heaters fund donations	-	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00	-
Donations and legacies Totals	98,385.94	4,500.00	-	-	102,885.94	129,053.28
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	2,681.00	-	-	-	2,681.00	2,868.00
1221 - Cafe ,coffee and lunches	6,670.00	-	-	-	6,670.00	8,519.79
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	10,323.90	-	-	-	10,323.90	6,397.00
1261 - Refugee furniture grant received	630.00	-	-	-	630.00	550.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	20,304.90	-	-	-	20,304.90	18,334.79
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,252.84	-	-	-	1,252.84	352.17
Investments Totals	1,252.84	-	-	-	1,252.84	352.17
Other income						
0802 - Grants received	1,734.36	-	-	-	1,734.36	7,980.00
0810 - Insurance claim	8,250.00	-	-	-	8,250.00	-
1021 - Barclays loyalty reward	-	-	-	-	-	93.94
1262 - Church holiday receipts	-	-	-	-	-	5,304.00
1263 - KT interest received	-	-	5,401.96	-	5,401.96	5,159.74
1505 - Gillian Rossiter collections	1,685.00	-	-	-	1,685.00	80.00
Other Income Totals	11,669.36	-	5,401.96	-	17,071.32	18,617.68
Receipts Grand Totals	131,613.04	4,500.00	5,401.96	-	141,515.00	166,357.92
Payments						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	268.20	-	-	-	268.20	207.32
Raising funds Totals	268.20	-	-	-	268.20	207.32
Expenditure on charitable activities						



	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	1,200.00	-	-	-	1,200.00	1,170.59
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	13.28	-	-	-	13.28	-
1850 - Home mission	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	30.00
1870 - Secular charities	93.09	-	-	-	93.09	40.53
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	94,788.72	-	-	-	94,788.72	92,027.88
2170 - Education	36.00	-	-	-	36.00	320.00
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-	70.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,413.67	-	-	-	4,413.67	3,940.47
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,403.35	-	-	-	1,403.35	1,020.57
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	170.00	-	-	-	170.00	200.00
2321 - Organist fees	1,380.00	-	-	-	1,380.00	1,875.00
2330 - Church maintenance	3,550.45	1,621.20	-	-	5,171.65	3,217.98
2331 - Cleaning	485.86	-	-	-	485.86	653.30
2340 - Upkeep of services	404.55	-	-	-	404.55	305.69
2345 - Funeral catering expenses	201.85	-	-	-	201.85	399.41
2360 - Administration	1,072.18	-	-	-	1,072.18	969.02
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	1,673.22	-	-	-	1,673.22	-
2375 - First Aid Training	576.00	-	-	-	576.00	-
2401 - Church running - electric	609.26	-	-	-	609.26	700.34
2402 - Vicarage electric and gas	274.95	-	-	-	274.95	-
2403 - Vicarage maintenance	15.46	-	-	-	15.46	-
2410 - Church running - gas	5,596.82	-	-	-	5,596.82	7,013.39
2420 - Church running - water	582.21	-	-	-	582.21	487.53
2501 - Magazine and printing expenses	848.25	-	-	-	848.25	615.47
2511 - Sumup contactless donations charges	23.56	-	-	-	23.56	36.39
2513 - Kitchen expenses	-	-	-	-	-	2,774.63
2514 - Soup and sandwich , Parish lunches expenses	35.88	-	-	-	35.88	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	8,650.00	-	-	-	8,650.00	723.93
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	2,484.99	-	-	-	2,484.99	9,974.78
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	224.36	-	-	-	224.36	5,680.00
2841 - Refugee furniture payment from grant	579.20	-	-	-	579.20	549.00
2843 - KT expenses	-	-	5,841.69	-	5,841.69	4,269.21
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	131,422.16	1,621.20	5,841.69	-	138,885.05	139,065.11
Other expenditure						
1835 - Gifts and dedications	58.41	-	-	-	58.41	252.94
2361 - Travel expenses	-	-	-	-	-	52.31
2362 - CCLI copyright licences and WEB costs	1,069.68	-	-	-	1,069.68	970.77
2365 - Gillian Rossiter Leaving presents	1,990.00	-	-	-	1,990.00	-
2512 - Bank charges	291.21	-	-	-	291.21	621.87
2842 - Church holiday payments	-	-	-	-	-	7,332.00
Other expenditure Totals	3,409.30	-	-	-	3,409.30	9,229.89
Payments Grand Totals	135,099.66	1,621.20	5,841.69	-	142,562.55	148,502.32




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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets		
6640: CCLA Legacy Reserve investment	101,025.56	103,034.38
Total Fixed assets	101,025.56	103,034.38
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account Barclays	8,866.71	11,767.73
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account St Johns	39,512.11	37,512.11
6511: CCLA (CBF) deposit account Keightley Trust	21,928.14	22,226.21
6590: Cash in hand	838.77	587.21
6595: Debtors	-	-
Total Current assets	71,145.73	72,093.26
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	776.93	676.91
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-
Total Liabilities	776.93	676.91
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	171,394.36	174,450.73
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(1,047.55)	17,855.60
Z01: Starting balances	174,450.73	151,607.02
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(2,008.82)	4,988.11
Total Reserves	171,394.36	174,450.73

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	147,093.71	152,589.15
Designated	2,878.80	-
Restricted	21,421.85	21,861.58
Total	171,394.36	174,450.73





Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
Parish of Saint John The Baptist , Great Meols

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1131062
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Set out on pages

One to four
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

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Dashboard which required the PCC reviewing and updating our Safeguarding policies, the final level will be complete in 2025.

We continue to err on caution with regard to coronavirus, and although the shared chalice has been reintroduced, many parishioners continue to opt to intinct. We continue to offer hand gel before communion.

In January, the roll out of the Diocese' new finance package 'My Fund Accounting' eagerly awaited by our treasurer, was delayed and was not actually implemented until October. Despite teething problems, the finance team, Steve Austin and Steve Symes have been able to upload our 2024 figures on to the new system in time to produce our end of year accounts.

Church finances continue to be a cause for concern especially as the shortfall between Planned Giving and our Parish Share forever widens. Church fundraising projects such as the Summer Fair, the Take-away Afternoon teas, the annual church barbecue, the 'Vicars Surprise' evening and the Advent Fair, which are all always well supported, not only bring people together but provide the extra that we need. However, these are dependent on people's good will, and we cannot guarantee being able to maintain long term. We were fortunate this year to receive two legacies from parishioners, which have helped to keep us solvent and without which we could have had a deficit of £24k.

Despite the ever-increasing costs of energy and the ongoing running of the church, St John's is in a better financial position than many churches, and we are thankful for the incredibly support we receive from so many people not just our church members, but also the wider community.

St John's continues to grow as the heart of the local community, together with links with the neighbouring churches of St Catherine's, St Andrew's, and St Hildeburgh's and of course St Chad's in Leasowe.

Members of the local community who are not members of our church community have continued to help with the making and delivering of soup and sandwiches to the housebound, joined in church activities, donated, and washed and ironed clothes for the Swap Shop at St Chads, donated pyjamas at Christmas, together with financial contributions to the causes we support. We are extremely thankful for their continuing support.

Links with Great Meol's Primary school have also continued, and the children have enjoyed Easter and Christmas Experiences organised by our church volunteers together with Harvest Festival and Christmas Concerts organised by school in church. They joined with the Community Choir in October for their annual charity concert and the School Ambassadors returned to help pack bags for our Soup & Sandwich deliveries.

Children have also enjoyed an evening of Pancake Fun on Shrove Tuesday, Messy Church events, a week-long Holiday Club based on 'Beauty and the Beast', a 'Light Party' in October, and a Christmas Fun Day. This year also saw the relaunch of our Sunday School and although numbers are small at present we hope to see them grow in 2025.

The numbers attending our Monday Café and Young at Heart group continue to increase both offering food, friendship and a 'Warm Space'. The Café held a fund-raising Cake Sale, together with a fundraiser for Christian Aid. The three 'Men's Breakfast' held throughout the year and the Patronal lunch in June, were all enjoyed by those who attended.

St John's hosted the Lent Lunches & Reflections this year. The Meol's Community Choir performed a very moving Passion play on Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday saw the annual early morning pilgrimage to Hilbre Island, following a short service it was back to St John's for coffee and bacon butties. At our confirmation service in October, Bishop Julie Conalty confirmed six of our members, together with others from St Hildeburg's. The end of the year saw our usual Christmas Toy service, with donations of new toys to Charles Thompson Mission, our ever-popular Christingle services and our service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Thankfully, we have had no major building projects this year, the west and east wall repairs being complete. However, there are always repairs and maintenance jobs to do, including replacing the metal shed with a wooden one that does not leak, replacing the Emergency doors in the hall and replacing the heaters in the Vestries. Our thanks to Steve Symes for overseeing and organising these jobs as well as being on hand to solve every maintenance and computer problem that arises. Constant rain and then storm damage and a blocked drain pipe gave cause to a series of leaks round the church resulting in the resurrection of scaffolding so that repairs could be carried out.

In July, Sheena suggested we got involved with Eco church, a scheme run by A Rocha UK equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles. By December having completed the questionnaire we received a Bronze level Award with some areas far exceeding the level required. We look forward in 2025 to building on this, so watch out for a Wilde Messy Church as the children start to create a wild garden.

Throughout 2024 we have continued to support Tanzanian Church (£600), SAT-7 (£600), the Bible Society (£500) and Childrens Society (£600). Carols on the Green raised £250 and Café fundraiser £455 for MIND, £500 went to the Charles Thompson Mission and Jig saw sales raised funds for KIDS CONNECT.

In September we were sorry to see Sheena Wilson step down as a Reader and will miss her contributions to church life. We were also devastated to learn that Rev Gillian was retiring in January. Her leadership over the past 18 years has been exemplary and we will miss her enthusiasm, boundless energy, friendship, and support to all in so many ways. This news raised so many questions about the future and how we prepare for the appointment of a new incumbent. Thankfully, Gillian laid the foundation of the work the ministry team and PCC needed to do in preparation for her successor.

2024 continued to provide challenges for everybody at St John's but it is thanks to Rev Gillian's leadership, with the support of the Ministry team, the Wardens, Steve and Martin, the PCC, and the army of ready volunteers that we continue to strengthen our church community at St John's and its impact on our wider community by being a 'Place of Welcome' and sanctuary.

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Saint John the Baptist
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	129,053.28	-	-	-	129,053.28	-
Income from charitable activities	18,334.79	-	-	-	18,334.79	-
Investments	352.17	-	-	-	352.17	-
Other income	13,457.94	-	5,159.74	-	18,617.68	-
Total Receipts	161,198.18	-	5,159.74	-	166,357.92	-
Payments						
Raising funds	207.32	-	-	-	207.32	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	134,776.04	-	4,289.07	-	139,065.11	-
Other expenditure	9,229.89	-	-	-	9,229.89	-
Total Payments	144,213.25	-	4,289.07	-	148,502.32	-
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	16,984.93	-	870.67	-	17,855.60	-
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	16,984.93	-	870.67	-	17,855.60	-
Net movement in funds	21,973.04	-	870.67	-	22,843.71	-
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	130,616.11	-	20,990.91	-	151,607.02	151,607.02
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	152,589.15	-	21,861.58	-	174,450.73	151,607.02
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	152,589.15	-	-	-	152,589.15	130,616.11
Restricted						
Keightley Trust	-	-	21,861.58	-	21,861.58	20,990.91

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**Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Planned giving standing orders	47,494.50	-	-	-	47,494.50	-
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,037.00	-	-	-	1,037.00	-
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,653.44	-	-	-	3,653.44	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,055.00	-	-	-	2,055.00	-
0502 - All purpose donations	10,440.95	-	-	-	10,440.95	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	7,970.89	-	-	-	7,970.89	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	11,838.75	-	-	-	11,838.75	-
0701 - Legacies	42,500.00	-	-	-	42,500.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	-
0902 - Sumup contactless donations	2,012.75	-	-	-	2,012.75	-
Donations and legacies Totals	129,053.28	-	-	-	129,053.28	-
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	2,868.00	-	-	-	2,868.00	-
1221 - Cafe, coffee and lunches	8,519.79	-	-	-	8,519.79	-
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	6,397.00	-	-	-	6,397.00	-
1261 - Refugee furniture grant received	550.00	-	-	-	550.00	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	18,334.79	-	-	-	18,334.79	-
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	352.17	-	-	-	352.17	-
Investments Totals	352.17	-	-	-	352.17	-
Other income						
0802 - Grants received	7,980.00	-	-	-	7,980.00	-
1021 - Barclays loyalty reward	93.94	-	-	-	93.94	-
1262 - Church holiday receipts	5,304.00	-	-	-	5,304.00	-
1263 - KT interest received	-	-	5,159.74	-	5,159.74	-
1505 - Gillian Rossiter collections	80.00	-	-	-	80.00	-
Other income Totals	13,457.94	-	5,159.74	-	18,617.68	-
Receipts Grand totals	161,198.18	-	5,159.74	-	166,357.92	-
Payments						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	207.32	-	-	-	207.32	-
Raising funds Totals	207.32	-	-	-	207.32	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	1,170.59	-	-	-	1,170.59	-

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
1850 - Home mission	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	-
1870 - Secular charities	40.53	-	-	-	40.53	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	92,027.88	-	-	-	92,027.88	-
2170 - Education	320.00	-	-	-	320.00	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,940.47	-	-	-	3,940.47	-
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,020.57	-	-	-	1,020.57	-
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
2321 - Organist fees	1,875.00	-	-	-	1,875.00	-
2330 - Church maintenance	3,217.98	-	-	-	3,217.98	-
2331 - Cleaning	653.30	-	-	-	653.30	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	305.69	-	-	-	305.69	-
2345 - Funeral catering expenses	399.41	-	-	-	399.41	-
2360 - Administration	969.02	-	-	-	969.02	-
2401 - Church running - electric	700.34	-	-	-	700.34	-
2410 - Church running - gas	7,013.39	-	-	-	7,013.39	-
2420 - Church running - water	487.53	-	-	-	487.53	-
2501 - Magazine and printing expenses	615.47	-	-	-	615.47	-
2511 - Sumup contactless donations charges	36.39	-	-	-	36.39	-
2513 - Kitchen expenses	2,754.77	-	19.86	-	2,774.63	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	723.93	-	-	-	723.93	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	9,974.78	-	-	-	9,974.78	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	5,680.00	-	-	-	5,680.00	-
2841 - Refugee furniture payment from grant	549.00	-	-	-	549.00	-
2843 - KT expenses	-	-	4,269.21	-	4,269.21	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	134,776.04	-	4,289.07	-	139,065.11	-
Other expenditure						
1835 - Gifts and dedications	252.94	-	-	-	252.94	-
2361 - Travel expenses	52.31	-	-	-	52.31	-
2362 - CCLI copyright licences and WEB costs	970.77	-	-	-	970.77	-
2512 - Bank charges	621.87	-	-	-	621.87	-
2842 - Church holiday payments	7,332.00	-	-	-	7,332.00	-
Other expenditure Totals	9,229.89	-	-	-	9,229.89	-
Payments Grand totals	144,213.25	-	4,289.07	-	148,502.32	-

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Saint John the Baptist

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6640: CCLA Legacy Reserve investment	103,034.38	-	-	-	103,034.38	98,046.27
Total	103,034.38	-	-	-	103,034.38	98,046.27
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account Barclays	18,790.93	-	(7,023.20)	-	11,767.73	14,678.19
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account St Johns	37,512.11	-	-	-	37,512.11	17,512.11
6511: CCLA (CBF) deposit account Keightley Trust	(786.78)	-	23,012.99	-	22,226.21	20,990.91
6590: Cash in hand	(5,787.82)	-	6,375.03	-	587.21	314.86
Total	49,728.44	-	22,364.82	-	72,093.26	53,496.07
Current Asset - Debtors						
6595: Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	1,101.68
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1,101.68
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	173.67	-	503.24	-	676.91	-
Total	173.67	-	503.24	-	676.91	-
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	1,037.00
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1,037.00
Net total assets	152,589.15	-	21,861.58	-	174,450.73	151,607.02
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	152,589.15	-	-	-	152,589.15	130,616.11
Restricted - KT	-	-	21,861.58	-	21,861.58	20,990.91
Total	152,589.15	-	21,861.58	-	174,450.73	151,607.02

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
Parish of Saint John The Baptist , Great Meols

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1131062

Set out on pages

One to four

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Robert Smith

Date:

11-5-25

Name:

Robert Smith

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

FCA

Address:

C/O St John The Baptist Great Meols

Forest Road

Meols , Wirral

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



Section A

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

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PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ending

31st December 2023

The principal function of the PCC is “to promote, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.” The PCC members are also Trustees, and, therefore, stewards both of the mission and the resources of the Church, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering its charitable outcomes. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church Centre.

PCC members were:

Vicar	Revd. Canon Gillian Rossiter
Readers	David Moss Lesley Young
Churchwardens	Adele Sedgwick Martin Hodson
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Lesley Young Claire Barnard, Daniel Branch, Eunice Moss Sheena Wilson
Pastoral Worker	Chris Branch Andy Liston (from October) Alex Calvert (from October)
Elected members	Steve Austin (Treasurer) Gill Childs Rowan Connell Sue Dutton (Secretary) Jean Hodgson Hazel Moon Clare O’Connell Steve Symes (Assistant Treasurer)

The PCC met on six occasions in 2023, only once having to resort to a virtual meeting while the Standing Committee met together on five occasions.

Although all coronavirus guidance had eased we continued to air on the side of caution due to the increasing numbers of covid and flu. The PCC monitored this decision throughout the year and from May it was agreed that masks were no longer

required, and the chalice was reintroduced for dipping of wafers. We continue to offer hand gel before communion and have not yet reinstated the use of the shared chalice.

The finances of the church are a constant worry especially this year with increased costs of energy and the work we are about to start on the East Wall. Our Parish Share increases annually, this year being more than £87,600. It is always hoped that Planned Giving will provide the resources to cover this as any shortfall means dipping into our reserves. Despite the ever-increasing costs of energy and the ongoing running of the church, St John's is probably in a better financial position than many churches and we are thankful for the incredibly support we receive from so many people not just our church members, but also the wider community.

St John's continues to grow as the heart of the local community, together with links with the neighbouring churches of St Catherine's, St Andrew's, and St Hildeburgh's and of course St Chad's in Leasowe.

Members of the local community who are not members of our church community have continued to help with the making and delivering of soup and sandwiches to the housebound, joined in church activities, donated, and washed and ironed clothes for the Swop Shop at St Chads, donated pyjamas at Christmas, together with financial contributions to the causes we support. We are extremely thankful for all this support.

All our volunteers were invited to our Coronation lunch in May, a perfect example of 'Everyday Faith' being extended beyond our church into the community, and everyone enjoyed being in the fellowship of the church.

Links with Great Meol's Primary have also continued, and the children have enjoyed Easter and Christmas Experiences organised by our church volunteers together with Harvest Festival and Christmas Concerts organised by school in church. They joined with the Community Choir in October for their annual concert raising £600 for the Air Ambulance. Pupils who are School Ambassadors have visited to see how we organise our Soup & Sandwich deliveries and will be coming back again to actually pack the bags and deliver them.

Children have also enjoyed an evening of Pancake Fun on Shrove Tuesday, a Childrens Coronation Event, Messy Church, a week-long Holiday Club, and a Youth weekend, sleeping over in the church.

Numbers attending our Monday Café and Young at Heart group continue to increase both offering food, friendship and a 'Warm Space'. The Café has hosted several special events including a fund-raising Cake Sale, and a 'Vision' Café to share ideas on what we can do to engage more people with the church. The Men's Breakfast was re-introduced in September and the ladies held a Curry Night

The Meol's Community Choir performed a very moving Passion play on Palm Sunday and St Hildeburgh's hosted the Lent Lunches this year, while at St John's we had an Easter Labyrinth: Journey to Jerusalem.

Meetings with the architect and stone mason in March 2022 defined exactly what repair work was needed to the East wall but unfortunately gaining approval took so long that the PCC decided to postpone the work till Spring 2023. Steve Gee took over the overseeing of this project. By the time the formal contract had been agreed and signed the work eventually started in June. On the plus side this gave us more time to fund raise, however, it also meant an increase in cost as building materials continue to soar

Our thanks to Steve Gee for monitoring this project and to Steve Symes for overseeing all the other repairs and maintenance of the fabric of the church including the upgrading of our Router and Network in church which enabled us to introduce a Card Reader for on-line payments.

Fund raising events to pay for the wall dominated the year including a Patronal Take-away Tea, a Parish Barbecue in July, a Jigsaw Sale, Buy a Brick, and Martin and Natalie's sponsored walk. 37 miles round perimeter of the Wirral peninsular, a staggering 77,748 steps, all in one day! They were joined on the day by Rowan (dressed as the Church Wall), Sarah and the O'Connell family and more than £2,300 was raised by them all.

Other fundraising has continued and throughout the year we have been able to support Tanzanian Church (£600), SAT-7 (£600), the Bible Society (£500) and Childrens Society (£600). Carols on the Green raised £250 for MIND, £600 was raised for the Air Ambulance, £1,485 for KIDS CONNECT and £300 towards the earthquake appeal.

At our APCM in May Tim Smith stepped down as Church Warden and we welcomed Martin Hodgson to succeed him and to support Adele. Tim was thanked for his hard work and dealing with the ever-changing rules of Covid to keep us all safe within the church environment. In June we said goodbye to our curate Reverend Francis as she completed her training and moved on to pastures new. Then in October we were pleased to welcome both Andy Liston and Alex Calvert to our Pastoral team and celebrated their licensing with a Bring and Share lunch.

2023 continued to provide challenges for everybody at St John's but it is thanks to Rev Gillian's leadership, with the support of the Ministry team, the Wardens, Adele and Martin, the PCC, and the army of ready volunteers that we continue to strengthen our church community at St John's and its impact on our wider community by being a 'Place of Welcome' and sanctuary.

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**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST , GREAT MEOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Please find my report below as follows :

Receipts and payments accounts

Overall payments exceeded receipts by £49,617 for all funds.

As summarised below this arose mainly due to the funding shortfall for the East Wall, and external storage repairs ,and the Parish Share cost.

See pages the Receipts and Payments Accounts comprising pages one to three for the details.

Main highlights --

- a It is obviously concerning that overall payments exceeded receipts by £49,617 for all funds .
To reduce this deficit it will need continued efforts to increase income, eg maximising planned giving and fund raising events etc.
- To repeat last years report, the basic source of income of collections, planned giving and Gift Aid does not cover our Parish Share .For this reason we continue to encourage Parishioners to join the planned giving scheme and contribute as much as they can.
- b **2023 receipts comments**
- 1 The major variance being the donations received towards the East Wall repairs. See below
 - 2 Voluntary income was down due partly to a smaller legacy receipt and fewer Planned Giving (see above).
 - 3 Hall letting was up partly due increased rates and activity. .
 - 4 Investment income was up on 2022 with increased interest rates.
 - 5 Income from Church activities dropped in 2023 with fewer weddings and funerals in 2023
 - 6 Other income resources is less due to the timing of holiday deposits compared to 2022.
- c **East Wall repairs and external storage expenditure all funds :**
Expenditure here exceeded donations and grant received by £18,447 :
- | | East
Wall | External
storage | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| Total donations and grant all funds | 35,665 | 7,010 | 42,675 |
| Total expenditure all funds | 53,973 | 7,149 | 61,122 |
| Shortfall | -18,308 | -139 | -18,447 |
- The shortfalls within the restricted funds have been covered by a transfer from the unrestricted fund. Per page 1 of the Accounts.
- d **2023 other major payments**
- 1 Parish Share increased in the year by 3% to £87,646
 - 2 Total running costs increase by 63% to £13,119
Running costs for heating, lighting , insurance , water etc increased due to inflation and heavy demands for heating during the year.
 - 3 Kitchen costs have increased to £4,962 with more activity.

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS
 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

e **Balance sheet**

1 **Investment --- COIF Legacy Reserve**

Current market value 2023 £98,047 (2022 £87,253) an increase of £10,794.

2 **Bank and deposits** 2023 £52,459 (2022 £96,362)

The bank account balance and deposits have decreased by £43,903.

See above net payments £49,430.

Net withdrawals from the St John's deposit account totalled £42,000 were transferred to Barclays Bank account to help fund the year's payments.

3 **Debtors**

Gift Aid receivable from HMRC 2023 £1,101 (2022 £6,900).

The Gift Aid claim for the final period to 31 December 2023 for £1,101 was received in January 2024.

4 **Creditors**

2022 Deferred income regarding the East Wall repairs and external storage £22,695 has now be transferred from Unrestricted Fund to the respective Restricted funds . See Accounts page one.

5 Keightley Trust investment market value 2023 £155,501 (2022 £142,023), increased by £13,478 compared to 2022. Note 3a to the accounts.

Accounts approval and thanks

I wish to offer the accounts for 2023 to the meeting for their approval.

I also wish to thank Robert Smith FCA and everyone involved in the PCC who have helped me during the year.
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds				Total Funds	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Keightley Trust	East Wall Repairs	External Storage			
Cash funds							
CSP Deposit Funds	17,013	20,596	0	0	37,609	70,514	72,342
Bank current account and cash	13,590	0	0	0	13,590	16,807	27,507
	30,603	20,596	0	0	51,199	87,321	99,849
Other monetary assets							
Debtors	1,101	0	0	0	1,101	6,900	6,900
Investment assets							
COA Legacy Reserve current value	98,047	0	0	0	98,047	87,253	87,253
Liabilities							
Arrears	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,158
Deferred Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,695
	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,537

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees
 Reverend Gillian Rossiter (PCC Chairman)

Date

Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund Keightley Trust	Restricted fund East Wall Repairs	Restricted fund External storage	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary income	68,125		1,935		70,060	72,242
Activities for generating funds	36,934		13,680		50,614	27,807
Income from investments	3,171	5,147			8,318	4,944
Income from Church activities	3,793				3,793	6,501
Other income resources	3,124				3,124	7,110
Total	115,147	5,147	15,615	0	135,909	118,604
Investment disposals	0	0	0	0	0	25,000
Total receipts	115,147	5,147	15,615	0	135,909	143,604
Payments Church activities						
Total payments	133,818	3,186	41,373	7,149	185,526	125,653
Net (payments) receipts	-18,671	1,961	-25,758	-7,149	-49,617	17,951
Deferred income 2022 carried forward to 2023	-14,460		7,450	7,010	0	22,695
Transfers between funds	-18,447		18,308	139	0	0
Cash funds last year end	83,047	19,029			102,076	61,430
Cash funds this year end	31,469	20,990	0	0	52,459	102,076

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund Keightley Trust	Restricted fund East Wall Repairs	Restricted fund External storage	Total funds	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
CBF Deposit Funds	17,513	20,990	0	0	38,503	79,518
Bank current account and cash	13,956	0	0	0	13,956	16,844
	31,469	20,990	0	0	52,459	96,362
Other monetary assets						
Debtors	1101	0	0	0	1,101	6,900
Investment assets						
CCLA Legacy Reserve current value	98,047	0	0	0	98,047	87,253
Liabilities						
Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	-1,186
Deferred income	0	0	0	0	0	-22,695
	0	0	0	0	0	-23,881

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Date

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Payments

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund Keightley Trust	Restricted fund East Wall Repairs	Restricted fund External storage	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1 Receipts						
Voluntary income						
General collections open plate	2,918				2,918	2,634
Planned giving envelopes	2,920				2,920	2,647
Planned giving standing orders	48,445				48,445	50,151
Gift Aid	11,842		1,935		13,777	11,810
Legacies	2,000				2,000	5,000
	<u>68,125</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,060</u>	<u>72,242</u>
Activities for generating funds						
Church Hall lettings	5,122				5,122	4,300
Donations, café ,and funds raised paid over to various Charities on page 3	27,447		13,680		41,127	23,507
Donations East Wall designated fund	4,365				4,365	0
	<u>36,934</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,680</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,614</u>	<u>27,807</u>
Income from investments						
Deposit interest	3,171				3,171	478
Deposit account /investment income	0	5,147			5,147	4,466
	<u>3,171</u>	<u>5,147</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,318</u>	<u>4,944</u>
Income from Church activities						
Weddings and funerals	3,793	0	0	0	3,793	6,501
Other income resources						
Church holiday deposits received	3,009				3,009	7,000
Barclays loyalty bonus	115				115	110
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3 Funds

4 Receipts

The Keightley Trust Fund represents income from CDF investments and is managed by the Keightley Trust Board of Finance with a total value of £1,000,000. The capital investment spread includes included in these accounts. The income from the fund is to be used for educational and mission purposes within the Parish.

5 East Wall repairs designated fund within the restricted fund

Comprise: —
 Donations received 12,500
 Expenditure allocated (2,500)
 Balance at 31/12/23 10,000

6 East Wall repairs and external storage restricted funds

	East Wall	External Storage	Total
Donations, grants received	25,000	1,000	26,000
Expenditure	(11,500)	(1,000)	(12,500)
Balance at receipt	13,500	0	13,500
Unrestricted fund transfer	(13,500)	0	(13,500)
Balance at 31/12/23	0	0	0

2 Payments

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund Keightley Trust	Restricted fund East Wall Repairs	Restricted fund External storage	Total funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church activities						
Missionary and charitable giving Overseas:						
Tanzanian church	600				600	600
Home:						
Bible society	500				500	0
Air Ambulance	600				600	0
SAT	600				600	600
MIND	250				250	2,625
Ukraine	0				0	1,250
Kids Konnect	1,485				1,485	0
Children's Society	600				600	873
Earthquake appeal	300				300	0
	4,935	0	0	0	4,935	5,948
Parish share	87,646				87,646	85,093
East Wall repairs and external storage	0		41,373	7,149	48,522	0
East Wall repairs designated fund	12,600				12,600	0
Church running costs, insurance , power ,water	13,119				13,119	8,040
Church maintenance and repairs	923				923	3,728
Weddings & funeral fees to Chester DBF	2,166				2,166	3,556
Staff costs organist	1,360				1,360	1,670
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Kitchen and soup/sandwiches expenses	4,962				4,962	2,802
Printing & stationery	1,347				1,347	1,372
Upkeep of services	494				494	427
Training and mission	30				30	30
Bank charges	744				744	619
Sum up commission	24				24	0
Sundries	1,741				1,741	2,432
Church holiday hotel deposit paid	1,200				1,200	7,215
Presents and donations	302				302	178
Total payments	133,818	3,186	41,373	7,149	185,526	125,653

3 Funds

a Keightley Trust : Restricted

The Keightley Trust Fund represents income from CBF Investment Fund held by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance with market value of £155,501 (£142,023 as at 31/12/2022). The capital investment is not therefore included in these accounts. The income from the fund is to be used for Educational and mission purposes within the Parish.

b East Wall repairs :designated fund within the unrestricted fund

Comprises ---	
Donations received	12,600
Expenditure allocated	<u>12,600</u>
Balance at 31/12/23	<u>£0</u>

b East Wall repairs and external storage: restricted funds

	East Wall	External Storage	Total
Donations, grant received	23,065	7,010	30,075
Expenditure	41,373	7,149	48,522
Shortfall of receipts	18,308	139	18,477
Undesignated fund transfer	18,308	139	18,477
Balance at 31/12/23	£0	£0	£0

Name: Robert Smith FCA

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of **Parish of St John The Baptist , Great Meols**

On accounts for the year ended **31 December 2023** Charity no **113062**

Set out on pages **One to Five**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Robert Smith FCA**

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST , GREAT MEOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Please find my report below as follows :

Receipts and payments accounts

Overall payments exceeded receipts by £49,617 for all funds.

As summarised below this arose mainly due to the funding shortfall for the East Wall, and external storage repairs ,and the Parish Share cost.

See pages the Receipts and Payments Accounts comprising pages one to three for the details.

Main highlights --

- a It is obviously concerning that overall payments exceeded receipts by £49,617 for all funds .
To reduce this deficit it will need continued efforts to increase income, eg maximising planned giving and fund raising events etc.
- To repeat last years report, the basic source of income of collections, planned giving and Gift Aid does not cover our Parish Share .For this reason we continue to encourage Parishioners to join the planned giving scheme and contribute as much as they can.
- b **2023 receipts comments**
- 1 The major variance being the donations received towards the East Wall repairs. See below
 - 2 Voluntary income was down due partly to a smaller legacy receipt and fewer Planned Giving (see above).
 - 3 Hall letting was up partly due increased rates and activity. .
 - 4 Investment income was up on 2022 with increased interest rates.
 - 5 Income from Church activities dropped in 2023 with fewer weddings and funerals in 2023
 - 6 Other income resources is less due to the timing of holiday deposits compared to 2022.
- c **East Wall repairs and external storage expenditure all funds :**
Expenditure here exceeded donations and grant received by £18,447 :
- | | East
Wall | External
storage | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Total donations and grant all funds | 35,665 | 7,010 | 42,675 |
| Total expenditure all funds | 53,973 | 7,149 | 61,122 |
| Shortfall | <u>-18,308</u> | <u>-139</u> | <u>-18,447</u> |
- The shortfalls within the restricted funds have been covered by a transfer from the unrestricted fund. Per page 1 of the Accounts.
- d **2023 other major payments**
- 1 Parish Share increased in the year by 3% to £87,646
 - 2 Total running costs increase by 63% to £13,119
Running costs for heating, lighting , insurance , water etc increased due to inflation and heavy demands for heating during the year.
 - 3 Kitchen costs have increased to £4,962 with more activity.

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS
 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

e **Balance sheet**

1 **Investment --- COIF Legacy Reserve**

Current market value 2023 £98,047 (2022 £87,253) an increase of £10,794.

2 **Bank and deposits** 2023 £52,459 (2022 £96,362)

The bank account balance and deposits have decreased by £43,903.

See above net payments £49,430.

Net withdrawals from the St John's deposit account totalled £42,000 were transferred to Barclays Bank account to help fund the year's payments.

3 **Debtors**

Gift Aid receivable from HMRC 2023 £1,101 (2022 £6,900).

The Gift Aid claim for the final period to 31 December 2023 for £1,101 was received in January 2024.

4 **Creditors**

2022 Deferred income regarding the East Wall repairs and external storage £22,695 has now be transferred from Unrestricted Fund to the respective Restricted funds . See Accounts page one.

5 **Keightley Trust investment market value** 2023 £155,501 (2022 £142,023), increased by £13,478 compared to 2022.

Note 3a to the accounts.

Accounts approval and thanks

I wish to offer the accounts for 2023 to the meeting for their approval.

I also wish to thank Robert Smith FCA and everyone involved in the PCC who have helped me during the year.

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds				Total Funds	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Keightley Trust	East Wall Repairs	External Storage			
Cash funds							
CSP Deposit Funds	17,013	20,596	0	0	37,609	70,514	72,342
Bank current account and cash	13,590	0	0	0	13,590	16,807	27,507
	30,603	20,596	0	0	51,199	87,321	99,849
Other monetary assets							
Debtors	1,101	0	0	0	1,101	6,900	6,900
Investment assets							
COIF Legacy Reserve current value	98,047	0	0	0	98,047	87,253	87,253
Liabilities							
Arrears	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,158
Deferred Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,695
	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,537

Signed on behalf of all the Trustees
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Date

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	0	0	0	0	0	-23,881

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Payments

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Deposit account /investment income	0	5,147			5,147	4,466
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Income from Church activities						
Weddings and funerals	3,793	0	0	0	3,793	6,501
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Church holiday deposits received	3,009				3,009	7,000
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3 Funds

4 Receipts

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5 East Wall repairs designated fund within the unrestricted fund

Comptroller: —
 Donations received: 13,680
 Expenditure allocated: (13,680)
 Balance at 31/12/23: 0

6 East Wall repairs and external storage restricted funds

	East Wall	External Storage	Total
Donations, grants received	13,680	0	13,680
Expenditure	(13,680)	(0)	(13,680)
Balance at receipt	0	0	0
Unrestricted fund transfer	13,680	0	13,680
Balance at 31/12/23	0	0	0

2 Payments

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b East Wall repairs :designated fund within the unrestricted fund

Comprises ---	
Donations received	12,600
Expenditure allocated	<u>12,600</u>
Balance at 31/12/23	<u>£0</u>

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Accounts

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ending

31st December 2022

The principal function of the PCC is “to promote, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.” The PCC members are also Trustees, and, therefore, stewards both of the mission and the resources of the Church, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering its charitable outcomes. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church Centre.

PCC members were:

Vicar	Revd. Canon Gillian Rossiter
Readers	David Moss Lesley Young
Churchwardens	Adele Sedgwick Tim Smith
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Lesley Young Claire Barnard, Daniel Branch, Eunice Moss Sheena Wilson
Pastoral Worker	Chris Branch Julia Johnson
Elected members	Steve Austin (Treasurer) Gill Childs Rowan Connell Sue Dutton (Secretary) Jean Hodgson Andy Liston Hazel Moon Clare O’Connell Steve Symes (Assistant Treasurer)

Virtual meetings on Zoom have become a welcome alternative to face-to-face on occasions of inclement weather or time constraints, however, the PCC resorted to meeting virtually on only two occasions (January and May) and face to face for the other four meetings of the year, while the

Standing Committee resorted to only one of their six meetings being a virtual meeting.

The impact of coronavirus continued to be evident throughout 2022. By March although all guidance had been eased, we have still offered hand gel and masks for use, and we continue to ask for masks to be worn to go up for communion. Neither have we reinstated the use of the chalice yet. Despite these restrictions it has been good to see families returning to church.

2022 has seen St John's continuing to grow as the heart of the local community. We have forged closer links with St Catherine's and with St Andrews churches with joint services and events such as the Jubilee Celebrations and Jubilee Messy Church. Links with Great Meols Primary also continue to grow and the children have enjoyed Easter and Christmas Experiences organised by our church volunteers together with Harvest Festival and Christmas Concerts organised by school in church.

The support we have received from members of the local community who are not members of our church community has surpassed all expectations as they have helped with the making and delivering of soup and sandwiches to the housebound, joined in church activities, helped with events such as our Jubilee celebrations, donated and washed and ironed clothes for the Swap Shop at St Chads, donated over 160 pairs of pyjamas at Christmas together with financial contributions to the causes we support. We are extremely thankful for all this support.

The 'Warm Space' initiative supported by five churches in Hoylake and Meols, each offering food, friendship, and warmth on one of the five days of the week, has contributed to the increased numbers attending our Monday Café and Young at Heart group.

We had already started to update our Safeguarding and Recruitment of volunteer processes in 2021 but when Bishop Julie expressed concerns and supported a new Safeguarding, Learning and Development Framework, PCC members/Readers/ Wardens/ Pastoral Workers/Clergy were all expected to update DBS checks and complete more stringent training modules, both now having to be renewed every three years. I am pleased to report that all the St John's team and PCC have now completed these new requirements and are compliant.

An alternate design for our 10 Commandments boards has been going on all year due to the tardiness of both getting agreement to replace them and the company tasked with the job. At long last the boards were delivered in March 2023 and we look forward to them being dedicated at Easter by Bishop Julie.

In March meetings with the architect and stone mason defined exactly what repair work needed doing to the East wall and we hoped that by May we would see the return of the scaffolding. Unfortunately gaining approval took so long that by August the PCC decided to postpone the work till Spring 2023. On the plus side this would give us more time to fund raise however it would also mean an increase in cost as building materials continue to soar.

Our thanks to Steve Symes for monitoring this project and overseeing all the other repairs and maintenance of the fabric of the church.

Our Parish Share increases annually, this year being more than £85,000. It is hoped that Planned Giving will provide the resources to cover this as any shortfall means dipping into our reserves. Despite the ever-increasing costs of energy and the ongoing running of the church, St John's is probably in a better financial position than many churches and we are thankful for the incredibly support we receive from so many people not just our church members but the wider community.

Fundraising has continued and throughout the year we have been able to support Tanzanian Church (£600), SAT-7 (£600) and Childrens Society (£873). The Jubilee celebration events raised £2625 for MIND while £1250 was raised for Ukraine.

We are always sorry to lose members of the St John's family for whatever reason. In July, Julia Johnson stepped down as a Pastoral Worker after 16 years of support and kind words to many of our parishioners. Also, in July we saw 1st Great Meols Guides disband as Clare O'Connell stepped down as leader. The unit started at St John's church in the 1940's, the last 20 of which have been under Clare's leadership.

Now this month we see Tim Smith stand down as Churchwarden having held the post for the past six years. Tim has worked tirelessly in that time for the good of the church and our church community contributing enormously to every part of church life. The ever-changing Covid restrictions must have been exhausting and I am sure tested his patience to the limit on occasions, but his sense of humour and the support of Adele and others have carried him through.

2022 continued to provide challenges for everybody at St John's but it is thanks to Rev Gillian's leadership, with the support of the Ministry team, the Wardens, Tim and Adele, the PCC, and the army of ready volunteers that we continue to strengthen our church community at St John's and its impact on our wider community by being a 'Place of Welcome' and sanctuary.

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**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST , GREAT MEOLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find my report below as follows :

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Income and expenditure account

The result overall shows expenditure exceeded income by £18,282 including a decrease in the CCLA investment valuation and disposals in the year. This is summarised below :-

	2022	2021	Variance Increase / (decrease)
	£	£	£
<u>Income comprised of the following main categories --</u>			
Voluntary income	72,242	69,773	2,469
Activities for generating funds	27,807	22,627	5,180
Income from investments	4,944	4,136	807
Income from Church activities	6,501	9,471	-2,970
Other income resources	110	2,162	-2,052
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	111,604	108,169	3,435

Expenditure

Overall resources expended was --

	118,653	124,801	-6,148
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Net amount of expenses over income before investment valuation movement

	-7,049	-16,632	9,583
Investment valuation reduction (2021 gain)	-11,233	18,138	-29,371
Overall loss	-18,282	1,506	-19,788

Main highlights --

a Expenditure again has exceed income due primarily to the comments below.

To repeat last years report, the basic source of income of collections, planned giving and Gift Aid does not cover our Parish Share .For this reason we continue to encourage Parishioners to join the planned giving scheme and contribute as much as they can.

Income overall is fairly similar to 2021.

- c The essential repairs to the East Wall in 2023 are likely to cost in the region of £50,000 . Donations and fund raising in 2022 of £15,685 have therefore been carried forward to 2023 as deferred income. Fund raising and donations are hoped to continue in 2023 to help finance these repairs.

A lottery grant of £7,010 was received in the year specifically for external storage to take place in 2023. The income has been carried forward to 2023 as deferred income also , to match the expenditure. The cost of the external storage is estimated at £7,000.

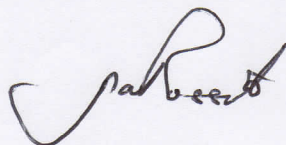
- d The major cost was the Parish share 85,093 83,218 1,875
Other major costs include --
Running costs 7,683 7,678 5
Major Repairs 3,064 10,497 -7,433
Major repairs show a reduction as 2021 contained West Wall repairs .

**e Balance sheet
Main highlights --**

1 Investment --- COIF Legacy Reserve

The fixed asset investment is stated at the market valuation (fair value) as at 31 December 2022 of £87,254 A disposal of units took place in the year in the amount of £25,000.

The change in market value of the COIF investment was a decrease of £11,233 See note 4 to accounts. This highlights the fact that investment valuations can rise and fall.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

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	2022	2021	Variance Increase / (decrease)
	£	£	£
2 Bank and deposits			
Total	96,362	59,021	37,341
The bank account balance and deposits have increased by £37,340. This is partly due to the disposal of investment units as above.			
3 Debtors			
Gift Aid receivable from HMRC	6,900	2,833	4,067
Gift Aid will be received in the early part of 2023.			
4 Creditors			
Total	£23,881	425	23,456
Contains:			
Sundry accrued expenses	£1,186	425	761
Deferred income regarding the East Wall repairs and external storage.	£22,695	0	22,695

5 Keightley Trust investment value has also fallen as per Market conditions at this time. (Note 7 to accounts).

f 2023 major expenditure

As described above , there is going to be some large expenditure on the East Wall repairs and external store of approximately £57,000.

To offset against this , donations and a grant totaling £22,695 at 31 December 2022 have been treated as deferred income above.

Further fund raising will take place in 2023 and other resources of the Church will be used to pay the remainder.

Accounts approval and thanks

I wish to offer the accounts for 2022 to the meeting for their approval.

I also wish to thank Robert Smith FCA and everyone involved in the PCC who have helped me during the year. S Austin

LIABILITIES

Creditors amounts falling due in one year

NET CURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

PARISH FUNDS

Unrestricted

Restricted

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14th signed on its behalf by
Reverend Gillian Fowler (PCC Chairman)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income		72,242	0	72,242	69,773
Activities for generating funds		27,807	0	27,807	22,627
Income from investments		478	4,466	4,944	4,136
Income from Church activities		6,501	0	6,501	9,471
Other income resources		110	0	110	2,162
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	2	107,138	4,466	111,604	108,169
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church activities					
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3	116,110	2,543	118,653	124,801
NET MOVEMENT IN RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS					
Net (Loss)/gain on investment valuation	4	-8,972	1,923	-7,049	-16,632
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY		167,810	17,106	184,916	183,410
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		147,605	19,029	166,634	184,916
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022					
				2022	2021
				£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	4			87,253	123,487
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5			6,900	2,833
CBF Deposit Funds				79,518	44,949
Bank current account and cash				16,844	14,072
				<u>103,262</u>	<u>61,854</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors amounts falling due in one year	6			23,881	425
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>79,381</u>	<u>61,429</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				<u>166,634</u>	<u>184,916</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted	7			147,605	167,810
Restricted	7			19,029	17,106
				<u>166,634</u>	<u>184,916</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on <> signed on its behalf by
 Reverend Gillian Rossiter (PCC Chairman)

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST GREAT MEOLS

**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice Practice (SORP 2005).

b FUNDS

Restricted Funds represent (A) income from Trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the Trust of Bequest and (B) Donations or Grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary expenses.

c INCOME RESOURCES

Planned giving collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is receivable. Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income resources are accounted for gross.

d RESOURCES EXPENDED

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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 NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income				
General collections open plate	2,634		2,634	2,028
Planned giving envelopes	2,647		2,647	4,063
Planned giving standing orders	50,151		50,151	49,164
Gift Aid	11,810		11,810	14,518
Legacies	5,000		5,000	0
	<u>72,242</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>72,242</u>	<u>69,773</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	5,080		5,080	2,211
Church Hall general donations	22,727	0	22,727	20,416
	<u>27,807</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,807</u>	<u>22,627</u>
Income from investments				
Deposit interest	478		478	44
Deposit account /investment income	0	4,466	4,466	4,092
	<u>478</u>	<u>4,466</u>	<u>4,944</u>	<u>4,136</u>
Income from Church activities				
Weddings and funerals	6,501	0	6,501	9,471
Other income resources				
Lottery grant	0		0	2,083
Barclays loyalty bonus	110		110	79
	<u>110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>2,162</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>107,138</u>	<u>4,466</u>	<u>111,604</u>	<u>108,169</u>

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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Church activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Overseas:				
Tanzanian church	600		600	600
Home:				
Bible society	0		0	250
Echoes International	0		0	50
Ukraine	1,250		1,250	0
SAT	600		600	600
MIND	2,625		2,625	500
Kids Konnect	0		0	1,400
Children's Society	873		873	400
Heart 4 Refugees return of funds	0		0	1,377
Charles Thompson Mission	0		0	500
	<u>5,948</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,948</u>	<u>5,677</u>
Parish share	85,093	0	85,093	83,218
Major repairs and expenditure	3,064	0	3,064	10,497
Church running costs, insurance , heat/light ,water	7,683	0	7,683	7,678
Church maintenance and repairs	664	0	664	503
Weddings & funeral fees to Chester DBF	3,556	0	3,556	5,392
Staff costs organist	1,670	0	1,670	1,615
Vicar's expenses	0	0	0	90
Keightley Trust expenses per Note 7 (A1)	0	2,543	2,543	1,221
Kitchen and soup/sandwiches expenses	2,802	0	2,802	2,403
Printing & stationery	1,372	0	1,372	385
Upkeep of services	427	0	427	404
Training and mission	30	0	30	54
Bank charges	619	0	619	486
Sundries	3,004	0	3,004	4,670
Presents and donations	178	0	178	508
	<u>116,110</u>	<u>2,543</u>	<u>118,653</u>	<u>124,801</u>

External storage
Expenditure regarding the continued external storage of approximately £7,400 will take place in 2023.
A liability of £7,210 having already been recorded in 2022 has been carried forward into deferred income also.

	Keightley Trust repairs	External storage	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	17,108	0	17,108
Income resources	2,450	0	2,450
Resources expended	(2,543)	0	(2,543)
Balance at 31 December 2022	16,915	0	16,915

Restricted fund - designated fund
This designated fund includes a designated fund also in respect of the East Wall repairs.
This is in addition to the restricted fund above for repairs to take place in 2023.
Donations to date as a designated fund have been carried forward to 2023 which deferred income also.
The designated fund for the East Wall repairs at 31 December 2022 amounted to £0 because it is within
deferred income, see Note 5.

**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
4 FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	123,487	105,349
Disposals at carrying value	-25,000	0
Add/(deduct) net gain / loss on revaluation page 1	-11,233	18,138
Carrying value at end of year	<u>87,254</u>	<u>123,487</u>
5 DEBTORS		
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>6,900</u>	<u>2,833</u>
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>2,833</u>
6 LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and other creditors	1,186	425
Deferred income ---East Wall and external storage	<u>22,695</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>23,881</u>	<u>425</u>

Deferred income represents donations received for East Wall repairs and a Lottery Grant for external storage. Both are planned to take place in 2023.
In 2023 these will be assigned to restricted funds and designated funds as Note 7.

7 FUNDS
A The restricted funds comprises the following :
1 Keightley Trust

The Keightley Trust Fund represents income from CBF Investment Fund held by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance with market value of £142,023.15 (£160,877.11 as at 31/12/2021). The capital investment is not therefore included in these accounts.
The income from the fund is to be used for Educational and mission purposes within the Parish.

2 East Wall repairs

Comprises of donations and fund raising monies for the repair of the East Wall which is to take place in 2023. The estimated expenditure being £50,000.
This will be financed out of donations to date as banked, further donations in 2023 and other Church resources.
As Note 6, these donations have been treated as deferred income to offset against the cost in 2023.

3 External storage

Expenditure regarding the planned external storage of approximately £7,000 will take place in 2023. A lottery grant of £7,010 having already been received in 2022 has been carried forward within deferred income also.

Fund movements	East Wall		External storage	Total
	Keightley Trust	repairs		
	£	£		£
Balance at 1 January 2022	17,106	0	0	17,106
Income resources	4,466	0	0	4,466
	<u>21,572</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,572</u>
Resources expended	2,543	0	0	2,543
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>19,029</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,029</u>

B Unrestricted fund -- designated fund

The unrestricted fund includes a designated fund also in respect of the East Wall repairs. This is in addition to the restricted fund above for repairs to take place in 2023. Donations to date, as classed here, have been carried forward to 2023 within deferred income also.

The designated fund for the East Wall repairs at 31 December 2022 amounted to £0, because it is within deferred income, see Note 6

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of **Parish of St John The Baptist , Great Meols**

On accounts for the year ended **31 December 2022** Charity no **113062**

Set out on pages **One to Five**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Robert Smith FCA**

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **Robert Smith FCA**

Accounts

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ending

31st December 2021

The principal function of the PCC is to promote, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." The PCC members are also Trustees, and, therefore, stewards both of the mission and the resources of the Church, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering its charitable outcomes. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church Centre.

PCC members were:

Vicar	Rev. Canon Gillian Rossiter
Readers	David Moss Lesley Young
Churchwardens	Adele Sedgwick Tim Smith
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Lesley Young Claire Barnard, Daniel Branch, Eunice Moss Sheena Wilson
Pastoral Worker	Chris Branch Julia Johnson
Elected members	Steve Austin (Treasurer) Gill Childs Rowan Connell Jean Hodgson Sue Dutton (Secretary) Andy Liston Hazel Moon Clare O'Connell Steve Symes (Assistant Treasurer)

The PCC resorted to meeting virtually on four occasions from January to July only resuming face to face meetings in September and November, while the Standing Committee with fewer numbers have been able to meet socially distanced on four occasions face to face resorting to one virtual meeting in April.

2021 was a difficult for all as the lockdown due to Covid-19 brought in at the end of 2020 continued into the beginning of 2021. All services were cancelled, and church was only open 10 till 12 for private prayer. A weekly communion service continued to be filmed and circulated via Keep in Touch groups and on our website, and Tim continued to play and circulate a daily hymn to a WhatsApp group.

The impact and implications of the coronavirus for church has been huge as guidance has been reviewed both nationally and by the Diocese almost on a weekly basis. Gillian and the church wardens must be congratulated on keeping up with the constant changing regulations in order to keep the church a sanitised, socially distanced and a safe space for all.

By March, as restrictions eased, services were resumed but still with restricted numbers and social distancing and it has been good to see numbers attending Sunday service steadily increasing as the months have gone by. By July the church centre activities were back up and running including Thursday coffee morning and the much-missed bacon butties, followed by The Café and Little Fishes. The Community Choir restarted in September together with Messy Church and Youth Fellowship. A Youth weekend was held in October, and it was lovely to see the children sharing what they had been doing at the Youth Service on Sunday morning.

There is no doubt that St John's has taken 'Everyday Faith' out, not only to our church community but also the wider community over the past two years and continues to do so. Our Thursday Soup & Sandwich initiative which grew out of all proportion during lockdown has now resumed its pre-Covid numbers, the Monday Café has now become a 'Honesty Café and 'Place of Welcome' open to all. The support we provide St Chad's, and the Swop Shop has resumed and many of the church community have been washing and ironing the overwhelming quantity of donated children's clothing, which has been greatly appreciated by St Chad's.

Great Meol's Primary School held a Harvest service in church for the first time in October together with Christmas Concerts in December and St John's organised a 'Christmas Experience' for a year group at the end of November with crafts, activities and the children dressing up to re-enact the Christmas story.

The PCC have revisited and approved the St John's 'Safeguarding Policy' and all members are up to date with Safeguarding training. In addition, we are using the Diocesan 'Recruitment Guidance' with the recruitment of new volunteers.

Steve Symes has continued to oversee the maintenance of the church, church centre and grounds. He flagged up that extensive repairs are now needed to the East Wall but the work was deferred till Spring of 2022. The PCC are very grateful for all that Steve does to keep the site well maintained.

Finances are a constant concern to the PCC, and we were only too glad to see the use of the church centre and Sunday services resume in order to bring in some much-needed revenue, together with Weddings and Funeral fees. The cake sales and Take-away meals produced by our culinary experts have also helped to cover some of the church expenses.

The Parish Share for 2021 increased again by 1% to £83,424 but would not be applied until 1st April 2021 which means we will only pay £83,217 (3mths at 2020 rate, 9mths at 2021 rate) ie £6,952 per month

Planned Giving contributors continue to fluctuate as we lose long standing members but gain new members. This is not our only income, but it was always hoped that Planned Giving would cover our Parish Share. In recent years this has not been the case and it is predicted a shortfall of £20,000 in 2022.

Despite financial pressures we have maintained a total of £3,650 donations to: SAT-7 (£600), The Bible Society (£250), and the Charles Thompson Mission (£500), Kids Connect (£1,400). Carols on the Green raised £500 for MIND whilst the Christingles raised £400 for the Children's Society.

2021 continued to provide challenges for everybody at St John's but it is thanks to Rev Gillian's leadership, with the support of the Ministry team, the Wardens, Tim and Adele, the PCC, and the army of ready volunteers that we continue to strengthen our church community at St John's and its impact on our wider community.

You can keep up to date with all that goes on at St John's at the website www.stjohnsmeols.co.uk

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST , GREAT MEOLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find my report below as follows :

Income and expenditure account

**The result overall shows expenditure exceeding income £16,632.
The increase in the CCLA investment during the year was £18,138 .**

	2021	2020	Variance
	£	£	£
<u>Income comprised of the following main categories --</u>			
Voluntary income	69,773	74,654	-4,881
Activities for generating funds	22,627	39,753	-17,126
Income from investments	4,136	4,231	-95
Income from Church activities	9,471	8,350	1,121
Other income resources	2,162	16,156	-13,994
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	108,169	143,144	-34,975
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Overall resources expended was --	124,801	136,649	-11,848
NET MOVEMENT IN RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS	-16,632	6,495	-23,127
INVESTMENT GAINS	18,138	9,392	8,746
Overall	1,505	15,887	-14,382

Main highlights --

To repeat last years report, the basic source of income of collections, planned giving and Gift Aid does not cover our Parish Share .For this reason we continue to encourage Parishioners to join the planned giving scheme and contribute as much as they can.

Activities for generating funds were particularly effected in 2021 due to Covid 19 . It is hoped this will improve in 2022.

Our income from investments is still low reflecting low interest rates and the general economic climate over which we have little control.

Other income is down as large one-off grants were received in 2020 , particularly WBC Continuity grant £10,000.

It is hoped that planned giving , gift aid and hall lettings will increase in 2022.

There is also the necessary repairs to the East Wall in 2022 which is likely to cost in the region of £30,000 . The means of financing is yet to be decided.

The major cost was the Parish share	83,218	82,598	620
Other major costs include --			
Running costs	7,678	7,056	622
Major Repairs ((West Wall repairs etc)	10,497	25,323	-14,826

Balance sheet

Main highlights --

Investment

The fixed asset investment is stated at the market valuation (fair value) as at 31 December 2021 £123,487. This relates to COIF Investment Accumulation units purchased in 2016 at cost of £70,000.

The change in market value of the COIF investment creates a credit to income of £18,138. See note 4 to accounts.

It is important to note the latest valuation as at 07 March 2022 was £114,785.

This highlights the fact that investment valuations can rise and fall.

The bank account balance and deposits are down in line with the above , as expenditure exceeded income.

Accounts approval and thanks

I wish to offer the accounts for 2021 to the meeting for their approval.

I also wish to thank Robert Smith FCA and everyone involved in the PCC who have helped me during the year.

S Austin

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021	2021	2021	2020
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income		69,773	0	69,773	74,654
Activities for generating funds		22,627	0	22,627	39,753
Income from investments		44	4,092	4,136	4,231
Income from Church activities		9,471	0	9,471	8,350
Other income resources		2,162	0	2,162	16,156
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	2	104,077	4,092	108,169	143,144
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church activities					
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	3	123,580	1,221	124,801	136,649
NET MOVEMENT IN RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS					
		-19,503	2,871	-16,632	6,495
Net gains on investment valuation	4	18,138	0	18,138	9,392
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 JANUARY		169,175	14,235	183,410	167,523
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31 DECEMBER		167,810	17,106	184,916	183,410
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021				2021	2020
				£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	4			123,487	105,349
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5			2,833	1,239
CBF Deposit Funds				44,949	49,945
Bank current account and cash				14,072	26,877
				<u>61,854</u>	<u>78,061</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors amounts falling due in one year	6			425	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>61,429</u>	<u>78,061</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				<u>184,916</u>	<u>183,410</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted				167,810	169,175
Restricted	7			17,106	14,235
				<u>184,916</u>	<u>183,410</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on <> signed on its behalf by
Reverend Gillian Rossiter (PCC Chairman)

G Rossiter 10/3/2022.

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

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income				
General collections open plate	2,028		2,028	1,876
Planned giving envelopes	4,063		4,063	4,739
Planned giving standing orders	49,164		49,164	49,656
Gift Aid	14,518		14,518	17,083
Legacies	0		0	1,300
	<u>69,773</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,773</u>	<u>74,654</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	2,211		2,211	3,601
Church Hall general donations	20,416		20,416	36,152
	<u>22,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,627</u>	<u>39,753</u>
Income from investments				
Bank interest	44		44	262
Interest/dividends Keightley Trust	0	4,092	4,092	3,969
	<u>44</u>	<u>4,092</u>	<u>4,136</u>	<u>4,231</u>
Income from Church activities				
Weddings and funerals	<u>9,471</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,471</u>	<u>8,350</u>
Other income resources				
Grants	2,083		2,083	16,080
Barclays loyalty bonus	79		79	76
	<u>2,162</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,162</u>	<u>16,156</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>104,077</u>	<u>4,092</u>	<u>108,169</u>	<u>143,144</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Church activities	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Missionary and charitable giving Overseas:				
Tanzanian church	600		600	600
Home:				
Royal British Legion	0		0	50
Bible society	250		250	0
Echoes International	50		50	0
SAT	600		600	600
MIND	500		500	1,000
Kids Konnect	1,400		1,400	0
St Chads Church	0		0	300
Children's Society	400		400	564
Heart 4 Refugees return of funds	1,377		1,377	1,536
Transforming Lives Together	0		0	500
Charles Thompson Mission	500		500	0
	<u>5,677</u>	0	<u>5,677</u>	<u>5,150</u>
Parish share	83,218		83,218	82,598
Major repairs and expenditure	10,497		10,497	25,323
Church running costs, insurance , heat/light ,water	7,678		7,678	7,056
Church maintenance and repairs	503		503	559
Weddings & funeral fees to Chester DBF	5,392		5,392	5,388
Staff costs organist	1,615		1,615	1,115
Vicar's expenses	90		90	0
Kitchen and soup/sandwiches expenses	2,403		2,403	3,224
Printing & stationery	385	341	726	768
Upkeep of services	404	202	606	1,120
Training and mission	54	40	94	87
Bank charges	486		486	545
Sundries including Youth weekend expenses	4,670	638	5,308	3,175
Presents and donations	508		508	541
	<u>123,580</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>124,801</u>	<u>136,649</u>

**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
4 FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS		
Market valuation as at 31 December 2021 (cost £70,000)	<u>123,487</u>	<u>105,349</u>
5 DEBTORS		
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>2,833</u>	<u>1,239</u>
	<u>2,833</u>	<u>1,239</u>
6 LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>425</u>	<u>0</u>
Church holiday deposits	<u>425</u>	<u>0</u>
7 FUNDS		

The restricted fund comprises the following :

Keightley Trust

The Keightley Trust Fund represents income from CBF Investment Fund held by Chester Diocesan Board of Finance with market value of £160,877.11 (£140,652 as at 31/12/2020). The capital investment is not therefore included in these accounts.

The income from the fund is to be used for Educational and mission purposes within the Parish.

Fund movements	Keightley Trust £
Balance at 1 January 2021	14,235
Income resources	<u>4,092</u>
	18,327
Resources expended	1,221
Balance at 31 December 2021	<u>17,106</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of	Parish of St John The Baptist , Great Meols		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no	113062
	One to Four		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Robert Smith FCA

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Accounts

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, GREAT MEOLS

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ending

31st December 2020

The principal function of the PCC is to promote, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." The PCC members are also Trustees, and, therefore, stewards both of the mission and the resources of the Church, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering its charitable outcomes. In addition, the PCC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Church Centre.

PCC members were:

Vicar	Revd. Canon Gillian Rossiter
Readers	David Moss Lesley Young
Churchwardens	Adele Sedgwick Tim Smith
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Lesley Young Claire Barnard, Daniel Branch, Eunice Moss Sheena Wilson (from October 2020)
Pastoral Worker	Chris Branch Julia Johnson
Elected members	Steve Austin (Treasurer) Gill Childs Rowan Connell Jean Hodgson Brian Kearsley (Secretary until October 2020) Sue Dutton (Secretary from October 2020) Andy Liston Hazel Moon Clare O'Connell Steve Symes (Assistant Treasurer)

The PCC met on three occasions (January, February, March) supported by a Standing Committee which met on one occasion (February). Since March face to face meetings have not been possible so virtual meetings

have taken over, with PCC meeting twice virtually, while the Standing Committee met once virtually and corresponded by email.

2020 began much as in previous years with church groups and activities meeting as usual and events including the Spring Fair, a VE day Street Party and the Patronal Festival planned. Who would have thought that by March the global pandemic would put all this on hold and even 12 months on we would be in lockdown again and still social distancing!

The impact and implications of the coronavirus for church has been huge as guidance has been reviewed both nationally and by the Diocese almost on a weekly basis. Gillian and the church wardens must be congratulated on keeping up with the constant changing regulations in order to keep the church a sanitised, socially distanced and safe space.

The 'Setting God's People Free' initiative was renamed in 2020 'Everyday Faith' and there is no doubt that St John's has reached out, not only to our church community but also the wider community as Covid-19 restrictions have increased.

A 'Keep in Touch' group soon grew to 260 members and people were encouraged to pray at home and light a candle for the NHS; David provided details on the respective Saints days, while Gillian circulated daily prayers and thoughts by audio. Weekly communion services were videoed and recorded on U-tube and added to our website. Tim played and circulated a daily hymn to a WhatsApp group and there has been telephone contact to those in need, together with volunteers shopping for those who needed it.

Our usual Thursday Soup & Sandwich initiative grew out of all proportion to provide at its height for up to 50 families every week day. These were shopped for, prepared and delivered by an army of volunteers from the whole community led mainly by Rev. Gillian and Chris Branch and their team from the church centre.

Children's activities have included writing to residents in our local nursing homes; making rainbows for isolated people and a virtual Messy Church based on Noah's Ark, while Kath has sent out audio stories and songs to our Little Fishes.

Sunday morning services in church (when we have been able to hold them) have been very different with numbers limited to 50, no singing, social distancing and only the Host, no wine. The church has been open weekday mornings for private prayer. Thanks to Tim's organisation and his helpers who cleaned the church after services we have all been kept safe.

The Christmas services seemed even more poignant last year and especially the ever-popular Christingle, which was increased to four socially distanced Christingle's in order to accommodate as many families

as possible, giving a much-needed sense of normality in the run up to Christmas.

Although the Swop Shop at St Chads and the Food bank closed in May we were still able to offer some support and donated Christmas Pyjamas and jumpers again.

In February the Church wardens were tasked with reviewing all documents held by the church, in light of the Diocesan review of its handling of Child Protection over the years. Thankfully this showed up no cause for concern at St John's.

Maintenance of the church, church centre and grounds has continued regardless. The major work on the West Wall, started over the summer was eventually completed in December. Thanks to Steve Symes for overseeing this and he has prepared a separate report of all works completed during the year.

The Parish Share for 2020 increased again by 2.5% to £82,598 continuing to add to pressures on cash flow. After analysing income and expenditure it was estimated that Covid-19 restrictions could result in a shortfall of about £1,000 per week, exacerbated by lack of income due to cancellation of services. Surprisingly the 2020 financial year actually saw income exceed expenditure by £6495.

Planned Giving contributors fluctuated over the year as we lost some of our long- standing members. However, this was offset not only by new members some of whom not members of our congregation but had been influenced by our work in the parish and the local community, together with some generous donations.

Despite financial pressures we have maintained a total of £2,400 donations to: SAT-7 (£600), Royal British Legion (£50), Transforming Lives (£500), The Bible Society (£250), MIND (£500) and the Charles Thompson Mission (£500).

Thanks to the various donations and grants secured we have survived the year quite well financially. Full details of the church's finances are detailed in the Annual Accounts which the Treasurer, Steve Austin has provided separately.

We were pleased to welcome Francis Skinner as a part time curate in August 2020 together with Sheena Wilson as Reader in October.

2020 has been a difficult year for everybody but it is thanks to Rev Gillian's inspired leadership, with the support of the Ministry team, the Wardens, Tim and Adele, the PCC and the army of volunteers that we have strengthened not only our church community at St John's but also our impact on our wider community.

You can keep up to date with all that goes on at St John's at the website www.stjohnsmeols.co.uk

**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
4 FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS		
Market valuation as at 31 December 2020 (cost £70,000)	<u>105,349</u>	<u>95,957</u>
(2019 note : The latest valuation post year end on 23 April 2020 was £89,469 , a reduction of £6,488 compared to the valuation as at 31 December 2019. This is due to the impact of COV-19)		
5 DEBTORS		
Tax recoverable	<u>1,239</u>	<u>8,250</u>
	<u>1,239</u>	<u>8,250</u>
6 LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Accruals	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>

7 FUNDS

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Fund movements	Keightley Trust £
Balance at 1 January 2020	12,241
Income resources	<u>3,969</u>
	16,210
Resources expended	1,975
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>14,235</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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