

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	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 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 Swap 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

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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
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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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3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Church activities				
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
	5,677	0	5,677	5,150
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
	123,580	1,221	124,801	136,649

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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	<u>1,221</u>
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
Set out on pages	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

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

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no	113062
Set out on pages	One to Four		

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Name: Robert Smith FCA