

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY

England & Wales · Charity number 1131379

Details

Other names WEST KIRBY ST BRIDGET PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-08-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking religious assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the the Church through activities for parents and toddlers. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£270,682	£299,216	-	-
2024-12-31	£269,555	£261,174	-	-
2023-12-31	£228,086	£247,976	-	-
2022-12-31	£215,977	£215,001	-	-
2021-12-31	£209,522	£186,956	-	-
2020-12-31	£184,712	£177,708	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Alexandra Christine Williams	Chair	2020-11-09
ANGELA DOUGLAS		
Anna Maria Gibson		2024-04-21
Audrey Ann Crosbie Briggs		2026-05-17
David Maxwell Wright		2018-05-16
David Ronald Hind		2023-05-21
Dr Katharine Mary Fogg		2026-05-17
Graham Peter Crowder		2025-05-18
Gregory Paul Buckridge		2019-04-26
Izaac Jack Perkins		2025-05-18
JOHN MATHEWS SMITH		2016-03-13
John Houghton Roberts		2026-05-17
Joy Marion Helen Alcock		2025-05-18
Louise Helen Wood		2026-05-17
Mevalyn Elizabeth Bowman		2025-05-18
PATRICIA SOUTHWORTH		2026-05-17
Priscilla Bench-Capon		2015-04-26
REVEREND DAVID CHESTER		
Rev Ruth Ann Abbott		2025-06-30
Rosemalin May Willson		2026-05-17
Rosemary Morgan		2023-05-21
Sir Duncan Kirkbride Nichol		2024-04-21
Susan Shaw		2017-04-30
Veronica Sherlock		2026-05-17

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
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The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licensed as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our ministry is assisted and complemented by three Readers, and several active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and church representation rules. It was registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity Constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

In addition to the post-APCM PCC meeting that took place on 18th May, PCC members met five times during the year (February, March, June, September and November) with an average attendance of 17 members over this period. The focus of PCC continues to be presented, in rotation, from the working groups, aligned to our strategy and vision 'Rooted in Christ -growing in the right direction'.

Over the course of the year the PCC has made some significant decisions including:

- Funding repairs and improvements to both churches.
- Approval of many policies.
- New Independent Examiner for 2026.
- St Bridget's Organ repair underway.
- AV System approved for St Bridget's Centre.
- Approval of new foundation governor for St Bridget's School.
- New giving leaflet produced.
- Eco church seeking to achieve Gold Award.

Many issues and topics were discussed during the year. Each meeting had a focus on an aspect of mission and ministry, and we had presentations relating to encouraging giving, nurture and study, social and outreach, communication, children and young people, worship and prayer.

Finance and Safeguarding remain as standing items at every meeting. We are grateful to our treasurer John

Smith for his continuing help and guidance and to our Safeguarding officer, Rosemary Morgan, and to Sue Shaw for the work they do in ensuring we fulfil safeguarding requirements. The PCC is grateful to Angela Douglas MBE for her work as PCC Secretary and to Sue Shaw for supporting this work.

Members thank the Rector for her excellent chairing of our meetings this year. Meetings continue to be efficient, achieved by the Rector allocating more time in preparation with the Standing Committee, which meets before each Council Meeting to agree a structured agenda, council and congregation members who lead each Subject Group preparing and circulating reports prior to each meeting and the use of PowerPoint slides in meetings to help Council members focus on the key issues.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio

Miss Ann Holden, Churchwarden (since 2022), ex officio

Ms Anna Gibson, Churchwarden (from May 2025), ex officio

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Mrs Joy Alcock, Deputy Warden, ex officio

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer, (elected 2024, eligible for re-election in 2027)

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod, ex officio

Miss Susan Shaw, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Rev Ruth Abbott, Curate, ex officio

Rev Prof. David Chester, co-opted

Mr David Wright (elected May 2022, re-elected 2025 till 2028)

Mr David Hind (elected May 2023, eligible for re-election in 2026)

Dr Rosemary Morgan (elected May 2023, eligible for re-election in 2026)

Mrs Priscilla Bench-Capon (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Mr Simon Trout (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Ms Mary Rees (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Sir Duncan Nichol (elected May 2024, eligible for re-election in 2027)

Mr Izaak Perkins (elected 2025, eligible for re-election 2028)

Ms Mevalyn Bowman (elected 2025, eligible for re-election 2028)

Mr Graham Crowder (elected 2025, eligible for re-election 2028)

Bankers

The Co-operative bank

Barclays Bank plc

COIF Charities Fund

Independent Examiner

Counting for Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). All PCC members have a DBS and have completed required training (Basic Awareness, Foundation and Domestic Abuse). There have been no reported safeguarding concerns during 2025. Safeguarding policies have been approved by the PCC during the year to ensure that the parish is fully compliant.

The PCC is grateful to Rosemary Morgan the Parish Safeguarding Officer and Sue Shaw the Parish Safeguarding Administrator.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy churches has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

PARISH BUILDINGS REPORT FOR 2025

The Buildings Team regularly monitored the condition of the two churches in the parish, Caldy church hall and the parish house 64 Covertside.

We are grateful to the team and to the churchwardens in the diligent care of the buildings.

St Bridget's Church

The fabric of the church is in good order. The interior is regularly cleaned.

During 2025 work was continued to address the minor remedial works indicated in the 2024 Quinquennial inspection.

Minor damp issues in the east wall were addressed with an exterior trench dug to keep the soil away from the wall. A further area of damp on the South Side is being monitored

External electrical sockets were installed above the vestry door, and near the lychgate.

Plans have progressed for a toilet extension to the church building.

The organ was taken to Willis' workshop in August for refurbishment, and an electric organ loaned during its absence.

The possibility of installing screens and upgrading the AV system in the church was assessed.

Microphones and cabling were improved.

The boiler received its annual service in September by AP Mitchell of Neston.

The tower clock received its annual service, and some minor adjustments were made by the Cumbrian Clock Company.

All Saints Caldy

The fabric of the church is in generally in good order. The interior is regularly cleaned.

Measures were taken to address issues raised during the Quinquennial inspection in August 2024.

The following has been completed

- The main valley between the nave and north aisle roof has been cleaned out
- The fire extinguishers were renewed to comply with the requirements of insurance.

In September 2025 repairs to Caldy roof were carried out to address water ingress. There may be further problems, as identified by McAdam roofing, with tiles and timbers, due to the age of the roof.

Caldy church organ is also in need of repair, which it was agreed should take place as funds allow.

Discussion has taken place regarding a possible extension to the church building to enable wider community use.

Caldy Church Hall

The interior of the church hall is regularly cleaned.

The electricity supply was checked in November and the certificate received.

Work on the roof was deferred until 2026, as not a priority.

64 Covertside

The parish own a currently tenanted property for the use of a curate if necessary.

The fabric of the property is in good order.

The joint tenancy of the property ended, and re-referencing of the remaining tenant was requested of the Agents. Rental payment fell into arrears.

St Bridget's Centre

St Bridget's Centre continues to be well used by a wide variety of organisations. A pre-school uses the building every day during term time and during 2025 some new bookings improved income.

The Centre employs a caretaker and a cleaner and has a manager and a treasurer who are volunteers. Together with support from the parish administrator and Centre committee, they make decisions about improvements and the day-to-day running of the Centre.

The major work undertaken during the year was the replacement of the boiler. The old boiler was over 15 years old and beginning to cause problems. The possibility of moving away from Gas was investigated but the cost was prohibitive. A new gas boiler was installed in the summer which led to a number of other replacements and improvements being necessary. This work substantially reduced reserves and for a few months the Centre retained the feed-in tariff payments, with the agreement of the PCC Treasurer, to build up reserves to a reasonable level.

The Treasurer was able to report that we have continued to cover our day-to-day running costs and have been able to make capital improvements as mentioned and to rebuild a good level of reserves.

The Centre is reliant on the cooperation of all concerned with its life and particular thanks are due to the Centre Manager, treasurer, parish administrator (particularly for her work dealing with bookings and enquiries), the committee and caretaker, who all often go the extra mile to ensure the Centre is an excellent resource for the community.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all.

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs..

We seek to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; developing a spiritual life as a follower of Jesus and partaking in the sacraments
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- provision of social activities which build up community life
- mission and outreach work
- supporting family life within a framework of faith
- engagement in social action
- generous support of others
- building positive relationships with the wider community, especially our church school
- being part of the Inclusive Church Network
- good stewardship of the earth's resources
- providing opportunities to learn about and be part of the care of creation.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldy, St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC is keen to enable **a range of church services** during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship

service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday evenings. Over the last 12 months we have introduced a monthly Service of the Word and a service of All Together Worship at Caldy church.

We also provide spaces and resources for quiet prayer and contemplation and have offered two prayer vigils during 2025.

During the year the **Worship and Prayer** team have met to reflect on patterns of worship and opportunities for prayer and spiritual development.

The weekly attendance at St Bridget's has increased during the year by 10% whilst attendance at Caldy has fallen slightly.

The **Study and Nurture Team** have considered what we offer to develop and nurture faith through study. The monthly theology group continues to be well attended and the new Something More small group sessions have provided opportunity for exploration of faith. We seek to **nurture** people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision of resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in both churches and the Parish Centre.

The schools in the parish (St Bridget's and Avalon) use the church on a regular basis for Collective Worship. The Rector leads Collective Worship every week in St Bridget's school. The children from St Bridget's school lead worship during the seasons of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Lent. Several children from St Bridget's school remain involved in our service of All Together Worship. We admitted 19 Year 4 children to Holy Communion following a course of preparation.

Both churches are open every day for private prayer and we receive many grateful comments about this. The prayer space in St Bridget's is greatly valued and most days at least 3 or 4 candles are lit for prayer concerns. Two services of Holy Communion are offered on a Sunday at St Bridget's (8am and 10am) and a 10am service of Holy Communion at Caldy church. There is a weekly Sunday service of Evening Prayer (6.30pm) at St Bridget's. One midweek service of Holy Communion is offered at each church. We are able to offer high-quality livestreaming at St Bridget's and have maintained our online presence. The 10am service at St Bridget's and some occasional offices (weddings, funerals, baptisms) have been successfully livestreamed during 2025. Three services of Morning Prayer are offered during the week, one in person at St Bridget's, one livestreamed on Facebook and one via Zoom.

Additional services were offered for Lent, Remembrance, Harvest, Inclusive Church, All Souls, Advent and Christmas. We marked the 1500th anniversary of Bridget's death with a weekend of festivities and worship

Throughout the year numbers attending services continue to rise and there is an average Sunday attendance across the parish of 150.

As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at important milestones of the journey through life and **significant life events**. In 2025, there were 3 weddings, 17

baptisms, 20 funerals/memorial services in church (with a further 5 funerals being conducted at crematoria and 12 burials of ashes in the churchyards).

193 parishioners were on the Church Electoral Roll at the time of the Annual Meeting in May, 90 of whom were not resident within the parish. Five names were added during the year and four were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and lay people have continued to visit the sick and bereaved, the housebound and the socially isolated. We are excellently supported by Malcolm Cowan, the hospital chaplain. Both church families offer informal care and a friendly ear and there is a network of communication which seeks to make one another aware when a pastoral need arises. The pastoral team formed in 2021 has continued to work very well throughout 2025 providing contact and support to the bereaved and sick. We receive many calls and messages thanking the team for their care. During 2025 we have also offered two Bereavement Journey courses which have been very favourably received.

Charitable giving – generous support of others

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. In 2025, as a parish we donated £10,500 to support charities in the UK and overseas. This demonstrates our understanding that God is abundantly generous, and our response is to do likewise. For some it may not make 'sense' to be giving away money when we face a shortfall, but the Christian faith often does not make sense to the world. It is very encouraging that the PCC have maintained this practice in a time of rising costs.

Mission, Outreach and Communication.

A weekly **newsletter** is emailed to 420 people via MailChimp, approximately 8 are delivered as hard copies and 30 are placed in the churches for collection. 150 copies of our **parish magazine** are printed each month, 100 of which are delivered to homes and businesses with the remainder available for sale at our churches. We are hugely grateful to our current magazine editor Ann Holden.

The newsletter and magazine are on-line on our *A Church Near You* pages, with additional links to them on the parish website. These keep parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our church and include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding. Our website and ACNY are frequently visited and are a valuable means of reaching a wide audience.

The parish has benefitted from having a publicity and outreach worker. In particular we have been more effective at communicating our ethos and values to the wider community as well as advertising events.

The work of two part-time **Children and Families workers** has continued to reap benefits. We offer several activities which support and develop relationships with families. These include a Baby Group, Toddler Group, Toasty Tuesdays, Supper Sundays (a half-termly session for families which seeks to be a gentle introduction to faith), Storytelling on Sundays and holiday activities. We estimate that this gives us contact with 200 people (children, parents, carers) each week and is building nurturing relationships.

We have started a new **community social activity** in the form of a monthly film club which is proving popular, entertaining and informative.

We continue to support **the faith development of children and young people** through Sunday Storytelling and Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School. The Rector leads a half-termly session for staff from St Bridget's school which supports spiritual development and well-being.

The **St Bridget's Centre** enables a huge range of activities to take place, including the weekly 'Wednesday Link Cafe' which remains hugely popular. Children from the school attend the Link Café and help to serve refreshments. This intergenerational activity develops their confidence and social skills as well as bringing a great deal of joy! The Link Cafe also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and eco-friendly items as well as a space for us to invite and hear from other organisations who offer support in the community.

The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre, and the centre also provides the setting for a pre-school group on weekdays and for many other community groups to meet. The Centre also houses the West Kirby Museum.

A joint Summer Fair was again held between the school and church, which was very successful.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church continues to be an active member of West Kirby Churches Together. Meetings are typically attended by the Rector and our parish representative, John Smith. Activities during 2025 have included a united service at Riverway Church, a Holy week dramatization, provision of a book 'It's your Move' for all primary school leavers in West Kirby, a pilgrimage to Hilbre Island, and carol singing outside a local supermarket.

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of Inclusive Church and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome and serve everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, mental health or sexuality, including people who live with disability, learning disability, or neurodiversity. This is reflected in our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. During the year we have provided information and literature which explains our position as a church, we flew the Pride flag for the month of June and advertised that we welcome the Prayers of Love and Faith for the blessing of a Civil

Partnership which have been commended by Synod. We celebrated inclusive church on Sunday October 12th. Both churches are registered as Sight Loss Friendly, and we are registered with the Welcome Directory for prison leavers.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldry church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives, as a church community and as individuals. We provide the opportunity to buy eco-friendly cleaning products and give weekly tips for becoming more eco-friendly as individuals as well as a parish. During 2025 we took the decision to pay for the recycling of blister packs and are now regularly filling boxes for this purpose. We continue to work towards achieving a Gold Eco Church award for the whole parish. During 2025 we have further developed the lower churchyard at St Bridget's to create wildflower meadows. We have planted some native fruit trees and have provided a natural pathway to improve access. We hope that we will soon see an increase in the number and diversity of wildflowers, insects, butterflies and birds. Caldry grounds have been much improved, and we have an excellent combination of paid gardeners and skilled volunteers.

An ethical church

We continue to strive to be as ethical as we can and to encourage our community to do the same. We include articles and information in our newsletter and magazine to help us achieve this. Our choice of charities which we support reflects our ethos, vision and values.

Deanery and Diocesan Synod

The Rector and a lay member of the church community are members of Diocesan Synod. Three ex officio members of the PCC, the lay member of Diocesan Synod and the Rector are members of Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Deanery Synod has met 3 times and has focussed on children and youthwork, disability and the church, and the alleged 'Quiet Revival'.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musicians, choir and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Storytelling Service, Link Cafe and Fairtrade sales, supporting baby Group, Toddlers, Toasty Tuesdays, Supper Sundays; churchyard maintenance; contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, supporting the foodbank by delivering our donations to the warehouse, serving on

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various committees and much, much more. We have had new volunteers join us during 2025 from the wider community and now have 175 people in a volunteering role. As a church community we continue to find recruitment challenging as many people lead increasingly busy work lives which often continues into retirement. We have had to respond to this by looking at sustainable activities and projects and in some cases employing people to do jobs previously undertaken by volunteers.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, the new volunteers who have joined us and those who have continued in their faithful support.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP 2025

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests numbers for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

During 2025 both churches were open daily as sacred spaces for private prayer and reflection.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to families who were bereaved and planning funerals, to the couples who were married and those who brought children for baptism. Visits were also made to people who were lonely or distressed. Clergy visited people in their homes and hospital when possible.

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2025	2024
Baptisms	17	30
Confirmations	0	6
Admission to Communion	18	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	3	6
Funerals/Memorial Services in Church	21	19
Funerals at Crematorium	5	11
Burial of ashes	14	10

Attendance at Worship 2025

October figures required for national 'Statistics of Mission' returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2024 figures are shown in brackets)

St Bridget's	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1*	122 (166)	12(23)	18 (13)	0 (0)
Week 2	106 (87)	2 (12)	14 (16)	0 (0)
Week 3**	88 (128)	12 (34)	17 (15)	0 (0)
Week 4***	102 (126)	5 (25)	81 (17)	0 (0)
Caldy	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	11 (0)	37(0)	9 (7)	0 (0)
Week 2	23 (16)	0 (0)	7(5)	0(3)

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Week 3	17 (15)	0 (0)	9 (5)	0 (0)
Week 4	31 (24)	0 (3)	5 (6)	1 (0)

*In 2024, a large number attended a Sunday baptism (58 in total)

**In 2024, this was all together worship Sunday

*** 2024, 2 Sunday baptisms

Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.

Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communions.

Overall there is an increase in attendance.

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	229 (193)	26 (40)	255 (233)
Easter Day attendance	247 (252)	27 (43)	274 (295)
Christmas communicants	195 (212)	27 (15)	222 (227)
Christmas attendance*	*685 (785)	**42 (188)	727 (973)

*2025 St Bridget's Christmas attendance figure is for services on Christmas eve and Christmas Day only.

Additional to this figure, **781** people attended special Advent services, and **1994 children** attended **school services** in Advent.

** 2025 **Additional** to this figure at Caldychurch, which is for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day only, **313** people attended special services for Advent.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources in 2025 were £270,682 (2024 £269,555). Congregational giving and donations amounted to £138,605 (2024 £131,292). Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £33,536 (2024 £31,620). Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £7,871 (2024 £6,429).

Interest on cash held in current and deposit accounts amounted to £4,409. The valuation of investments held during the year decreased by £726 as a result of negative stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £299,216 (2024 £261,174). The main expenditure during the year was again the Parish share of £99,777 (2024 £96,871). The other main reasons for increased expenditure were the major restoration work on the organ at St Bridget's Church (ongoing into 2026), and the replacement of the boiler in St Bridget's Centre. Staff costs increased to meet our obligation as a good employer following the Living Wage Foundation recommendations.

Overall, the Parish made a loss of close to £30,000 in 2025. Much of this is due to the spending on St Bridget's organ, using funds donated in previous years, and the replacement of the St Bridget's Centre boiler, which had been anticipated. Standing orders remain the main source of regular income at both

churches, allowing income to be largely predictable and enabling cash flow to be managed. During 2025, the Parish also started to use the Parish Giving Scheme, with most donors signing up for inflation-related giving in future years. Overall, donations increased by around 5%, assisted by the three card machines now in use and by on-line giving. Although pleasing, this scarcely kept pace with increased costs.

We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. St Bridget's Centre runs at close to full capacity, with a wide range of regular users, though always with some turnover of groups leaving and others arriving. The Centre continued to cover its normal running costs through fees, though with reduced reserves by year-end due to the replacement of the boiler. Parish finances are managed by a team of volunteers, who continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and interests. The Parish's overall financial position does not give cause for immediate concern, but efforts to increase regular giving will be ongoing, to safeguard the long-term sustainability of our very active ministry and outreach, and to allow us to undertake several projects in the coming years.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risks associated with the activities of the charity are the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldý churches, as these amount to a significant proportion of the income of the Parish. New methods of giving, through making on-line and contactless payment facilities available, have been developed successfully. A focus on regular giving was undertaken in 2025, with a leaflet distributed to every household in the Parish. Although the response to the latter is hard to quantify, there was some immediate financial giving and a feeling that several people responded by attending services and other activities.

The PCC continue to manage the risk of diminishing reserves, remaining confident that reserves are sufficient to meet any likely demands.

Budget forecasts for the main activities of the charity for 2026 have been created, though these can never be more than reasonable projections. An overall deficit is anticipated, mainly due to the completion of planned projects.

RESERVES POLICY

In January 2026, the PCC revised the Reserves Policy adopted in November 2023, to read:

The PCC will seek to maintain free reserves (funds not restricted or designated for future commitments) sufficient to meet six months of essential running costs (which include Parish Share, staffing costs, utilities, insurance, worship materials, maintenance of buildings and grounds, office and rector/rectory costs). This is equivalent to £100,000 per six-month period.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

.....

Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

.....5.04.2026.

Date

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 18-26.

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 required.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: Stephen Leonard

Date: 10-4-26

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
16 Holmwood Drive
Liverpool
L37 1PQ

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	179,364	1,680	181,044	191,326
Charitable activities	3	59,513	-	59,513	51,017
Other trading activities	4	25,716	-	25,716	22,656
Investments	5	4,291	118	4,409	4,556
Total income		268,884	1,798	270,682	269,555
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	1,972	-	1,972	1,842
Charitable activities	6	297,244	-	297,244	259,332
Total expenditure		299,216	-	299,216	261,174
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		(30,332)	1,798	(28,534)	8,381
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	(726)	-	(726)	1,804
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		(31,058)	1,798	(29,260)	10,185
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(31,058)	1,798	(29,260)	10,185
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	1,227,369	8,186	1,235,555	1,225,370
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,196,311	9,984	1,206,295	1,235,555

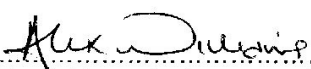
There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2025
Registration Number: 1131379

		2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	1,013,007	-	1,013,007	1,013,007
Investments	9	36,534	-	36,534	37,260
		<u>1,049,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,049,541</u>	<u>1,050,267</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	147,805	9,984	157,789	186,280
		<u>147,805</u>	<u>9,984</u>	<u>157,789</u>	<u>186,280</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,035)	-	(1,035)	(992)
		<u>146,770</u>	<u>9,984</u>	<u>156,754</u>	<u>185,288</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>1,196,311</u>	<u>9,984</u>	<u>1,206,295</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>1,196,311</u>	<u>9,984</u>	<u>1,206,295</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,196,311	1,227,369
Restricted funds				9,984	8,186
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,206,295</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



 Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

..... 5.04.2026

 Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

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Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. The Parish house is included at cost. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity, it benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Note	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	125,872	1,680	127,552	122,539
Gift Aid	33,536	-	33,536	31,620
Collections	10,616	-	10,616	7,910
Sundry	437	-	437	843
Legacies	6,000	-	6,000	4,500
Donations & Appeals - Organ	2,903	-	2,903	23,914
	<u>179,364</u>	<u>1,680</u>	<u>181,044</u>	<u>191,326</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre Lettings	36,094	-	36,094	35,564
Hall Lettings	1,165	-	1,165	1,210
Museum	588	-	588	2,973
Friends of St Bridgets	-	-	-	10
Magazine Advertising	1,430	-	1,430	1,705
Magazine Sales	845	-	845	636
Fees	7,871	-	7,871	6,429
Grants	11,520	-	11,520	2,490
	<u>59,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,513</u>	<u>51,017</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	5,691	-	5,691	4,285
Other Activities	1,333	-	1,333	-
House rent	14,250	-	14,250	14,700
Solar Panels	4,442	-	4,442	3,671
	<u>25,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,716</u>	<u>22,656</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	4,291	118	4,409	4,556
	<u>4,291</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>4,409</u>	<u>4,556</u>

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Note	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	1,019	-	1,019	931
Other fundraising costs	953	-	953	911
	<u>1,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,972</u>	<u>1,842</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	99,777	-	99,777	96,871
Rector & rectory expenses	6,148	-	6,148	5,914
Parish house	728	-	728	1,270
Curate & ordinand expenses	580	-	580	-
Church	36,807	-	36,807	55,505
Churchyard	9,665	-	9,665	5,116
Organ restoration - St Bridgets	33,210	-	33,210	-
Organ restoration - Caldry	1,920	-	1,920	-
Parish magazine	1,287	-	1,287	1,404
Training & mission	2,614	-	2,614	2,780
Children & families work	19,367	-	19,367	18,181
Publicity & outreach worker	2,599	-	2,599	825
Centre	44,511	-	44,511	34,044
Hall	2,781	-	2,781	2,912
Parish Office	23,393	-	23,393	22,073
Charitable giving	10,500	-	10,500	10,816
Independent examiner's fees	725	-	725	725
Bank charges	-	-	-	267
Payroll charges	501	-	501	629
Sundries	131	-	131	-
	<u>297,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,244</u>	<u>259,332</u>

7 Staff Costs & Employees	2025	2024
	£	£
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	59,753	54,638
Pension costs	713	420
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>60,466</u>	<u>55,058</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

The average headcount during the year was :	2025	2024
Charitable activities	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

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8 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	1,013,007	1,013,007
Disposals	-	-
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>

The Land and Buildings is the church centre building at £675,000 and parish house purchased cost £338,007.

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Note	2025	2024
9 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2025	37,260	35,456
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	(726)	1,804
At 31 December 2025	<u>36,534</u>	<u>37,260</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
10 Debtors and prepayments		
Debtors and prepayments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
11 Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account	31,617	49,417
Deposit Account	126,172	136,863
	<u>157,789</u>	<u>186,280</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	1,035	992
	<u>1,035</u>	<u>992</u>

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13 Movement in Funds	Balance at 31 December 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In /(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	1,227,369	268,884	(299,216)	(726)		1,196,311
	<u>1,227,369</u>	<u>268,884</u>	<u>(299,216)</u>	<u>(726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,196,311</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	8,186	1,798		-		9,984
	<u>8,186</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,984</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,235,555</u>	<u>270,682</u>	<u>(299,216)</u>	<u>(726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,206,295</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

15 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 1 trustee (2024 1 trustee) was reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel and telephone expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £738 (2024 £428).

16 Capital Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2025 (2024: £nil) which were authorised by the trustees but not contracted for.

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
St Bridget's Centre
St Bridget's Lane
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 3JT

The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licensed as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our ministry is assisted and complemented by three Readers, and several active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and church representation rules. It was registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity Constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are ex officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

In addition to the post-APCM PCC meeting that took place on 21st April 2024, PCC members met five times during the year (January, March, July, September, November 2024) with an average attendance of 13 members over this period. The focus of PCC continues to be presented, in rotation, from the working groups, aligned to our strategy and vision 'Rooted in Christ -growing in the right direction'.

Over the course of the year the PCC has made some significant decisions including:

- Funding repairs and improvements to both churches.
- Parish Website updated.
- Communications coordinator appointed.
- Organ fund successfully implemented.
- Trainee Ordinand on placement in Parish.
- Eco church seeking to achieve Gold Award.

Many issues and topics were discussed during the year. Each meeting had a focus on an aspect of mission and ministry, and we had presentations relating to encouraging giving, nurture and study, social and outreach, communication, children and young people, worship and prayer.

Finance and Safeguarding remain as standing items at every meeting. We are grateful to our treasurer John Smith for his continuing help and guidance and to our Safeguarding officer, Rosemary Morgan, and to Sue Shaw for the work they do in ensuring we fulfil safeguarding requirements. The PCC is grateful to Angela Douglas MBE for her work as PCC Secretary and to Sue Shaw for supporting this work.

Members thank the Rector for her excellent chairing of our meetings this year. Meetings continue to be efficient, achieved by the Rector allocating more time in preparation with the Standing Committee, which meets before each Council Meeting to agree a structured agenda, council and congregation members who lead each Subject Group preparing and circulating reports prior to each meeting and the use of PowerPoint slides in meetings to help Council members focus on the key issues.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio

Miss Ann Holden, Churchwarden (since 2022), ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Churchwarden (since 2019, 6 years completed in 2025), ex officio

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer, (elected 2024, eligible for re-election in 2027)

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod, ex officio

Miss Susan Shaw, Deanery Synod, ex officio

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY CHARITY INFORMATION

Rev Prof. David Chester, co-opted

Mr David Wright (elected May 2022, eligible for re-election in 2025)

Mrs Patricia Southworth (elected May 2022, eligible for re-election in 2025)

Mr David Hind (elected May 2023, eligible for re-election in 2026)

Dr Rosemary Morgan (elected May 2023, eligible for re-election in 2026)

Mr Syd Ford (elected May 2023, eligible for re-election in 2026)

Mrs Priscilla Bench-Capon (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Professor Stanley Metcalfe (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Mr Simon Trout (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Ms Mary Rees (elected May 2020, re-elected till 2026)

Sir Duncan Nichol (elected May 2024, eligible for re-election in 2027)

Ms Anna Gibson (elected May 2024, eligible for re-election in 2027)

Mr Rod Tann (elected May 2021, stood down 2024)

Mrs Valerie Ford (elected May 2023, stood down 2024)

Bankers

The Co-operative bank

Barclays Bank plc

COIF Charities Fund

Independent Examiner

Counting for Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

All PCC members have a DBS and have completed required training (Basic Awareness, Foundation and Domestic Abuse) There have been no reported safeguarding concerns during 2024.

The PCC is grateful to Rosemary Morgan the Parish Safeguarding Officer and Sue Shaw the Parish Safeguarding Administrator.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy churches has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

Parish Buildings Report for 2024

The Buildings Team regularly monitor the condition of the two churches in the parish, Caldy church hall and the parish house 64, Covertside.

We are grateful to Gregory Buckridge, David Hind and David Wright for their time, skills and advice.

St Bridget's Church

The fabric of the church is in good order. The interior is regularly cleaned, professionally.

A new central heating control was fitted in April by Scoffields of West Kirby.

In August 2024 the Quinquennial inspection was carried out by the Diocesan Architect, Alf Plant of Ainsley Gomon Architects. Nothing urgent/major needs to be done, but some minor remedial work is required:

- Repairs to the Dormer windows to ensure they are keeping the building watertight
- Investigating the damp on the South aisle likely due to high soil level on the exterior. Clean off and replaster wall once dry
- Continued monitoring of South-west window to monitor for any movement

The buildings team has a plan of implementation to ensure this work is completed.

During August the carpets were replaced. The ground floor work included the laying of steel plating to cover the old heating grills in the North and South Aisles, thus ensuring an even surface. The outcome is highly satisfactory.

The boiler received its annual service in September by AP Mitchell of Neston.

The church had its five-year electrical safety check in October, which was carried out by Barry J Fogg Electrical Ltd.

In November the tower clock received its annual service, and some minor adjustments were made by the Cumbrian Clock Company.

All Saints Caldy

The fabric of the church is in good order. The interior is regularly cleaned, professionally.

The Quinquennial inspection carried out in August by the Diocesan Architect Alf Plant revealed some urgent works

- The main valley between the nave and north aisle roof needed cleaning out.
- The polycarbonate guard needed replacing on the windows of the south elevation of the nave
- The fire extinguishers required an overhaul to comply with the requirements of insurance

The first item, clearing of the valley, has been completed and the buildings team has a plan of implementation to ensure the remaining work is completed.

Though not urgent, it was also recommended that cracked and spalled areas of stonework need monitoring to ensure no further deterioration.

For much of the year David Hind has been negotiating with BT/OpenReach to have an underground internet cable laid to provide a reliable internet connection for the Payaz machine and to have live streaming. Wireless connections have proved to be unreliable. In September the job was finally completed – the cable is entirely underground and enters the church through a small drilled hole in the gable end. Our thanks to David Hind for his great persistence in the matter.

Caldy Church Hall

The fabric of the hall is in good order. The interior is regularly cleaned, professionally.

We are aware that there is significant moss on the Caldly Manor side of the roof. The moss will have to be removed, in order to identify whether further work needs to be done and this work is planned for 2025.

There are no signs of any roof leaks.

64 Covertside – tenanted property owned by the parish

The fabric of the property is in good order. The tenants are happy.

St Bridget's Centre

During 2024 the Centre continued to be well used, despite losing one of our significant regular hirers.

The Centre has a volunteer manager (Richard Williams), a treasurer (Rosie Heenan) and together with the Centre committee they make decisions about improvements and the day-to-day running of the Centre.

The Treasurer was able to report that we have covered our “normal” running costs and maintain a good level of reserves.

No major works were undertaken during the year although minor replacements and repairs were required. There have been continuing concerns with the heating system and the committee are looking at potentially replacing the gas boiler with an air source heat pump. A report from an independent heating expert has been received and quotes for the work need to be obtained.

The Centre is reliant on the cooperation of all concerned with its life and particular thanks are due to the Centre Manager and Committee, and the parish administrator for all their work dealing with bookings and enquiries, and to the caretaker, who often goes the extra mile to help us and others.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all.

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs. Our services and worship nurture faith through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; developing a spiritual life as a follower of Jesus and partaking in the sacraments
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- provision of social activities which build up community life
- missionary and outreach work
- supporting family life within a framework of faith
- engagement in social action
- generous support of others
- building positive relationships with the wider community, especially our church school
- being part of inclusive church
- providing opportunities to learn about and be part of the care of creation.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldy, St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC is keen to enable **a range of church services** during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday evenings. Over the last 12 months we have introduced a service of prayer for wholeness and healing. We also provide spaces and resources for quiet prayer and contemplation. During the year the **Worship and Prayer** team distributed a worship and prayer questionnaire and used the results to inform our future planning.

We have offered a variety of opportunities for spiritual development during the year. These have included three quiet mornings led by members of the ministry team and a parish quiet morning at the Diocesan **R**etreat Centre, Foxhill.

An increasing number of families have started attending All Together Worship and we have had a very positive response to fresh expressions of worship such as Good Friday activity morning and an interactive nativity service.

We have a **Study And Nurture Team** who explore what we offer to develop and nurture faith through study. In October we began a new initiative of a monthly theology group which has proved popular and during Advent we ran a weekly course by John Bell 'A Life in the Comma'. We continue to **nurture** people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision and signposting to resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in the Parish Centre.

The schools in the parish (St Bridget's and Avalon) use the church on a regular basis for collective worship. St Bridget's school lead worship during the seasons of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Lent. The children from St Bridget's school are increasingly involved in our service of All Together Worship. The 'Easter Experience' was offered to both schools in the parish and had over 250 children and staff journeyed through the story of Holy Week and Easter. The Year 4 children were given the opportunity to receive Holy Communion and 25 children were prepared and admitted to do so.

Both churches remain open every day for private prayer. This has been well received in the community and has raised no issues of concern. The prayer space in St Bridget's is greatly valued and most days at least 3 or 4 candles are lit for prayer concerns. Two services of Holy Communion are offered on a Sunday at St Bridget's (8am and 10am) and a 10am service of Holy Communion at Caldry church. There is a weekly Sunday service of Evening Prayer (6.30pm) at St Bridget's. One midweek service of Holy Communion is offered at each church. We are able to offer high-quality livestreaming at St Bridget's and have maintained our online presence. The 10am service at St Bridget's and some occasional offices (weddings, funerals, baptisms) have been successfully livestreamed during 2024. Two services of Morning Prayer are offered during the week, one livestreamed on Facebook and one via Zoom.

Additional services were offered for Lent, Remembrance, Harvest, Inclusive Church, All Souls, Advent and Christmas. We also welcomed the Bishop of Birkenhead who presided at our St Bridget's Day celebrations and who also conducted a service of confirmation in July.

Throughout the year numbers attending services continue to rise and there is an average Sunday attendance across the parish of 140.

As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at important milestones of the journey through life and **significant life events**. In 2024, there were 6 weddings, 30 baptisms, 6 confirmations and 19 funerals/memorial services in church (with a further 11 funerals being conducted at crematoria and 11 burials of ashes in the churchyards).

200 parishioners were on the Church Electoral Roll at the time of the Annual Meeting in May, 96 of whom were not resident within the parish. Eight names were added during the year and seven were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and lay people have continued to visit the sick and bereaved, the housebound and the socially isolated. We are excellently supported by Malcolm Cowan the hospital chaplain. Both church families offer informal care and a friendly ear and there is a network of communication which seeks to make one another aware when a pastoral need arises. The pastoral team formed in 2021 has continued to work very well throughout 2024 providing contact and support to the bereaved and sick. We receive many calls and messages thanking the team for their care. During 2024 we have also offered two Bereavement Journey courses which have been very favourably received.

Charitable giving – generous support of others

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. In 2024, as a parish we donated £10,816 to support charities in the UK and overseas. This demonstrates our understanding that God is abundantly generous, and our response is to do likewise. For some it may not make 'sense' to be giving away money when we face a shortfall but the Christian faith often does not make sense to the world. It is very encouraging that the PCC have maintained this practice in a time of rising costs.

Mission, Outreach and Communication.

A weekly **newsletter** is emailed to 332 people via MailChimp, approximately 9 are delivered as hard copies and 30 are placed in the churches for collection. 155 copies of our **parish magazine** are printed each month, 122 of which are delivered to homes and businesses with the remainder available for sale at our churches. Our long-term editor of the magazine died in May 2024. We are hugely grateful for his work and are committed to continuing production of a resource which is widely appreciated.

The newsletter and magazine are on-line on our *A Church Near You* pages, with additional links to them on the parish website. These keep parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our church and include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding. During 2024 the website was redesigned. We continue to look for ways of improving our communication through this medium.

In September 2024 the PCC took the decision to fund three hours per week for communication, publicity and outreach. This work has included a survey of current methods of communication, continued updating of noticeboards, creation of advertising material and more effective advertising of events. The role is evolving and will be reviewed by the PCC.

The work of two part-time Children and Families workers has continued to reap benefits. We are now able to offer several activities which support and develop relationships with families. These include a Baby Group, Toasty Tuesdays (a drop in for school children and their carers), Supper Sundays (a half-termly session for families which seeks to be a gentle introduction to faith), a Toddler Group, Storytelling on Sundays and a Summer Club. We estimate that this gives us contact with 200 people (children, parents, carers) each week and is building nurturing relationships.

We have started a new social activity 'Thirsty Thursdays' which provides the chance for people to meet who might otherwise have few opportunities for informal social contact.

We continue to support **the faith development of children and young people** through Sunday Storytelling and Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School. The Rector leads a half-termly session for staff from St Bridget's school which supports spiritual development and well being.

The **St Bridget's Centre** enables a huge range of activities to take place, including the weekly 'Wednesday Link Cafe' which is increasingly busy. Children from the school attend the Link and help to serve refreshments. This develops their confidence and social skills as well as bringing a great deal of joy! The Link Cafe also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and eco-friendly items.

The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre, and the centre also provides the setting for a pre-school group on weekdays and for many other community groups to meet. The centre also houses the West Kirby Museum.

A joint Summer Fair was held between the school and church, which was very successful, and Earthfest was held in September.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church continues to be an active member of West Kirby Churches Together. Meetings are typically attended by the Rector and our parish representative, John Smith. Activities during 2024 have included a united service at the methodist Church, provision of a book 'It's your Move' for all primary school leavers in

West Kirby, a pilgrimage to Hilbre Island and carol singing outside a local supermarket. An Easter Day dawn service on the beach was organised by the URC and St Bridget's and attracted several early risers!

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of Inclusive Church and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome and serve everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, mental health or sexuality, including people who live with disability, learning disability, or neurodiversity. This is reflected in our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. During the year we have provided information and literature which explains our position as a church, and we welcome the Prayer for blessing of a Civil Partnership which has been commended by Synod. We celebrated inclusive church on Sunday October 6th when we focussed on the importance of fully including people as they grow older. Both churches are registered as Sight Loss Friendly, and with the Welcome Directory for prison leavers.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldy church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives, as a church community and as individuals. We provide the opportunity to buy eco-friendly cleaning products and give weekly tips for becoming more eco-friendly as individuals as well as a parish. We continue to work towards achieving a Gold Eco Church award for the whole parish. During 2024 we have continued to develop the lower churchyard at St Bridget's to create wildflower meadows. We have planted some native fruit trees and have provided a natural pathway to improve access. We hope that we will soon see an increase in the number and diversity of wildflowers, insects, butterflies and birds.

An ethical church

We continue to strive to be as ethical as we can and to encourage our community to do the same. We include articles and information in our newsletter and magazine to help us achieve this. In 2024 we closed our bank account with Barclays (GSG score 14) and opened an account with the Co-operative bank (GSG score 83)

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC, a Diocesan Synod member and the Rector sit on Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Deanery Synod has met 3 times and has focussed on stewardship and giving, ministry to older people and carers, and safeguarding and the use of the parish safeguarding dashboard.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musicians, choir and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Storytelling Service, Link Cafe and Fairtrade sales, contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, supporting the foodbank by delivering our donations to the warehouse, serving on various committees and much, much more. We have had several volunteers join us during 2024 from the wider community, mainly as a result of the outreach work of our Children and Families workers and this has been a great blessing. As a church community we continue to find recruitment challenging as many people lead increasingly busy work lives which often continues into retirement. We have had to respond to this by looking at sustainable activities and projects and in some cases employing people to do jobs previously undertaken by volunteers.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, the new volunteers who have joined us and those who have continued in their faithful support.

Pastoral Ministry and attendance at worship 2024

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests numbers for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

During 2024 both churches were open daily every morning as sacred spaces for private prayer and reflection.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to families who were bereaved and planning funerals, to the couples who were married and those who brought children for baptism. Visits were also made to people who were lonely or distressed. Clergy visited people in their homes and hospital when possible.

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2024	2023
Baptisms	30	25
Confirmations	6	0
Admission to Communion	0	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	6	9
Funerals/Memorial Services in Church	19	17
Funerals at Crematorium/Cemetery	11	10

Attendance at Worship 2024

October figures required for national 'Statistics of Mission' returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2023 figures are shown in brackets)

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St Bridget's	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	166 (95)	23 (14)	13 (8)	0 (0)
Week 2	87 (111)	12 (11)	16 (5)	0 (0)
Week 3	128 (143)	34 (47)	15 (7)	0 (423)
Week 4	126 (95)	25 (5)	17 (6)	0 (1)
Caldy	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1*	0 (24)	0 (0)	7 (11)	0 (4)
Week 2	16 (23)	0 (0)	5 (13)	3 (3)
Week 3	15 (28)	0 (0)	5 (10)	0 (3)
Week 4	24 (26)	3 (5)	6 (8)	0 (0)

*This Sunday was a joint service for Inclusive Sunday at St Bridget's.

Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.

Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communion.

Midnight Services and Crib services are included. (In addition, 1772 children and adults from St Bridget's and Avalon schools attended St Bridget's church during Advent.)

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	193 (176)	40 (31)	233 (207)
Easter Day attendance	252 (218)	43 (31)	295 (249)
Christmas communicants	212 (180)	15 (107)	227 (287)
Christmas attendance	785* (486)	188** (126)	973 (612)

*Includes attendance at Nativity and Service of Lessons and Carols (546). **Includes attendance at Christingle and Carol services (168).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources in 2024 were £269,555 (2023 £228,086). Congregational giving and donations amounted to £131,292 (2023 £127,336). Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £31,620 (2023 £28,064). Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £6,429 (2023 £9,675).

Interest on cash held in current and deposit accounts amounted to £4,556. The valuation of investments held during the year has increased by £1,804 as a result of positive stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £261,174 (2023 £247,976). The main expenditure during the year was again the Parish share of £96,871 (2023 £92,259). The other main reason for increased expenditure was the replacement of all the carpets at St Bridget's Church. Staff costs increased as the two children and families' workers completed their first full year of employment.

Although it appears that the parish made a small surplus in 2024, this is not a true reflection of the financial position. The Organ Fund raised over £23,000, which is expected to be spent in 2025. Income from the Parish house in Covertside also substantially exceeded expenditure, which cannot be assumed to be the

case in future years. Standing orders remain the main source of regular income at both churches, allowing income to be largely predictable and enabling cash flow to be managed. However, there was no increase in such giving in 2024 compared with 2023, a situation which will be a priority to address during 2025.

Donations through on-line giving and contactless payment have increased steadily and are expected to become a significant source of income in the coming years.

We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. St Bridget's Centre runs at close to full capacity, with a wide range of regular users, though always with some turnover of groups leaving and others arriving. The Centre continued to cover its normal running costs through fees. Parish finances are managed by a team of volunteers, who continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and interests. The Parish's overall financial position does not give cause for immediate concern, but efforts to increase regular giving will be ongoing, to safeguard the long-term sustainability of our very active ministry and outreach.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risks associated with the activities of the charity are the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldby churches, as these amount to a significant proportion of the income of the Parish. New methods of giving, through making on-line and contactless payment facilities available, have been developed successfully. Regular giving in 2024 was affected by the death and the departure of a small number of very generous donors and this had a significant impact on regular income. The PCC committed to a focus on generosity, stewardship and giving during the second half of 2025.

The PCC continue to manage the risk of diminishing reserves, remaining confident that reserves are sufficient to meet any likely demands.

Budget forecasts for the main activities of the charity for 2025 have been created, though these can never be more than reasonable projections.

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC adopted the following Reserves Policy in November 2023:

The PCC will seek to maintain free reserves (funds not restricted or designated) sufficient to meet twelve months of essential running costs (including Parish Share, staffing, utilities, insurance, worship materials, maintenance of building and churchyards, office costs, rector and rectory expenses/costs).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

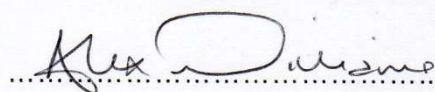
The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

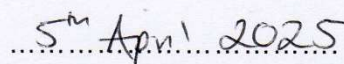
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

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Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

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Date

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 18-26.

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 required.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: Stephen Leonard

Date: 8-4-25

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	189,546	1,780	191,326	156,359
Charitable activities	3	51,017	-	51,017	51,536
Other trading activities	4	22,656	-	22,656	17,038
Investments	5	4,286	270	4,556	3,153
Total income		267,505	2,050	269,555	228,086
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	1,842	-	1,842	1,414
Charitable activities	6	238,641	20,691	259,332	246,562
Total expenditure		240,483	20,691	261,174	247,976
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		27,022	(18,641)	8,381	(19,890)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	1,804	-	1,804	3,903
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		28,826	(18,641)	10,185	(15,987)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		28,826	(18,641)	10,185	(15,987)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	1,198,543	26,827	1,225,370	1,241,357
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,227,369	8,186	1,235,555	1,225,370

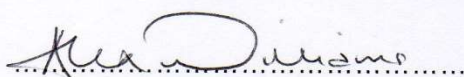
There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2024
Registration Number: 1131379

		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	1,013,007	-	1,013,007	1,013,007
Investments	9	37,260	-	37,260	35,456
		<u>1,050,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,050,267</u>	<u>1,048,463</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	178,094	8,186	186,280	177,774
		<u>178,094</u>	<u>8,186</u>	<u>186,280</u>	<u>177,774</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(992)	-	(992)	(867)
		<u>177,102</u>	<u>8,186</u>	<u>185,288</u>	<u>176,907</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>1,227,369</u>	<u>8,186</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>	<u>1,225,370</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>1,227,369</u>	<u>8,186</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>	<u>1,225,370</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,227,369	1,198,543
Restricted funds				8,186	26,827
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,235,555</u>	<u>1,225,370</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

5th April 2025
Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

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Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. The Parish house is included at cost. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity, it benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Note	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	120,759	1,780	122,539	122,017
Gift Aid	31,620	-	31,620	28,064
Collections	7,910	-	7,910	5,024
Sundry	843	-	843	295
Legacies	4,500	-	4,500	-
Donations & Appeals - Organ	23,914	-	23,914	959
	<u>189,546</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>191,326</u>	<u>156,359</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre Lettings	35,564	-	35,564	36,568
Hall Lettings	1,210	-	1,210	940
Museum	2,973	-	2,973	1,226
Friends of St Bridgets	10	-	10	10
Magazine Advertising	1,705	-	1,705	1,285
Magazine Sales	636	-	636	732
Fees	6,429	-	6,429	9,675
Grants	2,490	-	2,490	1,100
	<u>51,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,017</u>	<u>51,536</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	4,285	-	4,285	4,149
Other Activities	-	-	-	1,485
House rent	14,700	-	14,700	7,392
Solar Panels	3,671	-	3,671	4,012
	<u>22,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,656</u>	<u>17,038</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	4,286	270	4,556	3,153
	<u>4,286</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>4,556</u>	<u>3,153</u>

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Note	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	931	-	931	752
Other fundraising costs	911	-	911	662
	<u>1,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>1,414</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	96,871	-	96,871	92,259
Rector & rectory expenses	5,914	-	5,914	6,316
Parish house	1,270	-	1,270	4,756
Church	34,814	20,691	55,505	39,847
Churchyard	5,116	-	5,116	4,656
Parish magazine	1,404	-	1,404	1,425
Training & mission	2,780	-	2,780	2,728
Children & families work	18,181	-	18,181	12,338
Publicity & outreach worker	825	-	825	-
Centre	34,044	-	34,044	46,078
Hall	2,912	-	2,912	2,922
Parish Office	22,073	-	22,073	20,313
Charitable giving	10,816	-	10,816	11,243
Independent examiner's fees	725	-	725	700
Bank charges	267	-	267	648
Payroll charges	629	-	629	333
	<u>238,641</u>	<u>20,691</u>	<u>259,332</u>	<u>246,562</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
7 Staff Costs & Employees		
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	54,638	46,071
Pension costs	420	312
Social security costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>55,058</u>	<u>46,383</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

	2024	2023
The average headcount during the year was :		
Charitable activities	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

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8 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	1,013,007	1,013,007
Disposals	-	-
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>

The Land and Buildings is the church centre building at £675,000 and parish house purchased cost £338,007.

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Note	2024	2023
9 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2024	35,456	31,553
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	1,804	3,903
At 31 December 2024	37,260	35,456
	2024	2023
	£	£
10 Debtors and prepayments		
Debtors and prepayments	-	-
	-	-
	2024	2023
	£	£
11 Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account	49,417	96,302
Deposit Account	136,863	81,472
	186,280	177,774
	2024	2023
	£	£
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	992	867
	992	867

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13 Movement in Funds	Balance at 31 December 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	1,198,543	267,505	(240,483)	1,804		1,227,369
	<u>1,198,543</u>	<u>267,505</u>	<u>(240,483)</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,227,369</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	26,827	2,050	(20,691)	-		8,186
	<u>26,827</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>(20,691)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,186</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,225,370</u>	<u>269,555</u>	<u>(261,174)</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,235,555</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

15 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 1 trustee (2023 1 trustee) was reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel and telephone expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £428 (2023 £689).

16 Capital Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2024 (2023: £nil) which were authorised by the trustees but not contracted for.

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
St Bridget's Centre
St Bridget's Lane
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 3JT

The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licensed as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our ministry is assisted and complemented by three Readers, and several active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and church representation rules. It was registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity Constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

PCC Activities during 2023

In addition to the post-APCM meeting, PCC members met five times during the year. We had an average attendance of 14 members over this period. At the first meeting of the year, a new proposal was discussed to increase the number of meetings per year from 4 to 5, in addition to the APCM. This also saw the cessation of the Caldry and St Bridget committees and the formation of focus groups in line with our strategy and vision 'Growing in the Right Direction'.

Over the course of the year the PCC has made some significant decisions including

- funding repairs and improvements to both churches.
- employment of Children and Family workers
- appointing a choir director
- providing a new main noticeboard for St Bridget's
- establishing contracts with new gardeners
- buying, renovating and letting a new parish house
- a commitment to more ethical banking

Many issues and topics were discussed during the year. Each meeting had a focus on an aspect of mission and ministry, and we had presentations relating to finance, children and families, worship and prayer, social and outreach and mission.

Finance and Safeguarding remain as standing items at every meeting. We are grateful to our treasurer John Smith for his continuing help and guidance. We welcomed a new Parish Safeguarding officer, Rosemary Morgan, and are grateful to her and Sue Shaw for the work they do in ensuring we fulfil safeguarding requirements.

The PCC also expressed their thanks for the work that Rod Tann has undertaken as secretary and for staying in this role until the appointment of Dr Angela Douglas in November 2023 with the support of Miss Sue Shaw

It has been shown that the revised arrangements put in place this last year for dealing with Council business more efficiently has paid dividends. This has been achieved by –

- the Rector allocating more time in preparation both with the Standing Committee, which met before each Council Meeting to agree a structured agenda, and her preparation of overheads used at the meetings, to help Council members focus on the key issues

And

- Council members who led each Subject Group preparing and circulating early reports prior to each meeting.

Members thanked the Rector for her excellent chairing of our meetings this year.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio

Miss Ann Holden, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer, ex officio

Mr Sydney Ford, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Miss Susan Shaw, Deanery Synod, ex officio

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
CHARITY INFORMATION**

Rev Prof. David Chester

Mrs Joy Alcock (to 21 May 2023)

Mr David Wright

Mr Brian Crabtree (to 21 May 2023)

Mr William Smith (to 21 May 2023)

Mr Arthur Roberts (to 21 May 2023)

Mrs Priscilla Bench-Capon

Mr Rod Tann, Secretary

Mr Simon Trout

Professor Stanley Metcalf

Ms Mary Rees

Mrs Patricia Southworth

Mrs Valerie Ford (from 21 May 2023)

Mr David Hind (from 21 May 2023)

Dr Rosemary Morgan (from 21 May 2023)

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc

COIF Charities Fund

Independent Examiner

Counting for Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy churches has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

Parish Buildings Report for 2023

The Buildings Team regularly monitor the condition of the two churches in the parish, Caldy Church Hall and the parish house. We are grateful to Gregory Buckridge, David Hind and David Wright for their time, skills and advice.

St Bridget's Church

The fabric of the church is in good order. It is regularly cleaned, professionally.

The boiler was serviced in August; however, the central heating control failed at the end of the year and needs to be replaced.

The roof is in good condition, though the flashing where the roof joins up with the tower is suspect in some areas and requires attention. There has been some minor ingress of water which is monitored.

The gutters, hoppers, downpipes and drains have all been inspected and where necessary, cleared out. There are no significant concerns of which we are aware.

All Saints Caldy

The fabric of the church is in good order. Gutters, hoppers and drains have all been inspected, and where necessary cleared out. The tower gutters had not been cleared for many years and were significantly blocked. One broken downspout was replaced.

An underground drainpipe at the back of the church was found to be blocked, causing flooding and damp to come through a section of wall. The drainpipe was successfully replaced. A tree was also removed on the North East side of the church as it was deemed unsafe and was compromising the structure of the tower. There has been a small amount of plaster falling inside the building but on inspection this was considered to be cosmetic.

The exterior lighting, which was old and malfunctioning, was replaced with LED lighting in November.

The lightning conductor was replaced and certified and a five-year electrical safety certificate for the church has been issued.

During the year there have been discussions with BT and Outreach about laying an underground cable to provide reliable internet connection for livestreaming of services and use of the contactless giving machine.

Caldy Church Hall

The fabric of the hall is in general good order, but we suspect that the roof requires attention. A programme to clean the roof and remove moss has been agreed which will allow further inspection.

64 Covertside – tenanted property owned by the parish:

The property is in good order. The garage roof which was leaking has been replaced.

St Bridget's Centre

During 2023 the Centre continued to be well used, with most days and evenings fully booked. Weekends often have availability for hirers.

The Centre has a volunteer manager, Richard Williams, a treasurer Rosie Heenan and together with the Centre committee they make decisions about improvements and the day to day running of the Centre.

The Treasurer, Rosie Heenan, was able to report that we have covered our "normal" running costs and had reserves for the lighting.

The main work undertaken was the installation of LED lighting over the summer and completed at the October half term. This is now complete and working well.

The Centre committee have had some concerns about the heating system and need to be prepared for a boiler replacement sometime soon.

The Centre is reliant on the cooperation of all concerned with its life and particular thanks are due to the Centre Manager and Committee, the parish administrator for all their work dealing with bookings and enquiries, and the caretaker, who often go the extra mile to help us and others.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all.

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs. Our services and worship nurture faith through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; developing a spiritual life as a follower of Jesus and partaking in the sacraments.
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- provision of social activities which build up community life.

- missionary and outreach work
- engagement in social action
- generous support of others
- being part of inclusive church
- opportunities to learn about and be part of care of creation.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldy, St Bridget's Centre and Caldy Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC is keen to enable **a range of services** during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday evenings. We also provide spaces for quiet prayer and contemplation.

During the course of the year, we have offered a variety of opportunities for spiritual development. These have included a quiet morning, a session looking at spirituality and ageing, and exploring the Enneagram. An increasing number of families have started attending All Together Worship and we have had a very positive response to fresh expressions of worship such as Good Friday activity and worship and an outdoor nativity service.

The schools in the parish (St Bridget's and Avalon) use the church on a regular basis for collective worship. St Bridget's school lead worship during the seasons of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Lent. The children from St Bridget's school are increasingly involved in our service of All Together Worship. The 'Easter Experience' was offered to both schools in the parish and had over 500 children and staff journey through the story of Holy Week and Easter. The 'Love your neighbour' service has run for a second time and attracted a large number of children, families and regular congregation members and the Christingle remains one of the most popular services with a very packed church.

Both churches remain open every day for private prayer. This has been well received in the community and has raised no issues of concern. Two services of Holy Communion are offered on a Sunday at St Bridget's (8am and 10am) and a 10am service of Holy Communion at Caldy church. One midweek service of Holy Communion is offered at each church. Over the year we have continued to improve our livestreaming capacity and maintained our online presence. The 10am service at St Bridget's and some occasional offices (weddings, funerals, baptisms) have been successfully livestreamed during 2023. Evening Prayer takes place at 6.30pm on a Sunday evening except on the 3rd Sunday of the month when

until the end of 2023 this was held via Zoom. Two services of Morning Prayer are offered during the week, one livestreamed on Facebook and one via Zoom.

Additional services were offered for Lent, Remembrance, All Souls, Advent and Christmas. We also hosted the Civic Service, marked the coronation of King Charles, Harvest, Inclusive Church Sunday, Candlemas and St Bridget's Day and in October we welcomed the Bishop of Chester, the Rt Reverend Mark Tanner who presided at our service of All Together Worship.

Throughout the year numbers attending services have gradually risen and there is an average Sunday attendance across the parish of 130.

As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at important milestones of the journey through life and **significant life events**. In 2023, there were 8 weddings and one blessing of a civil marriage, 25 baptisms, and 17 funerals/memorial services in church (with a further 10 funerals being conducted at crematoria and 12 burials of ashes in the churchyards).

At present there are 200 parishioners on the **Church Electoral Roll**, 96 of whom are not resident within the parish. Thirteen names were added during the year and six were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and lay people have continued to visit the sick and bereaved, the housebound and the socially isolated. Both church families offer informal care and a friendly ear and there is a network of communication which seeks to make one another aware when a pastoral need arises. The pastoral team formed in 2021 has continued to work well throughout 2023 providing contact and support to the bereaved and sick. We receive many calls and messages thanking the team for their care.

Charitable giving – generous support of others

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. In 2023, as a parish we donated £11,243 to support charities in the UK and overseas and have committed to sustain this rate of giving. This demonstrates our understanding that God is abundantly generous, and our response is to do likewise. It is very encouraging that the PCC have maintained this practice in a time of rising costs.

Mission and Outreach

A weekly **newsletter** is emailed to 246 people via MailChimp, approximately 10 are delivered as hard copies and 50 are placed in the churches for collection. 172 copies of our **parish magazine** are printed each month, 122 of which are delivered to homes and businesses with the remainder available for sale at our churches. Both the newsletter and the magazine are also on our website and the *A Church Near You* website. These keep parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our church and

include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding. We **nurture** people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision and signposting to resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in the Parish Centre.

Early in 2023 the PCC took the bold decision to fund a Children and Families Worker for the parish for 20 hours a week. Following interview, two people were appointed to job share the role and they started in post in March 2023. This appointment has seen a significant increase in activities for children and families. A baby group, started by volunteers has now grown considerably and has a regular attendance of 15 parents with their babies.

During the Summer we offered a Summer Club for children of primary school age and in September we launched Toasty Tuesdays which offers a social occasion for parents and children by serving refreshments and providing activities in St Bridget's church. There are consistently over 120 attendees. We provide a parent and baby group at Caldy Church. We have developed the children's area in St Bridget's church and provided new resources. We continue to support **the faith development of children and young people** through Sunday Storytelling and leading Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School. The Rector leads a half-termly session for staff from St Bridget's school which combines some teaching on doctrine and experience of different styles of worship and spirituality.

The **St Bridget's Centre** enables a huge range of activities to take place, including the weekly 'Wednesday Link Cafe' which is increasingly busy. Children from the school attend the Link and help to serve refreshments. This develops their confidence and social skills as well as bringing a great deal of joy! The Link Cafe also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and eco-friendly items.

The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre, and it also provides the setting for a pre-school group on weekdays and for many other community groups to meet. The centre also hosts the West Kirby Museum.

A joint Summer Fair was held between the school and church, which was very successful, and Earthfest was held in September.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church continues to be an active member of West Kirby Churches Together. Meetings are typically attended by the Rector and our parish representative, John Smith. Activities during 2023 have included a united service at St Andrew's West Kirby, provision of a book 'It's your Move' for all primary school leavers in West Kirby, a performance of the Corrie ten Boom 'The Hiding Place' story at St Michaels' Newton and carol singing outside a local supermarket. An Easter Day dawn service on the beach was organised by the URC and St Bridget's and attracted several early risers!

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of Inclusive Church and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome and serve everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, mental health or sexuality, including people who live with disability, learning disability, or neurodiversity. This is reflected in our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. During the year we have provided information and literature which explains our position as a church, and we welcome the Prayer for blessing of a Civil Partnership which has been commended by Synod. We celebrated inclusive church on Sunday October 22nd. Both churches are registered as Sight Loss Friendly, and with the Welcome Directory for prison leavers.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldby church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives as a church community and as individuals. We provide the opportunity to buy eco-friendly cleaning products and give weekly tips for becoming more eco-friendly as individuals as well as a parish. We continue to work towards achieving a Gold Eco Church award for the whole parish. During 2023 we have renewed our efforts in the lower churchyard at St Bridget's and have received advice from a volunteer at Ness gardens. We have cleared and created space to establish a Summer and a Spring meadow and are implementing an action plan to achieve an increase in wildflowers, insects, butterflies and birds.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC and the Rector sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Deanery Synod has focussed on the Diocesan Vision 'Casting the net wide', they have also had a presentation by Transforming lives Together', an independent charity working in partnership with Chester Diocese and Chester Cathedral and part of the Church Urban Fund 'Together Network' of 21 charities across England, linked by faith and driven to tackle poverty, loneliness and social inequality.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musicians, choir and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Storytelling Service, Link Cafe and Fairtrade sales, contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, supporting the foodbank by delivering our donations to the warehouse, and serving on various committees. As a church community we are facing a difficulty in recruiting new volunteers as so

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many people lead increasingly busy work lives which often continues into retirement. We have had to respond to this by looking at sustainable activities and projects and in some cases employing people to do jobs previously undertaken by volunteers.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, the new volunteers who have joined us and those who have continued in their faithful support.

Pastoral Ministry and attendance at worship 2023

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests numbers for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

During 2023 both churches were open daily every morning as sacred spaces for private prayer and reflection.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to families who were bereaved and planning funerals, to the couples who were married and those who brought children for baptism. Visits were also made to people who were lonely or distressed. Clergy visited people in their homes and hospital when possible.

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2023	2022
Baptisms	25	23
Confirmations	0	3
Admission to Communion	0	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	9	10
Funerals/Memorial Services in Church	17	23
Funerals at Crematorium/Cemetery	10	16

Attendance at Worship 2023

October figures required for national 'Statistics of Mission' returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2022 figures are shown in brackets)

St Bridget's	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	95(93)	14 (8)	7 (8)	0 (0)
Week 2	111 (204)	11 (87)	5 (5)	0 (0)
Week 3	143 (104)	47(27)	33 (7)	423 (0)
Week 4	95 (81)	5(4)	8 (6)	1 (1)
Caldy	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	24 (23)	0 (0)	11(10)	4 (3)
Week 2	23 (25)	0 (0)	13 (10)	3 (2)
Week 3	28 (24)	0 (0)	10 (10)	3 (0)
Week 4	26 (24)	5 (0)	8 (8)	0 (0)

Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.
Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communions.
Midnight Services and Crib services are included.

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	176 (173)	31 (30)	207 (203)
Easter Day attendance	218 (199)	31 (39)	249 (238)
Christmas communicants	180 (214)	107 (31)	287 (245)
Christmas attendance	486 (235)	126 (37)	612 (272)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total **incoming resources** in 2023 were £228,086 (2022 £215,977). Congregational giving and donations amounted to £127,236 (2022 £122,270). Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £28,064 (2022 £25,170). Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £9,675 (2022 £7,387).

Interest on cash held in current and deposit accounts amounted to £3,253. The valuation of investments held during the year has increased by £3,903 because of positive stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £247,976 (2022 £215,001). The main expenditure during the year was again the Parish share of £92,259 (2022 £89,571). Other reasons for increased expenditure were maintenance and improvement work on buildings (mostly as part of planned maintenance), gas and electricity costs and staff costs including the employment of two children and families' workers.

2023 was a satisfactory year, despite expenditure exceeding income. The additional expenditure was carefully planned for, with the Trustees agreeing to reduce reserves if necessary. Standing orders remain the main source of regular income at both churches, allowing income to be largely predictable and enabling cash flow to be managed. Income from weekly envelopes and cash collections have continued to decline, but donations through on-line giving and contactless payment have more than compensated.

We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. St Bridget's Centre runs at close to full capacity, with a wide range of regular users. The Centre continued to cover its normal running costs through fees.

Very early in 2023, the parish completed the purchase of 64 Covertside, to house any future curates and to be rented out at other times. After a short period for necessary maintenance, the property has been let out to tenants.

Parish finances are managed by a team of volunteers, who continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and interests.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risks associated with the activities of the charity are the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldy churches, as these amount to a significant proportion of the income of the Parish. New methods of giving, through making on-line and contactless payment facilities available, have been developed successfully. Regular giving in 2023 continued to remain largely stable, increasing slightly, though not in line with inflationary pressures. Encouragement to increase regular giving and other sources of income will be explored further in 2024.

The PCC continue to manage the risk of diminishing reserves, remaining confident that reserves are sufficient to meet any likely demands.

Budget forecasts for the main activities of the charity for 2024 have been created, though these can never be more than reasonable projections.

RESERVES POLICY

The PCC adopted the following Reserves Policy in November 2023:

The PCC will seek to maintain free reserves (funds not restricted or designated) sufficient to meet twelve months of essential running costs (including Parish Share, staffing, utilities, insurance, worship materials, maintenance of building and churchyards, office costs, rector and rectory expenses/costs).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

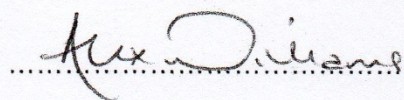
The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

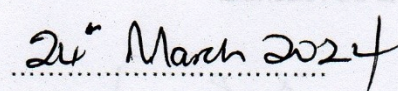
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

.....

Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

.....

Date

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 17-25

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 required.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: S. Leonard

Date: 27-3-24

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
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		2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	154,579	1,780	156,359	153,941
Charitable activities	3	51,536	-	51,536	49,142
Other trading activities	4	17,038	-	17,038	7,107
Investments	5	2,875	278	3,153	5,787
Total income		226,028	2,058	228,086	215,977
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	1,414	-	1,414	1,189
Charitable activities	6	244,433	2,129	246,562	213,812
Total expenditure		245,847	2,129	247,976	215,001
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		(19,819)	(71)	(19,890)	976
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	3,903	-	3,903	(3,070)
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		(15,916)	(71)	(15,987)	(2,094)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(15,916)	(71)	(15,987)	(2,094)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	1,214,459	26,898	1,241,357	1,243,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,198,543	26,827	1,225,370	1,241,357

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2023
Registration Number: 1131379

		2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	1,013,007	-	1,013,007	675,000
Investments	9	35,456	-	35,456	31,553
		<u>1,048,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048,463</u>	<u>706,553</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	10	-	-	-	715
Cash at bank and in hand	11	150,947	26,827	177,774	534,789
		<u>150,947</u>	<u>26,827</u>	<u>177,774</u>	<u>535,504</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(867)	-	(867)	(700)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>150,080</u>	<u>26,827</u>	<u>176,907</u>	<u>534,804</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,198,543</u>	<u>26,827</u>	<u>1,225,370</u>	<u>1,241,357</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,198,543	1,214,459
Restricted funds				<u>26,827</u>	<u>26,898</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,225,370</u>	<u>1,241,357</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


 Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

24th March 2024
 Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. The Parish house is included at cost. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Note	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
2 Donations and legacies	£	£	£	£
Donations	120,237	1,780	122,017	116,833
Gift Aid	28,064	-	28,064	25,170
Collections	5,024	-	5,024	5,401
Sundry	295	-	295	36
Legacies	-	-	-	6,501
Donations & Appeals - Organ	959	-	959	
	<u>154,579</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>156,359</u>	<u>153,941</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre Lettings	36,568	-	36,568	34,390
Hall Lettings	940	-	940	415
Museum	1,226	-	1,226	1,240
Friends of St Bridgets	10	-	10	10
Magazine Advertising	1,285	-	1,285	1,273
Magazine Sales	732	-	732	873
Fees	9,675	-	9,675	7,387
Grants	1,100	-	1,100	3,554
	<u>51,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,536</u>	<u>49,142</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	4,149	-	4,149	3,207
Other Activities	1,485	-	1,485	308
House rent	7,392	-	7,392	-
Solar Panels	4,012	-	4,012	3,592
	<u>17,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,038</u>	<u>7,107</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	2,875	278	3,153	5,787
	<u>2,875</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>3,153</u>	<u>5,787</u>

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Note	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	752	-	752	707
Other fundraising costs	662	-	662	482
	<u>1,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,189</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	92,259	-	92,259	89,571
Rector & rectory expenses	6,316	-	6,316	5,327
Parish house	4,756	-	4,756	-
Church	37,718	2,129	39,847	31,365
Churchyard	4,656	-	4,656	11,639
Parish magazine	1,425	-	1,425	1,353
Training & mission	2,728	-	2,728	2,194
Children & families workers	12,338	-	12,338	-
Centre	46,078	-	46,078	40,367
Hall	2,922	-	2,922	693
Parish Office	20,313	-	20,313	19,094
Charitable giving	11,243	-	11,243	7,383
Independent examiner's fees	700	-	700	700
Sundries	-	-	-	11
Defibrillators	-	-	-	3,552
Bank charges	648	-	648	563
Payroll charges	333	-	333	-
	<u>244,433</u>	<u>2,129</u>	<u>246,562</u>	<u>213,812</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
7 Staff Costs & Employees		
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	46,071	29,630
Pension costs	312	253
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>46,383</u>	<u>29,883</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

	2023	2022
The average headcount during the year was :		
Charitable activities	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

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8 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	675,000	675,000
Disposals	-	-
Additions	338,007	338,007
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,013,007</u>	<u>1,013,007</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>

The Land and Buildings is the church centre building at £675,000 and parish house purchased cost £338,007.

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Note	2023	2022
9 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2023	31,553	34,623
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	3,903	(3,070)
At 31 December 2023	35,456	31,553
	2023	2022
	£	£
10 Debtors and prepayments		
Parish House - costs prepaid	-	715
	-	715
	2023	2022
	£	£
11 Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account	96,302	505,985
Deposit Account	81,472	28,804
	177,774	534,789
	2023	2022
	£	£
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	867	700
	867	700

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Note

13 Movement in Funds

	Balance at 31 December 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	1,214,459	226,028	(245,847)	3,903		1,198,543
	<u>1,214,459</u>	<u>226,028</u>	<u>(245,847)</u>	<u>3,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,198,543</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	26,898	2,058	(2,129)	-		26,827
	<u>26,898</u>	<u>2,058</u>	<u>(2,129)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,827</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,241,357</u>	<u>228,086</u>	<u>(247,976)</u>	<u>3,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,225,370</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

15 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 1 trustee (2022 1 trustee) was reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel and telephone expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £689 (2022 £284).

16 Capital Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2023 (2022: £335,000) which were authorised by the trustees but not contracted for:

	2023 £	2022 £
Purchase of Parish house	<u>-</u>	<u>335,000</u>

Contracts were exchanged on 6th January 2023 and completion was on 18th January 2023.

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
St Bridget's Centre
St Bridget's Lane
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 3JT

The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licensed as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our ministry is assisted and complemented by two Readers, one Reader Emeritus and several active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules. It was registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity Constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Whilst videoconferencing had proved a boon during the Covid period, it was a pleasure for the Council to be able to get back to meetings in person.

In addition to the post-APCM meeting, PCC members met five times during the year. We had an average attendance of 13 members over this period.

As usual, many issues and topics were discussed during the year, and decisions made on significant matters, including continued discussion on many issues with financial implications. In this connection, we were especially grateful to receive much help and guidance from our Parish Treasurer, John Smith. Progressing the purchase of the new Curate's house in Covertside also demanded significant time from the Council, with particular recognition of all the preparatory work done by Churchwarden Greg Buckridge to guide Council members in their discussions. Safeguarding also featured as a regular item on the Agenda.

The need was recognised for Council business to be managed in a more efficient way. The Rector therefore placed increased emphasis on the need for the preparation and timely circulation of reports from lead members, prior to each meeting. The Standing Committee met before each meeting to agree a structured agenda, which would help her ensure sufficient time was made available for discussing key issues and the taking of necessary decisions.

In a further effort to streamline church business and reduce the pressure at Council meetings, the Rector sought, and received, the Council's agreement to introduce a trial system of increasing the number of PCC meetings held each year, from four to five, and abolishing the St Bridget's and the Caldry Committees. Subject groups would be formed, where small groups of church members would be invited to serve, supported by representative PCC members. Members thanked the Rector for her excellent chairing of our meetings this year.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio

Miss Ann Holden, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer, ex officio

Mr Sydney Ford, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Rev Prof. David Chester

Mrs Joy Alcock

Mr David Wright

Miss Susan Shaw

Mr Brian Crabtree

Mr William Smith

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
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AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy churches has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy church hall.

THE BUILDINGS

St Bridget's Church

The fabric of the church is in good order. It is regularly cleaned and the boiler received its annual maintenance check.

Alf Plant, the church Architect, has inspected the dormer windows. There are some minor defects where damp has been coming through immediately below the windows. Water also comes in where the roof joins to the tower, by the organ, font side. Just before Christmas, snow and ice built up in the roof gullies, causing water to run down a wall at the altar end of the Lady Chapel. No obvious fault has been found, though there is some suspect lead flashing. The building team will seek to rectify the leaks in the spring of 2023. All gutters and drains are in good condition and fully functional.

Following repair work, there has been no recurrence of the leakage that saturated the south wall by the font in 2021. There have been discussions at PCC about the redecoration of the church. It is intended in 2023 to look at redecoration and carpeting.

All Saints Caldy Church and Hall

The fabric of the church is in good order and has been maintained by regular cleaning. The boiler received its annual maintenance check. However, the lightning conductor failed its conductivity test. A professional company will be engaged in 2023 to do the necessary upgrading. The gutters, downpipes and drains are to be checked in 2023.

The fabric of the church hall is in good order. The external wall at the roadside is showing signs of deterioration due to erosion of the sandstone blocks caused mainly by passing vehicles splashing rainwater onto the wall. A structural survey indicated there is no immediate problem, but regular inspection is required.

St Bridget's Centre

During 2022 the Centre continued to return to normal operations post Covid, and we were pleased to see many users returning to regular use and to also welcome some new users.

The main work undertaken was the replacement of the Museum Roof during the summer. This was completed successfully, and the roof is now watertight.

During 2023 we intend to progress the work to install LED lighting via a phased programme, prioritizing the corridor and Beacon room.

There have been some further concerns about the kitchen roof leaking again but the caretaker, Jamie Cook, now seems to have solved this problem.

The Treasurer, Rosie Heenan, was able to report a good surplus on the year, although the increased cost of energy during 2023 will impinge on this.

The Centre is reliant on the cooperation of all concerned with its life and particular thanks are due to Paula Cobby for all her work dealing with bookings and enquiries, and Jamie Cook the caretaker, who both often go the extra mile to help us and others.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all.

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs. Our services and worship nurture faith through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work
- engagement in social action
- generous support of others
- being part of inclusive church
- opportunities to learn about and be part of care of creation

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldý, St Bridget's Centre and Caldý Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC is keen to enable **a range of services** during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and also have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday evenings. We also provide spaces for quiet prayer and contemplation.

During the course of the year, we have offered a variety of opportunities for spiritual development. An increasing number of families have started attending All Together Worship and we have had a very positive response to fresh expressions of worship such as Good Friday activity and worship and an outdoor nativity service.

The schools in the parish (St Bridget's and Avalon) use the church on a regular basis for collective worship. St Bridget's school lead worship during the seasons of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Lent. The children from St Bridget's school are increasingly involved in our service of All Together Worship. A new initiative to celebrate the relationship between St Bridget's school and church was held—'Love your neighbour' service—which attracted a large number of children, families and regular congregation members.

Both churches are now open every day for private prayer. Two services of Holy Communion are offered on a Sunday at St Bridget's (8am and 10am) and a 10am service of Holy Communion at Caldý church. One midweek service of Holy Communion is offered at each church. The 10am service at St Bridget's has been successfully livestreamed during 2022. Evening prayer takes place at 6.30pm on a Sunday evening except on the 3rd Sunday of the month when it is held via Zoom. Two services of Morning Prayer are offered during the week, one livestreamed on Facebook and one via Zoom.

Additional services were offered for Lent, Remembrance, All Souls, Advent and Christmas. We held a confirmation service in July when two young people were confirmed. Both the Bishop of Chester and one candidate were unable to attend due to Covid. The confirmation was taken by a retired bishop, The Right Reverend John Hayden who returned to confirm the third candidate in November.

Throughout the year numbers attending services have gradually risen and there is an average Sunday attendance across the parish of 110.

As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at important milestones of the journey through life and **significant life events**. In 2022, there were 10 weddings, 23 baptisms, and 23 funerals/memorial services in church (with a further 16 funerals being conducted at crematoria and 9 burials of ashes in the churchyards).

At present there are 193 parishioners on the **Church Electoral Roll**, 101 of whom are not resident within the parish. Two names were added during the year and nine were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and lay people have continued to visit the sick and bereaved, the housebound and the socially isolated. Both church families offer informal care and a friendly ear and there is a network of communication which seeks to make one another aware when a pastoral need arises. The pastoral team formed in 2021 has continued to work well throughout 2022 providing contact and support to the bereaved and sick.

Mission and Outreach

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. In 2021 a commitment was made to increase our giving to charities both locally and internationally. In 2022, as a parish we donated £7383 to support charities in the UK and overseas and have committed to a higher figure in 2023. This demonstrates our understanding that God is abundantly generous, and our response is to do likewise. It is very encouraging that the PCC have maintained this practice in a time of rising costs.

A weekly **newsletter** is emailed to 246 people via MailChimp, approximately 12 are delivered as hard copies and 40 are placed in the churches for collection. 177 copies of our **parish magazine** are printed each month, 127 of which are delivered to homes and businesses with the remainder available for sale at our churches. Both the newsletter and the magazine are also on our website and the *A Church Near You* website. These keep parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our church and include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding. We **nurture** people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision and signposting to resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in the Parish Centre.

We support **the faith development of children and young people** through Storytelling and leading Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School. The Rector leads a half-termly session for staff from St Bridget's school which combines some teaching on doctrine and experience of different styles of worship and spirituality. A series of videos was used for the school children to replace the usual Easter Experience. We have started a baby group at St Bridget's centre. We provide a parent and baby group at Caldby Church. We have developed the children's area in church and provided new resources.

The **St Bridget's Centre** enables a huge range of activities to take place, including the weekly 'Wednesday Link Cafe' which has returned to its usual pre-Covid busy-ness. Children from the school attend the Link and help to serve refreshments. This develops their confidence and social skills as well as bringing a great deal of joy! The Link Cafe also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and eco-friendly items.

The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre, and it also provides the setting for a pre-school group on weekdays and for many other community groups to meet. Bookings have increased since the impact of Covid and lockdown. The centre also hosts the West Kirby Museum.

A joint Summer Fair was held between the school and church, which was very successful, and Earthfest went ahead.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church continues to be an active member of West Kirby Churches Together. Meetings are typically attended by the Rector and our parish representative, John Smith. Activities during 2022 have included Picnic in the Park and Christmas Carols outside Morrisons. An Easter Day dawn service on the beach was organised by the URC and St Bridget's and attracted several early risers!

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of *Inclusive Church* and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome and serve everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, mental health or sexuality, including people who live with disability, learning disability, or neurodiversity. This is reflected in our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We celebrated inclusive church on Sunday November 6th when we welcomed Kieran Bohan from the Open Table Network as our preacher. Both churches have registered as Sight Loss Friendly, and with the Welcome Directory for prison leavers.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldby church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives as a church community and as individuals. We continue to work towards achieving a Gold Eco Church award for the whole parish.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC and the Rector sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Deanery Synod has focussed on evangelistic opportunities and outreach, involvement of children in church life, the diocesan initiative to become net zero carbon by 2030, the Living in Love and Faith report and exploring effective strategies for mission and evangelism.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musicians, choir and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Storytelling Service, Link Cafe and Fairtrade sales, contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, supporting the foodbank by delivering our donations to the warehouse, and serving on various committees. Over the year we have greatly improved our livestreaming capacity and maintained our online presence. We are especially grateful for those who have continued to work on website development and livestreaming.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, the new volunteers who have joined us and those who have continued in their faithful support.

Pastoral Ministry and attendance at worship 2022

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests numbers for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

During 2022 both churches increased their opening times and were open daily every morning as sacred spaces for private prayer and reflection.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to families who were bereaved and planning funerals, to the couples who were married and those who brought children for baptism. Visits were also made to people who were lonely or distressed. Clergy visited people in their homes and hospital when possible.

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2022	2021
Baptisms	23	13
Confirmations	3	0
Admission to Communion	0	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	10	10

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Funerals/Memorial Services in Church	23	22
Funerals at Crematorium/Cemetery	16	10

Attendance at Worship 2022

October figures required for national 'Statistics of Mission' returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2021 figures are shown in brackets)

St Bridget's	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	93 (105)	8 (15)	8 (7)	0 (0)
Week 2	204 (78)	87 (8)	5 (40)	0 (4)
Week 3	104 (110)	27 (1)	7 (104)	0 (350)
Week 4	81 (6)	4 (0)	6 (214)	1 (3)
Caldy	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	23 (16)	0 (0)	10 (6)	3 (0)
Week 2	25 (20)	0 (0)	10 (6)	2 (0)
Week 3	24 (22)	0 (0)	10 (7)	0 (0)
Week 4	24(48)	0 (0)	8 (9)	0 (0)

Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.

Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communions.

Midnight Services and Crib services are included.

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	173 (67)	30 (15)	203 (82)
Easter Day attendance	199 (69)	39 (15)	238 (84)
Christmas communicants	214 (110)	31 (34)	245 (144)
Christmas attendance	235 (261)	37 (34)	272 (295)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total **incoming resources** this year were £215,977 (2021 £209,522). Congregational giving and donations amounted to £122,270 (2021 £105,543). Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £25,170 (2021 £23,480). Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £7,387 (2021 £8,012).

Investment income received during the year amounted to £5,787 – due mainly to the temporary holding of funds from the house sale late in 2021 (2021 £51). The valuation of investments held during the year has decreased by £3,070 because of negative stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £215,001 (2021 £186,956). The main expenditure during the year was the Parish share of £89,571 (2021 £87,598).

From the financial point of view, 2022 was a satisfactory year, with income and expenditure almost exactly balancing. Standing orders are now firmly established as the main source of regular income at both churches, a satisfactory situation to be in as income is thus largely predictable and cash flow can be managed. Income from weekly envelopes and cash collections have reduced somewhat, but donations through on-line giving and contactless payment have increased very significantly. We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. Usage of St Bridget's Centre returned close to pre-Covid days, and the Centre continued to cover its costs through income.

At the end of 2022, the parish was on the point of purchasing 64 Covertside, to house any future curates and to be rented out at other times. The cost of this is covered by the proceeds from the sale of 13 Caldý Road in late 2021.

We aim to be generous in our giving to support those (locally, nationally and internationally) less fortunate than ourselves, and are aiming to donate 10% of disposable income to charities.

All those involved with managing the parish's finances continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and aptitudes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risks associated with the activities of the charity are the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldý churches, as these amount to a significant proportion of the income of the Parish. New methods of giving, through making on-line and contactless payment facilities available, have been developed successfully. Regular giving in 2022 continued to remain largely stable, which was encouraging given the challenging economic environment.

The PCC continue to manage the risk of diminishing reserves.

Budget forecasts for the main activities of the charity for 2023 have been created, though these can never be more than reasonable projections.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold no less than six months expenditure in cash reserves. Currently the reserves exceed this. This policy is regularly reviewed. It is thought to be sufficient, given that the parish has an above-average Parish Share commitment, several buildings and two churchyards to maintain and enhance, and a growing number of staff to pay.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

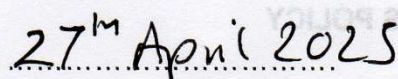
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

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Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

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Date

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 16–24

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 required.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: *S. Leonard*
Date: 28-4-23
Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

		2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	151,130	2,811	153,941	152,192
Charitable activities	3	49,142	-	49,142	49,008
Other trading activities	4	7,107	-	7,107	8,271
Investments	5	5,747	40	5,787	51
Total income		213,126	2,851	215,977	209,522
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	1,189	-	1,189	131
Charitable activities	6	213,801	11	213,812	186,825
Total expenditure		214,990	11	215,001	186,956
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		(1,864)	2,840	976	22,566
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	(3,070)	-	(3,070)	4,964
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		(4,934)	2,840	(2,094)	27,530
Extraordinary item	8	-	-	-	292,939
Transfer between funds		19,169	(19,169)	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		14,235	(16,329)	(2,094)	320,469
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	14	1,200,224	43,227	1,243,451	922,982
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,214,459	26,898	1,241,357	1,243,451

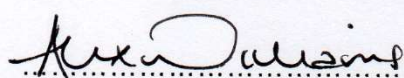
There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2022
Registration Number: 1131379

		2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	675,000	-	675,000	675,000
Investments	10	31,553	-	31,553	34,623
		<u>706,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>706,553</u>	<u>709,623</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	11	715	-	715	-
Cash at bank and in hand	12	507,891	26,898	534,789	534,478
		<u>508,606</u>	<u>26,898</u>	<u>535,504</u>	<u>534,478</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(700)	-	(700)	(650)
		<u>507,906</u>	<u>26,898</u>	<u>534,804</u>	<u>533,828</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>1,214,459</u>	<u>26,898</u>	<u>1,241,357</u>	<u>1,243,451</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>1,214,459</u>	<u>26,898</u>	<u>1,241,357</u>	<u>1,243,451</u>
FUNDS					
	14				
Unrestricted funds				1,214,459	1,200,224
Restricted funds				26,898	43,227
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,241,357</u>	<u>1,243,451</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

27th April 2023

Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Note	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
2 Donations and legacies	£	£	£	£
Donations	114,022	2,811	116,833	100,320
Gift Aid	25,170	-	25,170	23,480
Collections	5,401	-	5,401	5,154
Sundry	36	-	36	69
Legacies	6,501	-	6,501	23,169
	<u>151,130</u>	<u>2,811</u>	<u>153,941</u>	<u>152,192</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre & Hall Lettings	34,805	-	34,805	22,631
Museum	1,240	-	1,240	135
Friends of St Bridgets	10	-	10	10
Magazine Advertising	1,273	-	1,273	2,295
Magazine Sales	873	-	873	738
Fees	7,387	-	7,387	8,012
Grants	3,554	-	3,554	13,757
HMRC Job Retention Grant	-	-	-	1,430
	<u>49,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,142</u>	<u>49,008</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	3,207	-	3,207	-
Other Activities	308	-	308	111
House rent	-	-	-	4,753
Solar Panels	3,592	-	3,592	3,407
	<u>7,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,107</u>	<u>8,271</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	5,747	40	5,787	51
	<u>5,747</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5,787</u>	<u>51</u>

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Note	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	707	-	707	-
Other fundraising costs	482	-	482	131
	<u>1,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,189</u>	<u>131</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	89,571	-	89,571	87,598
Rector & rectory expenses	5,327	-	5,327	4,107
Parish house	-	-	-	2,460
Church	31,365	-	31,365	22,230
Churchyard	11,639	-	11,639	12,556
Parish magazine	1,353	-	1,353	1,493
Training & mission	2,194	-	2,194	2,311
Centre & hall	41,060	-	41,060	28,086
Parish Office	19,094	-	19,094	17,125
Charitable giving	7,383	-	7,383	7,820
Independent examiner's fees	700	-	700	650
Sundries	-	11	11	59
Defibrilators	3,552	-	3,552	-
Bank charges	563	-	563	330
	<u>213,801</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>213,812</u>	<u>186,825</u>

	2022 £	2021 £
7 Staff Costs & Employees		
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	29,630	25,704
Pension costs	253	218
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>29,883</u>	<u>25,922</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

The average headcount during the year was :	2022	2021
Charitable activities	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

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Note	2022	2021
	£	£
8 Extraordinary item		
Gain on disposal of Parish house	-	292,939
	<u>-</u>	<u>292,939</u>

9 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	675,000	675,000
Disposals	-	-
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2022	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>

The Land and Buildings is the church centre building at £675,000.

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Note	2022	2021
10 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2022	34,623	29,659
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	(3,070)	4,964
At 31 December 2022	31,553	34,623
	2022	2021
	£	£
11 Debtors and prepayments		
Parish House - costs prepaid	715	-
	715	-
	2022	2021
	£	£
12 Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account	505,985	91,467
Deposit Account	28,804	443,011
	534,789	534,478
	2022	2021
	£	£
13 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	700	650
	700	650

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14 Movement in Funds	Balance at 31 December 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In /(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	1,200,224	213,126	(214,990)	(3,070)	19,169	1,214,459
	<u>1,200,224</u>	<u>213,126</u>	<u>(214,990)</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>	<u>19,169</u>	<u>1,214,459</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	43,227	2,851	(11)	-	(19,169)	26,898
	<u>43,227</u>	<u>2,851</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,169)</u>	<u>26,898</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,243,451</u>	<u>215,977</u>	<u>(215,001)</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,241,357</u>

15 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

16 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 1 trustee (2021 1 trustee) was reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £284 (2021 £373).

17 Capital Commitments

The charity had the following capital commitment at 31 December 2022 (2021: None) which was authorised by the trustees but not contracted for:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Purchase of Parish house	<u>335,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Contracts were exchanged on 6th January 2023 and completion was on 18th January 2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1131379

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY CHARITY INFORMATION

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
St Bridget's Centre
St Bridget's Lane
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 3JT

The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter Church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licenced as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our ministry is assisted and complemented by three Readers and several active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and church representation rules. It was registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

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New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met four times during the year, mostly using Zoom (due to Government restrictions on meetings), with an average level of attendance of 75%.

The PCC has a standing committee which has met as required and, given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub-committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, (St Bridget's, Caldý, Enhancement, Finance and Fabric) are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio

Rev Prof. David Chester, Permission to Officiate, ex officio

Mr David Wright, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Sydney Ford, Deputy Warden, Caldý, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Mrs Joy Alcock

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer

Miss Susan Shaw

Mr Brian Crabtree, Deputy Warden, Caldý

Mr William Smith

Mr Arthur Roberts

Ms Sheelagh Blair

Mrs Priscilla Bench-Capon

Mr Rod Tann, Secretary

Mr Simon Trout

Mr Stanley Metcalf

Miss Mary Rees

Miss Ann Holden, as from 29th April 2021

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc

COIF Charities Fund

Independent Examiner

Counting for Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy church hall.

The Buildings

St Bridget's church

Whilst no significant works have been undertaken during the last year, the church has been well maintained. It has been inspected weekly by the churchwardens, regularly cleaned and minor repairs have been carried out as necessary. An armoured cable has been run between the church and the Church Centre, to provide a permanent internet connection for the livestreaming of services and events.

It has been noted that there are some defects in the lead work of the dormer windows, and these are to be inspected by the church architect.

Caldy church and hall

The fabric of the church is in good order and has been maintained by regular cleaning and routine maintenance of boiler/ organ and testing of electrical installations. The installation of IT facilities has been approved by faculty and final installation is now awaited.

The church hall has been improved internally by the fitting of new curtains. The external wall at the roadside is showing signs of deterioration due to erosion of the sandstone blocks caused mainly by passing vehicles splashing rainwater onto the wall. A structural survey indicated there is no immediate problem, but it should be inspected regularly.

St Bridget's Centre

Buildings and services at St Bridget's Centre have been maintained during the year to meet all relevant regulations and ensure the needs of users have been met. Non-essential work was delayed due to Covid restrictions, but renewals and improvements have since been delivered as necessary. Roof issues above the kitchen, despite repairs, remain a concern and are being monitored while failures of old technology lighting components require a replacement programme with new LED lighting. Storm Arwen damaged the old pyramidal Museum Roof and plans are in place to reroof in 2022.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs.

Our services and worship, nurture faith through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Engagement in social action.
- Being part of inclusive church.
- Opportunities to learn about and be part of care of creation.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldý, St Bridget's Centre and Caldý Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The PCC is keen to enable **a range of services** during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and also have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship

service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday Evenings. We also provide spaces for quiet prayer and contemplation.

The schools in the parish (St Bridget's and Avalon) use the church on a regular basis for collective worship. St Bridget's school lead worship during the seasons of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Lent. This was re-established from September 2021 following the period of lockdown due to Covid. The children from St Bridget's school are increasingly involved in our service of All Together Worship.

Both churches remained open for **worship and private prayer** during 2021 following the government restrictions and advice. Two services of Holy Communion are offered on a Sunday at St Bridget's (8am and 10am) and a 10am service of holy Communion at Caldry church. One midweek service of Holy Communion is offered at each church. The 10am service at St Bridget's has been successfully livestreamed during 2021. The popular weekly Sunday morning Zoom service was continued until the Autumn when it was replaced by a monthly evening service on Zoom. Two services of Morning Prayer are offered during the week, one livestreamed on Facebook and one via Zoom.

Additional services were offered for Remembrance, All Souls, Advent and Christmas.

The Covid pandemic has continued to affect attendance, but numbers are gradually rising.

As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at important milestones of the journey through life and **significant life events**. In 2021 there were 10 weddings, 13 baptisms, 18 funerals and 4 memorial services in church (with a further 10 funerals being conducted at crematoria).

At present there are 200 parishioners on the **Church Electoral Roll**, 97 of whom are not resident within the parish. 2 names were added during the year and 7 were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

During 2021 a review of pastoral care has taken place. Clergy and lay people have continued to visit the sick and bereaved, the housebound and the socially isolated. Both church families offer informal care and a friendly ear and there is a network of communication which seeks to make one another aware when a pastoral need arises. Towards the end of 2021 a new pastoral team was formed following responses to a parish wide survey. The initial focus of this group has been responding to the bereaved.

Mission and Outreach

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. In 2020 a commitment was made to increase our giving to charities both locally and internationally. In 2021, as a parish we donated £7820 to support charities in the UK and overseas and have committed to a higher figure in 2022.

A weekly **newsletter** is emailed to 195 people via mailchimp, 15 are delivered as hard copies and 30 are placed in the churches for collection. 170 copies of our **parish magazine** are printed each month, 134 of which are delivered to homes and businesses with the remainder available for sale at our churches. Both the newsletter and the magazine are also on our website and the A Church Near You website. These keep parishioners and others informed of the important matters affecting our church and include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding.

We **nurture** people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision and signposting to resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in the Parish Centre. We support **the faith development of children and young people** through Storytelling and leading Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School. The Rector leads a half termly session for staff from St Bridget's school which combines some teaching on doctrine and experience of different styles of worship and spirituality. A series of videos was created for the school children to replace the usual Easter Experience. We have developed the children's area in church and provided new resources. We facilitate a parent and baby group at Caldý Church.

The **St Bridget's Centre** enables a huge range of activities to take place, when not in lockdown, in particular the weekly 'Wednesday Link Cafe' which has gradually emerged from lockdown. The Link Cafe also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and Eco-Friendly Items. The Link Cafe continued as a weekly Wednesday morning Zoom session until the centre re-opened.

The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre, and it also provides the setting for a pre-School Group on weekdays and many other community groups. Whilst the pandemic significantly affected the use of the Parish centre, from September many groups have returned. It also hosts the West Kirby Museum. The pandemic meant that many social and fund-raising activities were cancelled, including the Summer Fair and Caldý Picnic, although a smaller scale Earth Fest went ahead.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church continues to be an active member of West Kirby Churches Together. Meetings are typically attended by the Rector and our parish representative, John Smith. Activities during 2021 were unavoidably curtailed by Covid but plans for 2022 are well in hand.

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of *Inclusive Church* and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome and serve everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, mental health or sexuality, including people who live with disability, learning disability, or neurodiversity. This is reflected in

our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldy church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives as a church community and as individuals. We are now working towards achieving a Gold Eco Church award for the whole parish.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC and the Rector sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Deanery Synod has focussed on the Living in Love and Faith report and also exploring effective strategies for mission and evangelism.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musicians, choir and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Storytelling Service, Link Café and Fair Trade sales, contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing the St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, supporting the foodbank by delivering our donations to the warehouse, and serving on various committees. As the pandemic entered a second year, we continued to be dependent on volunteers to manage the livestreaming of services and we have vastly improved our online presence. The purchase of better equipment has meant high quality streaming of Sunday services and in addition, weddings, funerals and baptisms, enabling family members to join the service on line. We are especially grateful for those who have worked on developing our online presence through website development, livestreaming, Zoom set up and management and the progress made with installing Wi-Fi. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, the new volunteers who have joined us and taken on extra responsibilities as we emerge from the pandemic.

For further details of the many activities, see the Overview and Groups Reports to the APCM.

Pastoral Ministry and attendance at worship 2021

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

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St Bridget's Church was kept open two afternoons most weeks, as a sacred space for private prayer and reflection and the opportunity to light candles. Caldry church began to open daily from October, and this was greatly appreciated.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to families who were bereaved and planning funerals, to the couples who were married and those who brought children for baptism. Visits were also made to people who were lonely or distressed. Clergy visited people in their homes when possible. Visiting in hospital and care homes remained severely restricted and clergy only visited to attend the dying.

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2021	2020
Baptisms	13	2
Confirmations	0	0
Admission to Communion	0	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	10	3
Funerals in Church	18	10
Funerals at Crematorium/Cemetery	10	24
Memorial Services in Church	4	0

Attendance at Worship 2021

October figures required for national "Statistics of Mission" returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2020 figures are shown in brackets)

St Bridget's	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	105 (50)	15 (0)	7 (0)	0 (0)
Week 2	78 (44)	8 (3)	40 (0)	4 (0)
Week 3	110 (64)	1 (6)	104 (0)	350 (0)
Week 4	6 (47)	0 (1)	214 (0)	3 (0)
Caldry	Sunday Adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	16 (17)	0 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)
Week 2	20 (15)	0 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)
Week 3	22 (22)	0 (0)	7 (0)	0 (0)
Week 4	48 (19)	0 (0)	9 (0)	0 (0)

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Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.
Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communion.
Midnight Services and Crib services are included.

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	67 (0)	15 (0)	82 (0)
Easter Day attendance	69 (0)	15 (0)	84 (0)
Christmas communicants	110 (72)	34 (13)	144 (85)
Christmas attendance	261 (78)	34 (16)	295 (94)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total **incoming resources** this year were £209,522 (2020 £184,712). Congregational giving of £105,543 (2020 £103,960) has met the cost of the Parish Share. Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £23,480. Investment income received during the year amounted to £51. The valuation of investments held during the year has increased by £4,964 because of positive stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £186,956 (2020 £177,708). The main expenditure during the year was the Parish share of £87,598 (2020 £86,946). Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £8,012 (2020 £5,833) – significantly increased in 2021 due to the reinstatement of church services.

From the financial point of view, 2021 showed some significant recovery from the impact of restrictions imposed in 2020 due to Covid 19. Leaving aside the 'windfall' income from the sale of the parish house (13 Caldys Road), a small overall surplus was again achieved, but only because of further Government grants to support the work of St Bridget's Centre, rental income from the parish house, a generous donation and a significant legacy. Standing orders are now the main source of regular income at both churches, which has to a large extent cushioned us from the reduced income from weekly envelopes, cash collections and cash donations. We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. Capital works in all our buildings was minimized to conserve resources in uncertain times. Rental income at St Bridget's Centre was substantially reduced, due to the pandemic, but costs were managed by taking advantage of furlough arrangements and postponing non-urgent maintenance. The St Bridget's Centre manager and his team are thanked by the PCC for their diligence.

2022 will hopefully see further recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic. Church services have been fully reinstated, with baptisms, weddings and funerals again being held. 13 Caldý Road has been sold, with the sale proceeds held temporarily in a deposit account pending the purchase of a replacement property. On-line and contactless giving is becoming a significant source of income, which will hopefully increase in the years ahead. We plan to be more generous in our giving to support those (locally, nationally, and internationally) less fortunate than ourselves. All those involved with managing the parish's finances continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and aptitudes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risks associated with the activities of the charity are the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldý church and managing the impact of the pandemic. New methods of giving have been developed successfully, ensuring everyone can discover the joy of giving. Regular giving in 2021 remained largely stable, which was encouraging given the challenging environment.

The PCC continue to manage the risk of diminishing reserves.

Budgets for the main activities of the charity for 2022 have been created, though the ongoing challenges of the pandemic make these more uncertain than would be hoped.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold no less than six months expenditure in cash reserves. Currently the reserves exceed this. This policy is regularly reviewed and is thought to be sufficient, given that the parish has an above-average Parish Share commitment, several buildings and two churchyards to maintain and enhance, and several staff to pay.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

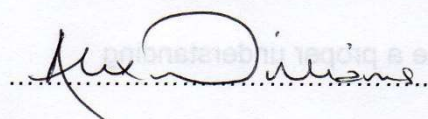
The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2019), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:



Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

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Date

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 15-23.

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 required.

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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: 

Date: 20-4-22

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
16 Holmwood Drive
Liverpool
L37 1PQ

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

		2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	130,014	22,178	152,192	131,403
Charitable activities	3	49,008	-	49,008	37,243
Other trading activities	4	8,271	-	8,271	15,859
Investments	5	48	3	51	207
Total income		187,341	22,181	209,522	184,712
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	131	-	131	393
Charitable activities	6	186,106	719	186,825	177,315
Total expenditure		186,237	719	186,956	177,708
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		1,104	21,462	22,566	7,004
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	4,964	-	4,964	2,754
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		6,068	21,462	27,530	9,758
Extraordinary item	8	292,939	-	292,939	-
Transfer between funds		3,375	(3,375)	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		302,382	18,087	320,469	9,758
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	14	897,842	25,140	922,982	913,224
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,200,224	43,227	1,243,451	922,982

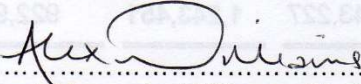
There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
BALANCE SHEET
At 31 December 2021
Registration Number: 1131379

	Note	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	675,000	-	675,000	785,000
Investments	10	34,623	-	34,623	29,659
		709,623	-	709,623	814,659
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	-	-	-	695
Cash at bank and in hand	12	491,251	43,227	534,478	108,872
		491,251	43,227	534,478	109,567
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(650)	-	(650)	(1,244)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		490,601	43,227	533,828	108,323
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,200,224	43,227	1,243,451	922,982
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	14			1,200,224	897,842
Restricted funds				43,227	25,140
TOTAL FUNDS				1,243,451	922,982

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


 Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

13.10.2022
 Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102, The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Note	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	89,098	-	89,098	86,666
Gift Aid	22,906	574	23,480	25,443
Non Gift Aid Donations	8,787	100	8,887	8,045
Collections	5,154	-	5,154	4,703
Sundry	69	-	69	135
Donations & Appeals	-	-	-	931
Donations with Gift Aid	-	2,335	2,335	3,480
Legacies	4,000	19,169	23,169	2,000
	<u>130,014</u>	<u>22,178</u>	<u>152,192</u>	<u>131,403</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre & Hall Lettings	22,631	-	22,631	17,865
Museum	135	-	135	347
Friends of St Bridgets	10	-	10	-
Magazine Advertising	2,295	-	2,295	2,310
Magazine Sales	738	-	738	655
Fees	8,012	-	8,012	5,833
Grants	13,757	-	13,757	9,500
HMRC Job Retention Grant	1,430	-	1,430	733
	<u>49,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,008</u>	<u>37,243</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	-	-	-	40
Other Activities	111	-	111	1,603
House rent	4,753	-	4,753	10,908
Solar Panels	3,407	-	3,407	3,308
	<u>8,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>15,859</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	48	3	51	207
Income from investments	-	-	-	-
	<u>48</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>207</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Note	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	-	-	-	20
Other fundraising costs	131	-	131	373
	<u>131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>393</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	87,598	-	87,598	86,946
Rector & rectory expenses	4,107	-	4,107	7,361
Parish house	2,460	-	2,460	2,913
Church	21,526	704	22,230	22,050
Churchyard	12,556	-	12,556	11,371
Parish magazine	1,493	-	1,493	1,369
Training & mission	2,311	-	2,311	529
Centre & hall	28,086	-	28,086	24,107
Parish Office	17,125	-	17,125	15,150
Charitable giving	7,805	15	7,820	2,875
Independent examiner's fees	650	-	650	650
Sundries	59	-	59	473
Vacancy	-	-	-	1,136
Bank charges	330	-	330	385
	<u>186,106</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>186,825</u>	<u>177,315</u>

	2021	2020
	£	£
7 Staff Costs & Employees		
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	25,704	21,957
Pension costs	218	194
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>25,922</u>	<u>22,151</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

The average headcount during the year was :	2021	2020
Charitable activities	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Note	2021	2020
	£	£
8 Extraordinary item		
Gain on disposal of Parish house	<u>292,939</u>	-
	<u>292,939</u>	-

9 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2021	785,000	785,000
Disposals	(110,000)	(110,000)
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2021	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2021	<u>675,000</u>	<u>675,000</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>785,000</u>	<u>785,000</u>

The Land and Buildings is the church centre building at £675,000.
In 2020 it was the church centre building at £675,000 and Parish house
at £110,000.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Note	2021	2020
10 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2021	29,659	26,905
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	4,964	2,754
At 31 December 2021	<u>34,623</u>	<u>29,659</u>
	2021	2020
11 Debtors	£	£
Recoverable Vacancy costs	-	695
	<u>-</u>	<u>695</u>
	2021	2020
12 Cash at bank and in hand	£	£
Current Account	91,467	68,803
Deposit Account	443,011	40,069
	<u>534,478</u>	<u>108,872</u>
	2021	2020
13 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Accruals	650	1,244
	<u>650</u>	<u>1,244</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
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Note

14 Movement in Funds

	Balance at 31 December 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In /(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	897,842	480,280	(186,237)	4,964	3,375	1,200,224
	<u>897,842</u>	<u>480,280</u>	<u>(186,237)</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>1,200,224</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	25,140	22,181	(719)	-	(3,375)	43,227
	<u>25,140</u>	<u>22,181</u>	<u>(719)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,375)</u>	<u>43,227</u>
Total Funds	<u>922,982</u>	<u>502,461</u>	<u>(186,956)</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,243,451</u>

15 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

16 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 1 trustee (2020 4 trustees) were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £373 (2020 £1,027).

17 Capital Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2021 (2020: None) either contracted for or authorised by the trustees but not contracted for.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - INCOME
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES	Parish		St Bridget		Caldy	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Donations	89,098	86,666	66,403	64,524	22,695	22,142
Gift Aid	23,480	25,443	17,179	18,179	6,301	7,264
Non Gift Aid Donations	8,887	8,045	7,275	6,580	1,612	1,465
Collections	5,154	4,703	718	1,275	4,436	3,428
General Income	69	135	-	135	69	-
Donations & Appeals	-	931	-	931	-	-
Donations with Gift Aid	2,335	3,480	2,335	3,480	-	-
Legacies	23,169	2,000	21,169	2,000	2,000	-
	152,192	131,403	115,079	97,104	37,113	34,299
Charitable Activities						
Church Centre & Hall Lettings	22,631	17,865	22,596	17,752	35	113
Museum	135	347	135	347	-	-
Friends of St Bridgets	10	-	10	-	-	-
Magazine Advertising	2,295	2,310	2,295	2,310	-	-
Magazine Sales	738	655	738	655	-	-
Fees	8,012	5,833	5,746	4,446	2,266	1,387
Grants	13,757	9,500	13,757	9,500	-	-
HMRC Job Retention Grant	1,430	733	1,430	733	-	-
	49,008	37,243	46,707	35,743	2,301	1,500
Other Trading Activities						
Summer Fair & Festival	-	40	-	40	-	-
Other Activities	111	1,603	111	1,603	-	-
House Rent	4,753	10,908	-	-	4,753	10,908
Solar Panels	3,407	3,308	3,407	3,308	-	-
	8,271	15,859	3,518	4,951	4,753	10,908
Investment Income						
Interest and income	51	207	40	143	11	64
	51	207	40	143	11	64
Total Incoming Resources	209,522	184,712	165,344	137,941	44,178	46,771

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - EXPENDITURE
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Parish		St Bridget		Caldy	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds						
Summer Fair & Festival	-	20	-	20	-	-
Other Fundraising Costs	131	373	131	373	-	-
	131	393	131	393	-	-
Charitable Activities						
Parish Share	87,598	86,946	65,680	65,209	21,918	21,737
Rector and Rectory Expenses	4,107	7,361	2,877	7,361	1,230	-
Parish House	2,460	2,913	-	-	2,460	2,913
Church	22,230	22,050	13,772	11,396	8,458	10,654
Churchyard	12,556	11,371	9,335	8,400	3,221	2,971
Parish Magazine	1,493	1,369	1,493	1,369	-	-
Training & Mission	2,311	529	2,181	529	130	-
Centre & Hall	28,086	24,107	26,153	22,276	1,933	1,831
Parish Office	17,125	15,150	12,638	14,250	4,487	900
Independent Examiners Fees	650	650	488	650	162	-
Bank Charges	330	385	330	385	-	-
Sundries	59	473	-	-	59	473
Vacancy	-	1,136	-	1,136	-	-
Charitable Giving	7,820	2,875	4,115	-	3,705	2,875
	186,825	177,315	139,062	132,961	47,763	44,354
Total Resources Expended	186,956	177,708	139,193	133,354	47,763	44,354
Net Income/(expenditure) Before Gains	22,566	7,004	26,151	4,587	(3,585)	2,417
Realised Gains & Losses	4,964	2,754	-	-	4,964	2,754
Net Income/(expenditure)	27,530	9,758	26,151	4,587	1,379	5,171

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Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Known as The Parish of St Bridget, West Kirby with Caldy, The Resurrection and All Saints

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131379

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY CHARITY INFORMATION

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reference and Administration details

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby

Registered Charity Number

1131379

Principal Address

Parish Office
St Bridget's Centre
St Bridget's Lane
West Kirby
Wirral
Merseyside
CH48 3JT

The Parish church is St Bridget's. The Daughter Church is The Resurrection and All Saints, Caldy.

The Reverend Alexandra Williams was licenced as Rector of the Parish on 9th November 2020.

Our readers and associate minister, Reverend Professor David Chester, are non-stipendiary.

Our ministry is also assisted and complemented by active retired clergy.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and registered as a charity on 26th August 2009.

Charity constitution

The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), churchwardens, treasurer and those elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All regular Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the PCC is a body corporate and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011.

At the first full meeting after elections, the Rector advises members on PCC structures, practices, rights and responsibilities, with written information.

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

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY CHARITY INFORMATION

New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met four times during the year with an average level of attendance of 87%.

The PCC has a standing committee which has met as required and, given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub-committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, (St Bridget's, Caldý, Enhancement, Finance and Fabric) are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Trustees

Rev Alexandra Williams, Rector, Chair, ex officio, as from 9th November 2020

Rev John Bleazard, former Rector, ex officio till 28th February 2020

Rev Prof. David Chester, Assistant Priest, ex officio

Mr David Wright, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Gregory Buckridge, Churchwarden, ex officio

Mr Sydney Ford, Acting Warden Caldý, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Dr Angela Douglas MBE, Deanery Synod, ex officio

Mrs Peggy Dodd

Mrs Joy Alcock

Mr John Smith, Reader and Treasurer

Miss Susan Shaw

Mr Brian Crabtree, Acting Warden Caldý

Mr Bill Smith

Mr Arthur Roberts

Ms Sheelagh Blair

Mr Paul Douglas till 2nd September 2020

Mrs Priscilla Bench-Capon, as from 2nd September 2020

Mr Rod Tann, Secretary

Mr Simon Trout, as from 2nd September 2020

Mr Stanley Metcalf, as from 2nd September 2020

Miss Mary Rees, as from 2nd September 2020

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc

COIF Charities Fund

Independent Examiner

Counting for Communities Ltd, 16 Holmwood Drive, Liverpool, L37 1PQ

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldy church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Alexandra Williams, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Bridget's Centre and Caldy church hall.

The Buildings

St Bridget's church

Whilst no significant works have been undertaken during the last year, the church has been well maintained. It has been inspected weekly by the churchwardens, regularly cleaned and minor repairs have been carried out as necessary.

Caldy church and hall

The fabric of the church has been maintained by regular cleaning and routine maintenance of boiler/ organ and testing of electrical installations. In 2020 the roof gutter was re-lined to remedy the ingress of rainwater.

St Bridget's Centre

Buildings and services at St Bridget's Centre have been maintained during the year to meet all relevant regulations and ensure the needs of users have been met. Significant work has been undertaken on the repair of the flat roof and the central heating boiler.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The PCC has complied with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission; the PCC considers that the charity meets the public benefit requirements of the Act by carrying out its normal activities some of which are outlined in this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision statement, 'seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands' underpins our discussion and decisions.

OPEN HEARTS - To respond with love and compassion to all

OPEN HANDS - To receive, welcome and serve all.

OPEN MINDS - To listen deeply and respectfully to others. To be willing to explore opinions which differ from our own and be willing to think again.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship God at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and works with the Rector and ministry team to offer a wide range of services to meet a variety of needs.

Our services and worship, nurture faith through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and nurture; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Engagement in social action.
- Being part of inclusive church.
- Opportunities to learn about and be part of care of creation.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St Bridget's and Caldý, St Bridget's Centre and Caldý Church Hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to enable a range of services during the week and over the course of the year which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion at both churches and also have a mixture of styles, with a more informal All Together Worship service once a month at St Bridget's and a variety of styles of worship on Sunday Evenings. We also provide spaces for quiet prayer and contemplation.

The parish entered a vacancy following the retirement of Reverend John Bleazard. Our associate minister Reverend Professor David Chester was supported during the vacancy by our team of readers and active retired clergy. All are non-stipendiary, and the PCC is very grateful for the additional work they have undertaken and for the excellent provision of worship which they have worked hard to maintain in difficult circumstances. The vacancy ended in November following the appointment and licensing of Reverend Alexandra Williams.

The Covid 19 pandemic resulted in closure of both churches from March to July 2020. During closure the initiative was taken to offer Sunday worship via Zoom, and this was then extended to an additional service of Morning Prayer and a weekly Bible Study session. Since re-opening we have maintained the very popular Zoom service and also offered weekly worship in both churches, comprising two services of Holy Communion each week at St Bridget's and one service of Holy Communion at Caldý Church on most

Sundays. Additional services were offered during Advent. The Zoom service has developed significantly under the excellent guidance of our Reader, John Smith, and has been complemented by livestreaming on both Facebook and YouTube.

To enable livestreaming, the PCC supported the decision to enable Wi-Fi for both churches, which is generally working well.

The pandemic has had a significant effect on all the activities, resulting in fewer public services and much lower attendance. As well as our regular services, we seek to enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Sadly, due to the pandemic this has been significantly curtailed. There have been no weddings, 2 baptisms and 14 funerals in church (with a further 24 funerals being conducted at crematoria).

At present there are 206 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 92 of whom are not resident within the parish. 3 names were added during the year and 8 were removed either through death or because they moved away from the parish.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral work has included visiting the sick and bereaved by clergy and lay people. The Covid 19 pandemic increased our awareness of the need to reach out to those in our communities and offer support in whatever ways we could. Members of the church community phoned each other and helped where they could within the pandemic restrictions. During the period of lockdown, there was a commitment to contacting as many people as possible via phone, and during the year several initiatives to use Zoom for social contact were started. There was also increased awareness that a review of pastoral care would be beneficial.

Mission and Outreach

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and living out our vision of following Jesus with open hands. We donated £2,875 to support charities in the UK and overseas and have already agreed to increase this figure substantially in 2021.

A weekly newsletter is emailed to 161 people via mailchimp and 29 delivered as hard copies. Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to over 70 homes, is available in church, and also on-line on our website. These keep parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our church and include articles that help develop faith, spirituality and understanding.

We nurture people's learning about their Christian faith through sermons, small group discussion, provision and signposting to resources and everyday conversation in the variety of activities which take place in the Parish Centre when not in lockdown. We support the faith development of children and young people through Storytelling and leading Collective Worship in St Bridget's Primary School, and this has been maintained throughout the period of lockdown. We facilitate a parent and baby group at Caldry Church and have provided activities for young children in church.

The St Bridget's centre enables a huge range of activities to take place, when not in lockdown, in particular the weekly 'Wednesday Link' which has been greatly missed. The Link also provides the opportunity to buy Fairtrade and Eco-Friendly Items. The Link has continued as a weekly Wednesday morning Zoom session throughout the period of the pandemic. The Parish Administrator is based in St Bridget's Centre and it also provides the setting for a pre-School Group on weekdays and many other community groups, although most groups were unable to meet throughout most of 2020. It also hosts the West Kirby Museum.

The pandemic meant that many social and fund-raising activities were cancelled, including the Summer Fair, Caldry Picnic and Earth Fest.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of West Kirby Churches Together and meetings are typically attended by our parish representative, John Smith, and the Rector. We contributed to the Christmas online service, but all other typical joint activities were cancelled. Meetings moved on-line and were attended by John Smith during the vacancy period.

Inclusive Church

The parish is a member of Inclusive Church and seeks to work hard to ensure that we actively welcome everyone, regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, gender, mental health, sexuality or learning styles. This is reflected in our use of inclusive language and in addressing issues which may affect accessibility. Our aim is to be a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

Eco-church

Both St Bridget's and Caldry church are committed to caring for God's earth in all areas of our lives as a church community and as individuals. St Bridget's and Caldry achieved bronze awards in 2018 and 2019. In 2020 St Bridget's was awarded the Eco-Church Silver award and we are now committed to working towards gold for the whole parish.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year the PCC has also focused its attention on the questions posed to parishes in the deanery about the most effective deployment of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part, as Church Officers, Foundation Governors of St Bridget's School, sidespersons and pastoral visitors, taking Communion to the sick and housebound, as musician and bell ringers, house group leaders, running the museum, Life Expectancy Project Team, Storytelling Service, Link Café and Fair Trade sales, contributing to worship and to the care and beautification of buildings and grounds, raising and managing money, managing the St Bridget's Centre, producing the magazine, maintaining the website, organising the fair and social events, serving on committees. In the period of pandemic, many of our volunteers have had to adapt and develop new skills and we are especially grateful for those who have worked on developing our online presence through website development, livestreaming, Zoom set up and management and the progress made with installing Wi-Fi. We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, and we look forward to gradually resuming many of our activities.

For further details of the many activities, see the Overview and Groups Reports to the APCM.

Pastoral Ministry and attendance at worship 2020

The tables below show the service statistics which we provide for the diocese. The Diocese requests for October as it is considered to be a fairly typical month.

St Bridget's Church was kept open two afternoons most weeks, as a sacred space for private prayer and reflection and the opportunity to light candles.

The Clergy provided preparation and support to the people who were married or brought children for baptism, and paid visits to people at home or in hospital, especially to the bereaved, dying, sick and distressed.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Pastoral Ministry (both Churches)	2020	2019
Baptisms	2	27
Confirmations	0	0
Admission to Communion	0	0
Weddings <i>including Dedication after Civil Marriage</i>	3	21
Funerals in Church	10	16
Funerals at Crematorium/Cemetery	24	14
Memorial Services in Church	0	0

Attendance at Worship 2020

October figures required for national "Statistics of Mission" returns.

The first four Sundays of October and the weekdays following (2019 figures are shown in brackets)

St Bridget's	Sunday adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	50 (147)	0 (24)	0 (4)	0(0)
Week 2	44 (99)	3 (18)	0 (3)	0(0)
Week 3	64(115)	6 (8)	0 (79)	0(440)
Week 4	47(93)	1 (2)	0 (4)	0(0)
Caldy	Sunday adult	Sunday Child	Weekday Adult	Weekday Child
Week 1	17(39)	0(7)	0 (10)	0(0)
Week 2	15(31)	0(4)	0 (10)	0(0)
Week 3	22(33)	0(5)	0 (11)	0(0)
Week 4	19(38)	0(6)	0 (8)	0(0)

Easter and Christmas attendances

Attendance figures are adults and children combined.

Figures do not include Christmas and Easter Week House Communions.

Midnight Services and Crib services are included.

	St Bridget's	Caldy	Total
Easter Day communicants	0 (160)	0(48)	0 (208)
Easter Day Attendances	0 (177)	0(61)	0 (238)
Christmas Communicants	72(180)	13 (39)	85 (219)
Christmas Attendance	78 (461)	16 (271)	94 (732)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total Incoming resources this year were £184,712 (2019 £232,179).

Congregational giving of £103,960 (2019 £134,001) has met the cost of the Parish Share.

Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was £25,443, and loose change and notes offered on the plate was £4,703.

Investment income received during the year amounted to £207.

The valuation of investments held during the year has increased by £2,754 as a result of positive stock market movements.

Expenditure in the year was £177,708 (2019 £303,420). The main expenditure during the year was the Parish share of £86,946 (2019 £84,825) which increased by 2.5%.

Fees for weddings and funerals provided a nett income of £5,833 (2019 £10,431) – significantly reduced in 2020 due to the pandemic.

From the financial point of view, 2020 was a much less disastrous year than had been anticipated, with all the restrictions on activity imposed by Covid 19. A small overall surplus was achieved, primarily as a result of a Government grant of £7,500 to support the work of St Bridget's Centre, rental income from 13 Caldys Road, a generous donation and a legacy. Standing orders are now the main source of regular income at both churches, which has to a large extent cushioned us from the reduced income from weekly envelopes, cash collections, cash donations, and from wedding and funeral fees. We were once again able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester in full, thus supporting the central functions of the Diocese (including our Rector's stipend) and other parishes in greater need than ourselves. We also completed the rewiring and renewal of lighting at St Bridget's. Other capital works in our churches and centres was minimized to conserve resources in uncertain times. Rental income at St Bridget's Centre was substantially reduced, due to the pandemic, but costs were managed by reducing staff, taking advantage of furlough arrangements, and postponing non-urgent maintenance. The St Bridget's Centre manager and his team are thanked by the PCC for their diligence.

2021 is again going to be a challenging year, so close control of expenditure will need to be maintained.

The sale of 13 Caldys Road has been agreed by the PCC. This is expected to be achieved during the first half of 2021. Reinvestment of the proceeds in another property will need to be carefully handled, so as not to endanger finances of the parish. New ways of increasing income through on-line and contactless giving are being explored, which we plan will allow the parish to be more generous in its support for those (locally, nationally, and internationally) less fortunate than ourselves. All those involved with managing the parish's finances continue to work closely together, complementing each other's skills and aptitudes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The principal risk associated with charity activities is the sustainability of giving from the congregations at St Bridget's and Caldý church and managing the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. This is uppermost in the minds of the PCC who are exploring ways of encouraging an increase in giving whilst maintaining appropriate expenditure. New methods of giving are being explored to ensure everyone can discover the joy of giving.

In partnership with the members of the PCC, the Rector and treasurer are considering how to maximise the assets of the charity, to access grants and funding to support charity activities particularly our outreach work, and to encourage sustainable giving from the congregation.

Regular giving in 2020 remained largely stable but is expected to be under increasing pressure in 2021.

The PCC are managing the risk of diminishing reserves.

A budget has been set in previous years, and one was prepared early in 2020. However, this needed to be abandoned when the pandemic substantially disrupted both income and expenditure. A budget for 2021 will be established when the timetable for the lifting of restrictions is known with some degree of certainty.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold no less than six months expenditure in cash reserves. Currently the reserves exceed this. This policy is regularly reviewed and is thought to be sufficient, given that the parish has an above-average Parish Share commitment, several buildings and two churchyards to maintain and enhance, and several staff to pay.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

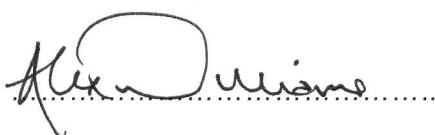
The Trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue as a going concern;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2016), and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:



Revd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

14th April 2021

Date

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 15-23.

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 required. 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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.

Signed: *S. Leonard*

Date: *17-4-21*

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting for Communities Ltd
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

		2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	126,557	4,846	131,403	161,766
Charitable activities	3	37,243	-	37,243	50,071
Other trading activities	4	14,918	941	15,859	19,850
Investments	5	193	14	207	492
Total income		178,911	5,801	184,712	232,179
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds	6	393	-	393	2,747
Charitable activities	6	176,931	384	177,315	300,673
Total expenditure		177,324	384	177,708	303,420
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before investment gains/(losses)		1,587	5,417	7,004	(71,241)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	2,754	-	2,754	5,022
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		4,341	5,417	9,758	(66,219)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		4,341	5,417	9,758	(66,219)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	893,501	19,723	913,224	979,443
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		897,842	25,140	922,982	913,224

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
BALANCE SHEET
At 31 December 2020
Registration Number: 1131379

		2020	2020	2020	2019
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	785,000	-	785,000	785,000
Investments	9	29,659	-	29,659	26,905
		<u>814,659</u>	<u>-</u>	814,659	811,905
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	695	-	695	18,167
Cash at bank and in hand	11	83,732	25,140	108,872	98,934
		<u>84,427</u>	<u>25,140</u>	109,567	117,101
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,244)	-	(1,244)	(15,782)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>83,183</u>	<u>25,140</u>	108,323	101,319
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>897,842</u>	<u>25,140</u>	922,982	913,224
FUNDS					
	13			897,842	893,501
Unrestricted funds				25,140	19,723
Restricted funds				922,982	913,224
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>922,982</u>	<u>913,224</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Alex Williams

Rev'd Alexandra Williams, Chair of Trustees

14th April 2021

Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity under FRS 102, The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2016). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Listed Investments which are included in the Balance Sheet at market value.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Tax reclaims under Gift Aid are recognised when received.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Investment assets

Investments are shown at market value.

Fixed assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2)a of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated and or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other Fixed Assets

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purpose are valued at cost. The land and buildings have not been depreciated as it is felt by the trustees that the annual depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation are immaterial to the financial statements, due to the assets having a very long remaining useful life. The trustees consider an impairment review on an annual basis.

The Church Hall (Caldy) as a functional asset has not been assigned any value. The new Church Centre (St Bridget's) has been valued as shown in the accounts. Any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred. Individual items of equipment are written off as incurred.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Note	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	86,666	-	86,666	86,210
Gift Aid	25,008	435	25,443	27,765
Non Gift Aid Donations	8,045	-	8,045	5,396
Collections	4,703	-	4,703	13,193
Sundry	135	-	135	682
Donations & Appeals	-	931	931	12,165
Donations with Gift Aid	-	3,480	3,480	16,355
Legacies	2,000	-	2,000	-
	<u>126,557</u>	<u>4,846</u>	<u>131,403</u>	<u>161,766</u>
3 Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Church Centre & Hall Lettings	17,865	-	17,865	34,267
Museum	347	-	347	844
Friends of St Bridgets	-	-	-	55
Magazine Advertising	2,310	-	2,310	2,211
Magazine Sales	655	-	655	842
Fees	5,833	-	5,833	10,431
Grants	9,500	-	9,500	1,421
HMRC Job Retention Grant	733	-	733	-
	<u>37,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,243</u>	<u>50,071</u>
4 Other trading activities	£	£	£	£
Summer Fair	40	-	40	5,575
Other Activities	662	941	1,603	3,619
House rent	10,908	-	10,908	6,928
Solar Panels	3,308	-	3,308	3,728
	<u>14,918</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>15,859</u>	<u>19,850</u>
5 Investments	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	193	14	207	399
Income from investments	-	-	-	93
	<u>193</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>492</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WEST KIRBY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Note	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Resources Expended				
Raising funds				
Summer fair & festival	20	-	20	1,675
Other fundraising costs	373	-	373	1,072
	<u>393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>2,747</u>
Charitable activities				
Parish share	86,946	-	86,946	84,825
Rector & rectory expenses	7,361	-	7,361	4,205
Curate's house	2,913	-	2,913	2,419
Church	21,666	384	22,050	122,953
Churchyard	11,371	-	11,371	13,556
Parish magazine	1,369	-	1,369	2,809
Training & mission	529	-	529	758
Centre & hall	24,107	-	24,107	42,477
Parish Office	15,150	-	15,150	14,532
Charitable giving	2,875	-	2,875	9,035
Independent examiner's fees				
This year	650	-	650	650
Last year	-	-	-	1,740
Sundries	473	-	473	117
Vacancy	1,136	-	1,136	-
Bank charges	385	-	385	597
	<u>176,931</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>177,315</u>	<u>300,673</u>

	2020	2019
	£	£
7 Staff Costs & Employees		
- included in Charitable Activities above		
Wages and salaries	21,957	25,470
Pension costs	194	167
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>22,151</u>	<u>25,637</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)

	2020	2019
The average headcount during the year was :		
Charitable activities	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

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8 Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2020	785,000	785,000
Disposals	-	-
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>785,000</u>	<u>785,000</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2020	-	-
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2020	<u>785,000</u>	<u>785,000</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>785,000</u>	<u>785,000</u>

The Land and Buildings is the curate's house at £110,000 (2019 £110,000)
and the church centre building at £675,000 (2019 £675,000)

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Note	2020	2019
9 Fixed asset investments at market value	£	£
At 1 January 2020	26,905	25,055
Additions in the year at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	(3,172)
Change in value in the year Gain/(Loss)	2,754	5,022
At 31 December 2020	<u>29,659</u>	<u>26,905</u>
10 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Recoverable VAT on Church expenditure	-	18,167
Recoverable Vacancy costs	695	-
	<u>695</u>	<u>18,167</u>
11 Cash at bank and in hand	2020	2019
	£	£
Current Account	68,803	58,939
Deposit Account	40,069	39,995
	<u>108,872</u>	<u>98,934</u>
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	1,244	15,782
	<u>1,244</u>	<u>15,782</u>

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Note

13 Movement in Funds	Balance at 31 December 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains & (Losses) on Investments	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	893,501	178,911	(177,324)	2,754	-	897,842
	<u>893,501</u>	<u>178,911</u>	<u>(177,324)</u>	<u>2,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>897,842</u>
Restricted Funds						
Enhancement	19,723	5,801	(384)	-	-	25,140
	<u>19,723</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>(384)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,140</u>
Total Funds	<u>913,224</u>	<u>184,712</u>	<u>(177,708)</u>	<u>2,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>922,982</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

15 Trustees' Expenses

During the year 4 trustees (2019 5 trustees) were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the trustees and paid to third parties. The total sum paid in the year was £1,027 (2019 £2,451).

16 Capital Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 December 2020 (2019: None) either contracted for or authorised by the trustees but not contracted for.

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INCOMING RESOURCES	Parish		St Bridget		Caldy	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies						
Donations	86,666	86,210	64,524	65,810	22,142	20,400
Gift Aid	25,443	27,765	18,179	21,860	7,264	5,905
Non Gift Aid Donations	8,045	5,396	6,580	2,406	1,465	2,990
Collections	4,703	13,193	1,275	6,389	3,428	6,804
General Income	135	682	135	682	-	-
Donations & Appeals	931	12,165	931	12,165	-	-
Donations with Gift Aid	3,480	16,355	3,480	16,355	-	-
Legacies	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
	131,403	161,766	97,104	125,667	34,299	36,099
Charitable Activities						
Church Centre & Hall Lettings	17,865	34,267	17,752	34,142	113	125
Museum	347	844	347	844	-	-
Friends of St Bridgets	-	55	-	55	-	-
Magazine Advertising	2,310	2,211	2,310	2,211	-	-
Magazine Sales	655	841	655	841	-	-
Fees	5,833	10,431	4,446	6,687	1,387	3,744
Grants	9,500	1,421	9,500	1,421	-	-
HMRC Job Retention Grant	733	-	733	-	-	-
	37,243	50,070	35,743	46,201	1,500	3,869
Other Trading Activities						
Summer Fair & Festival	40	5,575	40	5,133	-	442
Other Activities	1,603	3,619	1,603	3,619	-	-
House Rent	10,908	6,928	-	-	10,908	6,928
Solar Panels	3,308	3,728	3,308	3,728	-	-
	15,859	19,850	4,951	12,480	10,908	7,370
Investment Income						
Interest and income	207	493	143	353	64	140
	207	493	143	353	64	140
Total Incoming Resources	184,712	232,179	137,941	184,701	46,771	47,478

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RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Parish		St Bridget		Caldy	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds						
Summer Fair & Festival	20	1,675	20	1,447	-	228
Other Fundraising Costs	373	1,072	373	1,072	-	-
	<u>393</u>	<u>2,747</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>2,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228</u>
Charitable Activities						
Parish Share	86,946	84,825	65,209	63,619	21,737	21,206
Rector and Rectory Expenses	7,361	4,205	7,361	4,205		-
Curate's House	2,913	2,419	-	-	2,913	2,419
Church	22,050	122,953	11,396	107,864	10,654	15,089
Churchyard	11,371	13,556	8,400	10,254	2,971	3,302
Parish Magazine	1,369	2,809	1,369	2,809	-	-
Training & Mission	529	758	529	758	-	-
Centre & Hall	24,107	42,477	22,276	40,045	1,831	2,432
Parish Office	15,150	14,532	14,250	13,632	900	900
Independent Examiners Fees						
This year	650	650	650	650	-	-
Last year	-	1,740	-	1,740	-	-
Bank Charges	385	597	385	597	-	-
Sundries	473	117	-	-	473	117
Vacancy	1,136	-	1,136	-	-	-
Charitable Giving	2,875	9,035	-	5,410	2,875	3,625
	<u>177,315</u>	<u>300,673</u>	<u>132,961</u>	<u>251,583</u>	<u>44,354</u>	<u>49,090</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>177,708</u>	<u>303,420</u>	<u>133,354</u>	<u>254,102</u>	<u>44,354</u>	<u>49,318</u>
Net Income/(expenditure) Before Gains	7,004	(71,241)	4,587	(69,401)	2,417	(1,840)
Realised Gains & Losses	2,754	5,022	-	180	2,754	4,842
Net Income/(expenditure)	<u>9,758</u>	<u>(66,219)</u>	<u>4,587</u>	<u>(69,221)</u>	<u>5,171</u>	<u>3,002</u>

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