THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales · Charity number 1131419

Details

Other names	ST JAMES' PCC, CLITHEROE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-28
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Activities

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

Activities: To know Jesus and to make Jesus known

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£461,150	£394,690	-	-
2024-12-31	£316,689	£329,507	-	-
2023-12-31	£324,181	£331,380	-	-
2022-12-31	£306,244	£364,552	-	-
2021-12-31	£554,934	£302,999	£437,623	6
2020-12-31	£283,217	£282,808	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Samuel Graham Cheesman	Chair	2025-09-06
Claire Jubb		2026-05-11
Clive Watson		2026-05-10
Debra Hardie		2021-05-17
Dr Michael Wright		2025-05-11
Dr Rebecca Thornber		2025-05-11
Dr William Weston		2025-05-11
Eleanor Jane Wood		2024-05-12
Graham Christopher Haldane		2023-04-30
Hannah Crowley		2026-05-11
Janet Elizabeth Sanderson		2023-04-30
Janet Mary Fife White		2025-05-11
Jenna Clare Potts		2025-05-11
Jonathan Frank		2020-10-18
Oliver Pettitt		2025-05-11
RUTH HALDANE		2014-04-28

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Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rev Sam Cheesman

Last year the APCM was ably chaired by the then Lay Chair of PCC, a clear sign of St James' parish being in a period of vacancy. Interviews followed and the patrons presented a candidate to the Bishop who licensed, inducted and installed him on the 6th September 2025.

I feel privileged to write one year later as that candidate and now as your Rector.

The year has been marked for me by subtle change, joy, opportunity, excitement and challenge. Sentiments I think have been shared more widely across the congregations.

Below I will highlight some of the main matters of consideration from this year past and the year/s to come.

Congregations – "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Our two Sunday services are in good heart from my perspective and filled with positivity. The sermon series on Colossians seems to have been very well received and many small groups have joined in with further study and discussion which has added much depth.

Some changes to the service have been implemented, such as returning the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion to the end of the service and

making sure the first third of the service is truly suitable for all ages.

Church attendance has increased over the last 6 months but until we have reliable data over a longer period of time we will not be able to confirm what the clear picture looks like.

The Wednesday morning service continues to be in good health in various ways and is a service particularly marked by wonderful fellowship and pastoral care. It is a joy to be at. We most usually use the lectionary readings for the day and I lead 3 services out of 4 with the 4th Wednesday being led by one of our capable LLMs.

Without Borders has become well supported in numbers and now seeks to grow into maturity as a service in its own right. With the right support and capacity in place it can offer something very much in line with how we worship at St James but with a slightly different vibe at a different time than the morning services.

We have had a number of requests for baptism from across our congregations – children, young people, adults, people new to faith and people deciding now is the right time. We have also had a couple of requests for renewal of baptismal vows and also for confirmation. This is all very exciting and have had baptisms in February, March, April and May. Praise God.

Visit to King's Highway Church – *"There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body."*

At the end of January/start of February I was delighted to be able to visit our link parish in Eldoret. It was extremely useful and massively joyful for a number of reasons:

- I was able to link with the church leadership, particularly Henry and Fred who currently run the

church and church-plant. Getting to know my fellow ministers was lovely and important.

- Visiting the Church School was a great opportunity to see all that had recently been put in for them by St James' and others, as well as what they still very much need was good.

- Seeing some of the ministries, people and places first hand will make my prayers for them much more meaningful.

- Preaching on Sunday was great fun.

We will now continue to strengthen the link under Sam Johnson's leadership, and particularly focus on how we impact each other's worshiping life in the day-to-day. Many people have asked about a larger trip to visit our brothers and sisters in Kenya. The leadership and people at King's Highway are desperate for us to do so and we can now look at organising one that best serves them.

Half Penny Meadows – "see I am doing a new thing, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness, new springs in the desert places"

The new houses being built on the old Standen Estate will eventually see almost 2000 new people live in that part of our parish.

The Christmas Carol Service on the estate was our first event on the estate and was a joy with 140 attending; it felt as though there was an open door for us to do more. Becky designed a fantastic family treasure hunt around the estate over Valentine's weekend and into Half Term which focused on the love of God. The next event being worked on

at time of writing is a family worship together style event on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

The hope is still to have a worshiping community at the school which meets consistently on a Sunday afternoon from September onwards but have more work to do on leadership capacity to allow this to happen well and in a sustainable way. It might not be weekly to start but could be fortnightly or monthly. Please pray for this.

Staffing – "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..."

Helen Potts stepped back her hours as Childrens and Families Minister and the PCC chose to back fill her hours by employing a Children and Families Worker. Becky Wright came on board to fulfil these and presently has a focus on: the after school Bible club, the work on Half Penny Meadows and supporting family faith at home.

The PCC have also supported the employment of a Worship Leader to be paid for using a specific gift kindly given for ministry in St James. My hope is that this person will not simply help us to continue worship as congregations, but will lead us in mission using music and the arts.

A new vision – "Hear, Oh Israel"

The current vision document comes to an end at the conclusion of this year and it is therefore my plan to have a new vision which will take us through to 2033 - 2000 years since the death of our Lord.

It is not my vision which I wish to discover, or even that of the wider leadership of the church. My hope is that God's Vision for St James' church for the next few years is made clear to us and a period of discernment is currently underway to attempt to do so. This has included a wide and thorough period of consultation which has gathered as many opinions/ interpretations as possible, followed by a PCC away day to see if the church leadership was hearing the same or different things, and now I will work with a smaller group to determine how to turn what has been heard into a vision which impacts our structures, mission and ministry. Advent Sunday 2026 will be the day we hope to share the new vision with the church.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

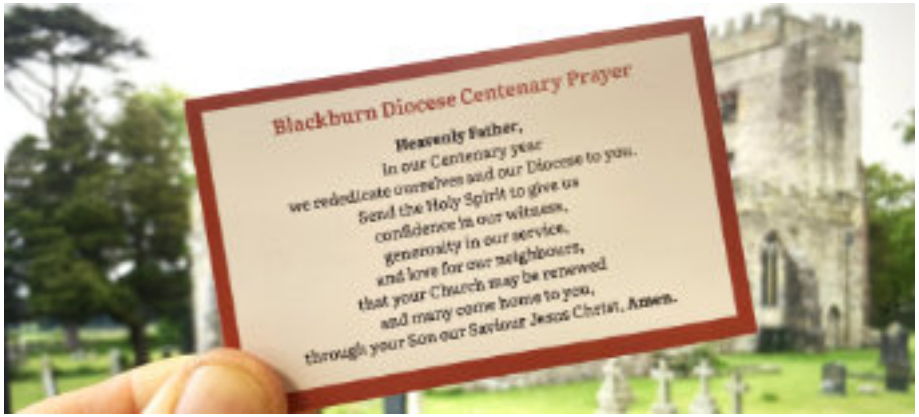
Graham Haldane

As I write this in February 2026, it could be too easy to forget how important a transitional year 2025 was for St James' Clitheroe. Sam Cheesman has settled in really well as our new Rector, and we have settled with him, but this time last year Mark Pickett had just retired, and we were entering the hopes and unsettling period of a vacancy. Vacancies can be challenging for many churches, but thanks must go on so many levels and to so many people for how we came through it so well. We had supportive advice and guidance from the diocese, Trustee Patrons and PCC reps who worked well together, a PCC and Leadership Team who helped steer us steadily through the period, and a faithful staff team who carried on fulfilling their roles 'above and beyond' during the uncertainty they faced along with the whole congregation. A range of creative and well-planned social events also helped to maintain and develop our bonds as a community and welcome new people to it.

When we started our 'Year of Prayer' last January (see separate report), one of the key elements at the beginning was to express gratitude, both for all we have as a faith community in St James', but also for all that Mark and Della expressed through their ministry among us for over 21 years. We were so sad to see them leave, but they were given a great send off over a final weekend, and we know that the Holy Spirit still has his hand on them and will use them in new ways in the seasons of life to come.

It was great to see so many people involved in the prayer and consultation process that helped to inform our Parish Profile, which in turn attracted a good field of candidates for the role of Rector. With a thorough process in place, it was all the more a joy to see Sam emerge through it as the one we felt God was calling at this time to lead St James'. Sam comes with a great history in his various roles, including as a priest in Blackpool, school chaplain in Lancaster and most recently Chaplain to the Bishop of Blackburn. We welcome Mairi and Lydia too and look forward as we enter the next stage in the history, present and future of St James' Church.

Prayer in all its forms, individually and collectively, will continue to underpin our mission and all that we do. Mission is also going to be central as we move forward, and it's been so exciting to see the beginning of new things developing in the Higher Standen estate. Outreach work in various schools continues and develops, many new children, youth and families are connecting with our various groups, and we are regularly seeing new people joining our worship services on Sundays. With the Love Clitheroe BBQ morphing this year into June's 'Live at the Castle' and 'Church at the Castle' and the parish mission weekend coming up in September, these will be just some of the missional highlights to come in 2026. As Blackburn Diocese sums it up in their headline for 2026, and Sam has preached so consistently since starting, it's 'All About Jesus'.



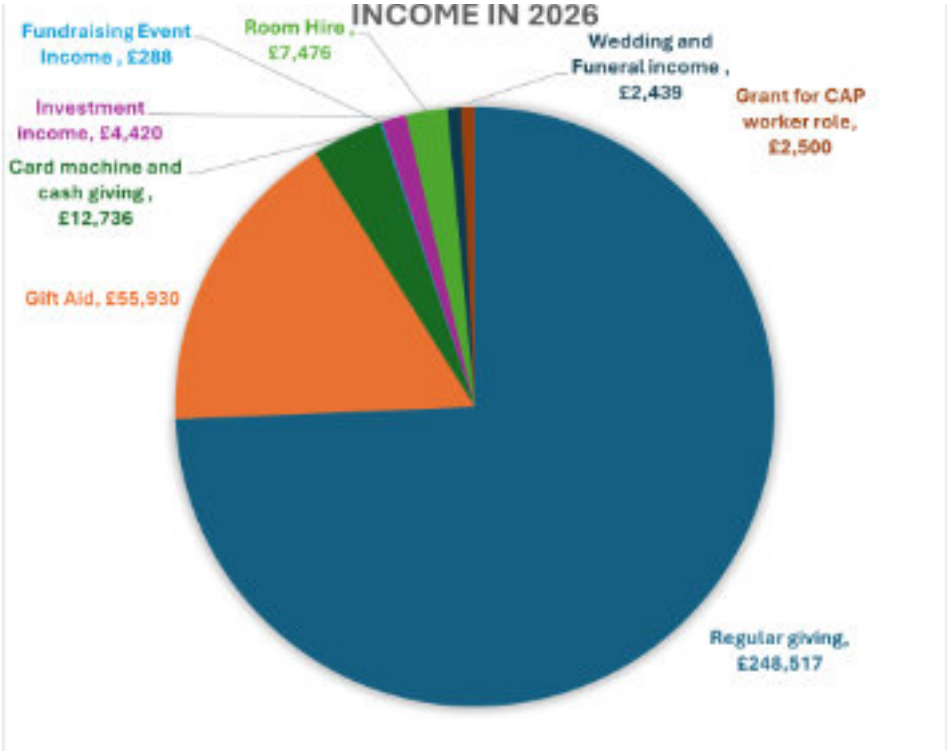
FINANCE REPORT

Naomi Lynas

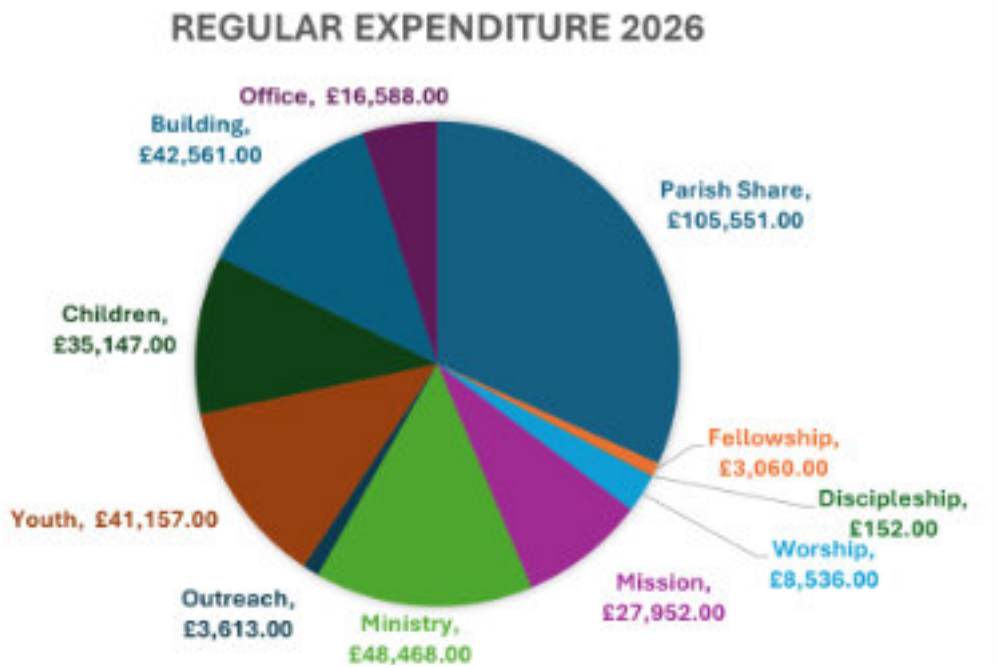
While 2025 was quite a turbulent year in terms of church leadership, it was a very steady year in terms of finance. Our income had increased significantly towards the end of 2024, and this increase was maintained throughout 2025. This is really wonderful, testament to the faithful and generous giving of St James'.

We also had an increase in terms of income to our investments, due to higher interest rates, and our overall income was over our budget by £10,400. Our total income for the year was £334,306, and £317,183 of this was from regular giving, cash or card giving and Gift Aid.

One thing that is interesting is that our Gift Aid amount was slightly lower than expected. If you're able to Gift Aid, please do check that you have completed the Gift Aid declaration – it allows us to claim 25% extra on your giving at no cost to you!



While our income was higher than expected, our expenditure was broadly in line with expected spending. Increased attendance mean we spent more on fellowship and catering, and we had a big expenditure for Mark Pickett's retirement party in February. However, this was offset by a number of factors. There was a lower than expected expenditure in Children and Families ministry due to a slight gap between Helen reducing her hours and Becky joining the staff team. Our gas bills were lower than expected, and tight controls on office spending meant we ended the year in a surplus in terms of our regular spending.



That surplus (£11,000) will be added to our Mission Giving pot for distribution in 2026, and it has been wonderful to see God's faithfulness once again.

We received two wonderful legacies and an incredible gift in 2025.

Many of you will remember Barbara Dennett. She left St James' church £115,000 from her estate, which we will put towards capital projects, and I'm sure there will be much more communication about this forthcoming. We also received a legacy from the estate of Mary Stott of £18,000, which has also been allocated towards capital projects.

We completed two significant works in 2025, both funded partially by previous legacies. The North Stained Glass Window was releaded in early 2025 after having been boarded up for a number of years. It's really wonderful to see it in its full glory, having been completed releaded and with a number of pieces repainted and replaced.

The East Window had also suffered from some damage, and was repaired in Spring 2025. The majority of this was covered by insurance.

The other big piece of capital work we had done in 2025 was a complete refurbishment of the toilets and vestry (although the majority of the vestry work was completed at the end of 2024). This came to a total of £40,000, and eventually included replacing the vestry flooring where we had dry rot. This was almost entirely funded by legacies. These significant gifts have made a huge difference to the fabric and longevity of our building and ultimately to the impact of our mission.

Finally, as Sam started his ministry at St James,' we received a wonderful one-off gift of £80,000, to be used to bless his time here. What an incredible act of generosity and grace! Again, this has been set aside but we are not planning to spend this on capital projects.

As ever, I am extremely grateful to Jonathan Frank for his steady reporting and scrutiny of our finances, and to Sue Clark for the day to day book-keeping. If you have any questions about our finances or your own giving, please do get in touch.

FABRIC REPORT

Andrew Stevens

Over the last twelve months the most significant work on the church fabric has been the complete renovation of the toilets. This comprised new tanked floors, new sanitary ware and cubicles and re-decoration. The gents were modified to replace the urinal with a third WC and the hand basin was re-positioned. Finally, a new fold down baby changing table was added to the disabled toilet to allow dads and wheelchair users to care for babies after the necessary elimination of the old changing table in the gents. The cost of this work was covered from legacies that had previously been left to church.

The other major work in the last year was an example of God's amazing provision for our church here at St James'. After the retirement of Mark and as our parish entered our recent vacancy the Diocese decided to sell the old rectory on Woone Lane and buy a new modern house for our new incumbent Sam and his family. This means that the PCC will no longer be responsible for a large, difficult to heat and maintain out dated rectory. However we have had to keep an eye of the old rectory through half a year until the Diocese managed to sell it, this included keeping the heating ticking over through the cold months to ensure no pipe bursts and once into early summer keeping the grass cut and the garden tidy, thank you to everyone who has helped Naomi, Graham and I with this task.

As a PCC I think we can now say that after a few years or hard planning and expense we have got the fabric of the church in a decent condition for the coming year and apart from the odd small maintenance job we can look forward to a comfortable year in our lovely church building. Looking further into the future I think it will be obvious to everyone that it is, at times, a tight squeeze. This is due to increased numbers of regular worshippers, the increased staff team and the amazing increase in regular youth attenders both midweek and at the second Sunday service. Please be assured that this dilemma is under constant review by your PCC who will keep you fully informed of any concrete plans and proposals as we continue to grow God's kingdom here at St James'.

ST JAMES' YEAR OF PRAYER

Graham Haldane

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

With this verse from Ephesians 3:20 as our starting point, we set off on an adventure in prayer in 2025. Building on the encouragement that all churches receive to pray during a vacancy, we felt we should have a focused and varied 'Year of Prayer' that would include not only praying through the vacancy process and for our new Rector, but praying for all aspects of church life and our wider mission.

At the heart of the Year of Prayer was a regular rhythm of Sunday evening and Wednesday morning prayer. Thanks go to all of those who engaged with and led these sessions, particularly those core people who committed themselves for the year. We must never underestimate the immediate and long-term effects of those prayers.

In the first months of the year, our focus was on Gratitude – for all that we appreciate about the life of St James' Church and for Mark and Della's years of ministry among us – and Dreaming Big. The verse in Ephesians above helped us to think and pray about what church could look like and what we were looking for in our new Rector. A series of consultation meetings, including prayer, contributed ultimately to our collected thoughts in the Parish Profile.

In addition to the weekly pattern, various prayer events were held. On a Saturday in April, people from all ages joined in the Great St James Parish Prayer Walk. The church was available during the day for 'non-walkers' to pray, families and younger children walked in the morning from the church via the castle to Turret House, then in the afternoon a mainly adult grouped walked the remainder of the parish boundary, which was far more extensive and rural than many expected. We held a Holy Week of Prayer in April, on the theme of Living Hope, joined in the Global 24/7 Week of Prayer in September, and finished the year with an Advent Half Night of Prayer in December.

Our indoor prayer labyrinth with the outline of the parish taped to the floor was a hit - and even made it onto the cover of the Church Times!

The labyrinth in the Castle Grounds provided more opportunities for contemplative prayer.

It's also been good to know that people from St James are engaging with prayer in many other ways: individually, as families, in small groups, corporately in intercessory prayer on Sundays, and in joining with other Christians, for example at Turret House of Prayer and in the growing powerhouse that is Pray for Lancashire.

In 2026, our emphasis will be on encouraging everyone to pray in many different contexts and situations, but we will be aiming to have at least one prayer 'event' each month, including e.g. prayer walks, prayer weeks/nights and joining in broader prayer opportunities such as Pray for Lancashire.

2026 was also a 'Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal' across Blackburn Diocese, and the following prayer concluded the majority of our meetings and events:

God of mission,
Who alone brings growth to your church
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow
In numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Helen Potts

As I look back on another year, once again I'm so grateful for so many blessings.

- God always giving immeasurably more than I can imagine.
- God's promise that I do all things through his might and strength and not mine, turning my weakness into strength.
- The prayerful support and encouragement of my God family at St James' Church.
- God's provision and empowering of an amazing team of volunteers that serve faithfully. They are a blessing and it fills me with joy to plan and lead with these incredibly gifted and creative people, who are such wonderful reflections of Jesus to the children and families they serve.

I want to share their voices in this report, along with thoughts from the individuals who are hopefully blessed by each part of the ministry and so you will find many quotes dotted through this report.

Kingdom Kids

What a wonderful year we have! We are so blessed to have many new families engaging with Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers. We have a strong group of Year5 and Year 6 children who are growing in faith, ask incredible questions as they think out faith and are a real joy to be with when they pray.

One of our challenges going forward is that we have a really small cohort of Year 3 and 4 children; we are praying faithfully for more children of this age.

There are challenges as each week we strive to meet the needs of all our children, those more established in faith and those new to faith or growing in faith. Finding ways of presenting Jesus in engaging ways to ensure every child leaves the morning sessions having an opportunity to have an encounter with God. We

always include extra activities, a quiet book corner, sensory toys, LEGO, playdoh to help meet this variety of needs.

Each week is a blessing, but don't take my word for it...

'Kingdom Kids doesn't settle for a quick Bible story and then free play, every session is prayerfully prepared and delivered meaning the children come away with new knowledge of God which in turn furthers their relationship with Him. As we sit as a family having our lunch on a Sunday, the kids love sharing what they've learned and the fun they've had.' Parent

'Kingdom Kids is fun and it helps me learn about Jesus'. Child

'I like playing the games and learning about Jesus'. Child

'The leaders are supportive and everything is faith based, backing up all we do at home as a family'. Parent

Kingdom Tiddlers

Tiddlers is our preschool group and creche. It is a safe and fun space for these youngest of children to start encountering the love of God. We firmly believe that no child, no tot, is too young to know and feel the love of God and this year we have continued to ensure this happens by always rethinking and evaluating, by prayerfully preparing materials.

Each week the children follow the same routine, beginning with a snack and simple story, then games, toys, craft and the special Tiddler prayer and praise time.

Every Sunday these wonderful tots have heard God's word, prayed, praised and encountered God's love through the love of their leaders.

Each week is a blessing, but don't take my word for it...

'Tiddlers allows my child to hear another voice and for me it allows me to sit in church and hear the teaching.' Parent.

Disciples Stepping Out (Kid's Council)

Our Kids' Council have had a busy year planning activities that they can invite their friends and other children to; activities that allow them to have fun and share wonderful truths about Jesus. In March they organised a Silent Disco, where every ticket was sold! Games in the garden where lots of families had an amazing time and the Bible Breakfast in January, because they wanted to tell their friends about the Bible!

So many blessings, but don't take my word for it...

'I love having lunch with the others!

It is a wonderful opportunity to make things happen in the life of the church.

'It is really satisfying to see our hard work happen and for people to enjoy what we have planned.'

Little Fishes

Little Fishes continues to be a thriving community on a Monday morning. Every week there are new friends, nearly always coming on the recommendation of another family. The group is a warm and welcoming play group for under-fives and their carers. We love to provide a relaxing and accepting safe space, our prayer being, that Jesus is reflected in this warm hospitality. We always pray a prayer

of blessing over the families as they leave and we love to celebrate important festivals. We dressed up at Christmas to tell the Nativity story, we will tell the Easter story in an age-appropriate way and hunt Easter eggs, we have a sailing off into the sunset pirate party to celebrate and pray for our school starters. WE love to invite the families to Popcorn and to church.

So many blessings, but don't take my word for it...

'It's a wonderful that so many families come and are known by name, that it is such a welcoming and creative space.' Team member

It is a joy to be involved and chat to the lovely parents and grandparents.' Team member.

Waymakers (formerly Rockin)

Rockin was wonderful and had been an amazing blessing over the years. However, we were facing many challenges and so we felt that we needed a bit of a reboot and revamp. So, in the Autumn we felt it right as a team to spend time doing just this. The result was a name change, so now we are 'Waymakers'.

Waymakers is somewhere children can feel safe, loved and accepted. A place they can discover more about Jesus, have fun and meet friends. Our Vision is to create an irresistible, spirit filled environment, where children can journey with Jesus, deepen their faith and discover their spiritual inheritance as children of God. A key feature at Waymakers are the prayer stations. We all love the prayer stations, introduced instead of discussion groups, with the aim of helping the children respond to the Bible story of the night.

So many blessings, but don't take my word for it...

'I adore Waymakers! It's wonderful to sow seeds and see our children flourish and we are seeing it happen!!!!!' Leader

Popcorn

What a year we've had leading Popcorn. It has been wonderful to welcome so many families and help them explore God's truths in fun filled activities as families together. There is a great team of leaders who share the planning and facilitating. Each session starts with a creatively told Bible story, followed by activities including science experiments, craft, painting, prayer spaces, cold cooking and physical challenges. The UV spy pens have become a regular and well-loved feature for decoding Bible verses; we all love Claire's reflections stood around the altar together at the end, at the end of one session we had children reading Bible verses over their parents...so special!

So many blessings, but don't take my word for it...

It is wonderful to see the development of relationships between us and the families.

It is a blessing to see the engagement of the families with the quiet reflections at the end of the sessions. Leader

Popcorn provides a wonderful opportunity to welcome families from our local schools into church (many of who do not attend a Sunday service) and to pass on

our faith to them in fun and engaging ways.

I love that we are talking about Jesus, not just to the children, but to the whole family. Leader

School

Our links with school are stronger and broader than ever. Becky, Sam and me all go into school to take assemblies, lead clubs and take RE lessons. We've loved welcoming the school to church for special services, seasonal productions and for RE lessons.

In the Autumn we ran a prayer space in the new building to soak the new classrooms in prayer. Soon we will be sharing Easter Prayer boxes

St James' School afterschool club, Bible Diggers and Excavate, continue to be popular with 20+ children enrolled for each. Children continue to be excited to learn more about God and talk with confidence about Him. Parents receive a slip of paper sharing the session's story, to facilitate conversations of faith at home, and have been appreciative of this.

'Helen and Becky bring such positive energy to our school, sharing Jesus through their work and example...we are really privileged to have them'. Headteacher.

More highlights this year...

Light Night

This year we wanted to take Light Night out to the community. We wanted to take the light of Jesus out and let the light of Jesus shine bright on what can be a dark, dark night. It was amazing! A real wow, 'immeasurably more' night. There was such an amazing sense of being light bringers in a dark world. People getting involved and loving being involved. Hot chocolate on the church steps with lovely friendly faces engaging with passes by, some who came into the church We set up a trail around church family houses, who had stained glass windows displayed and lit up with messages of hope. They sat outside giving out sweets and Bible verses, being lovely to people going past. When I walked around the trail, it was amazing how these lights in the community stood out so brightly in the darkness.

And...the Kids Council helped plan and organise the event.

So many blessings, but don't take my word for it...

'People who don't come to our church are coming into our church! It's so exciting!' Kid's Council member

Christingle

Last year we were overcrowded, so we decided to move to two Christingle services. We were of course a bit concerned that they would both seem a bit empty, but we felt it was the way to go. Both services were full to bursting! Over 560 people came to hear the good news that this baby really was God, that this story is a true story, that this is real. Another immeasurably more moment.

What a blessing!

YOUTH REPORT

Lucy Skelton

This year we have seen God do some amazing things with the young people that we connect with either in schools, at outreach based activities at the church or through our discipleship based groups. We have seen young people choose to follow Jesus, we have given out over 10 Bibles to young people who have asked for one and we have seen young people, who last year we reported had decided to follow Jesus, move forward with Jesus and make significant progress in their understanding and commitment to Jesus.

Connecting activities

Typically the first time we meet a young person it is within one of our connecting based activities or groups. These activities may happen in school or at the church. The aim is to build relationship with young people and gradually have more opportunity to share the gospel as well as invite the young people to other activities which have a more Bible teaching focus.

Our connecting activities this year were...

- 4 lunch time clubs in three High Schools (Ribblesdale, Bowland and CRGS) with a overall attendance of 90 young people

- Hot chocolate club – this happens at the church after school, average attendance around 10.

- Youth Club, Friday evenings, average attendance 30- 40

Our school lunch-time clubs are still very popular and we have met new young people over this year. Some of whom have simply seen the posters in school, others have been brought along by young people who already attend. We have had the joy of seeing some of these friends then brought along to other events, activities and groups that we run outside of their school. Such as youth club, Wednesday evening youth and trips.

Hot chocolate club has been able to run weekly this year which is superb. We have got a core group of around 10 who attend each week. We have created a programme of different activities to do with the young people as well as keeping it a safe space to be after-school. Hot chocolate club is particularly good for helping young people who may have never been in the church before, to cross the threshold and have a positive experience with the team and other young people.

Youth club has been a bit quieter this year as we have lost some of our year 11s, but we have gained new young people who are gradually bringing more and more of their friends. Over the year we have looked at all sorts of different topics, we have just finished 'Junk in, Junk out' where we looked at what we feed our souls with, we looked at the effect of those who influence us, music, social media and pictorial media such as YouTube. We thought about how the damage that putting the wrong stuff in to us is invisible at first on the outside, but how it makes a lasting impact on the inside.

Changing activities

Over the last twelve months we have ran two different changing groups.

Wednesday Youth (412) – 412 has increased in numbers to consistently around 30+ each week. As our church youth numbers have increased to over 50 young people (these are young people who attend either/or Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, we have now started small groups for them. Each group has around 10 young people in it and 2 youth leaders. The people in the small group stays the same and up until February half term the small groups have been meeting once a month during the Wednesday evening youth session. The young people have been very positive about having their own small group, and after half term we increased the frequency to twice a month, with the aim that we will be in small groups 3 times a month in September. The youth still begin the evening with some hang out time, then some sung worship led by themselves before heading to their specific room with their leaders and fellow small group youth. The weeks we don't have small groups we have an altogether Bible study time after sung worship, these groups are much more fluid.

Sunday morning youth – We are still consistently having around 20+ young people choosing to come out to Sunday youth during the 11:15am service, yet we have also got at least 10 young people who choose to stay in for the whole service. We are still using three rooms and require three leaders each week to allow us to do so. By splitting in to three groups we find that discussion is easier and the young people find it easier to focus.

Faith to Fight – Faith to fight is our termly lads get together, planned and ran by our older lads. Faith to fight has met this year and the lads continue to find it a useful time to be together and support each other in their faith.

Sisters in Christ – The girls have also continued to meet this year with Sisters in Christ. The girls really enjoy their time together and take great care in their planning and running of the event.

Youth Baptisms – We have had two young people baptised this year. It was wonderful to hear their testimonies and be there for the baptisms. We have more young people wanting to be baptised this year coming.

Engaging activities

Young leaders – Our young leaders continue to be a massive help on a Friday evening at youth club. It is great to see them gradually become more confident, not just with helping out, but also with leading discussion times, leading games and activities and making suggestions in planning meetings. We currently have 5 young leaders on a Friday evening.

Youth worship team – The youth worship team continues to meet each Sunday after the 11:15am service. It has grown quite a lot this year, we now have 3 pianists, 1 who is very confident, 1 who is gaining confidence and 1 who has just recently joined. We have had a new young people join the youth worship team after becoming a Christian last year and starting to attend the Sunday service at the end of the last school year. He is a very good singer but is also gaining confidence on different instruments. We were very thankful to Tesco Stronger Starts grants, who gave us £500 to use towards the youth worship team. With this money we purchased a second hand iPad and software for those using the piano to give them access to modern sounds. 2 entry level bass guitars and 2 entry level electric acoustic guitars. The aim of the bass guitars and electric acoustic guitars is to enable more young people to begin on a journey of learning them. We now run a beginners guitar group on a Friday afternoon, this is ran by one of our young people who is a skilled guitarist, we have 2 young people who attend this small group with her. We have also given both bass guitars out on loan to 2 of our other young people and they are gradually getting more confident on the bass guitar. We have had 3 new young people start drum lessons with myself during the week, one of whom played the drums in the youth Christmas show. The youth worship team is large and has varying skill levels, yet they work hard to support each other, they have a rota for worship on a Wednesday evening and all that are happy to, have the opportunity to play then, we also have the opportunity for them to lead worship as part of the Sunday services a few times a year, and they lead at both Faith to Fight and Sisters in Christ. It has been particularly lovely to see our second year of year 10s taking the step to begin playing with some of the adult worship teams as well as with the youth worship team.

We not only teach the young people how to take part with the music side, we also teach them the tech side by showing them how to do the sound engineering, lighting and presentation software. This year our young person who has the role of sound engineer under the direction of one of our leaders, has also been showing a new young person how to look after the sound. It is great to see young people teaching other young people, and to see them each grow through doing so.

Youth led dance group – we have started a new weekly fun dance group which is led by some of our youth. The young people who go enjoy their time together putting together dances to Christian songs, which they will be able to use at events such as Sisters in Christ. They also spend time thinking through what movements can be put to worship songs so that they can be more accessible to our children on a Sunday morning.

Special events

In the last twelve months the youth have had the opportunity to attend the following events.

Abide youth event – Abide is not running until October this year, it will have had an 18month break by the time the next one happens.

Satellites youth camp – This last year we took 43 young people to satellites , which is 13 more than last year! We had a fabulous time and saw young people choose to follow Jesus. The team were amazing as they always are. With lots of very long days and very late nights, they gave their absolute best to each young person who came.

Blackpool Pleasure beach – this year we did a trip to Blackpool pleasure beach. We took 28 young people, some of whom had not been on a trip with us and some who had only been to a school club. We did rides in the morning, then in the

afternoon we split into 3 groups, one group did ice skating, one did adventure golf and the third group did more rides. We then ended our trip by getting fish and chips to each on the coach.

Youth Weekend at Church – We held a youth weekend at church at the beginning of March. We had 30 young people in attendance, most stayed over for both nights, and a few just came for the Saturday. The weekend included 2 worship and teaching meetings, late night worship slots, free-time to just hang out together, team challenges, prayer spaces and of course two sleepovers. Our theme was Faithful and we looked at what it meant to be faithful with each other, faithful to God and how God is faithful.

Youth Christmas Show

Our Christmas show this year followed the journey of the Magi as they followed the star. The youth all worked so hard on all the different aspects of the show. The charity that the youth chose for proceeds to go to was Cancer research and with the kind donations from those attending, they raised just over £200.

Non-club based schools work

Bowland R.E day – We hosted Bowland R.E day once again this year, with around 100 year 11s spending a lot of the day at the church as well as visiting other places of worship in the town. At the end of the day they have a question time which involves someone from each place of worship to sit together and answer questions that the young people have prepared. Unfortunately for the school the only people able to do that part was myself, Ian Humphreys from Trinity Methodist church and our own Sam Cheesman. It was lovely for the three of us to be able to share with the young people about what we believe and have opportunity to share the gospel message as part of our answers to their questions.

Ribblesdale once again had their year 7 harvest assembly at the church, it was great to welcome them and the staff in and to share a message about harvest with them.

What an incredible year, seeing young people's lives completely changed by Jesus is such a privilege, one of the young people who chose to follow Jesus last year, said to me the other day 'I used to message my friends when I felt stressed, now I open my Bible and I have been astonished how much that helps, I now read my Bible so much and can feel how it and praying makes a big difference in my life.'

Thank you so much for all your support of the youth ministry. Please keep the team and young people we meet in your prayers.

CAP DEBT CENTRE

Matt Wood

What has gone well?

One of the main positives that we have seen with Clients over the last year is how people are accepting and responsive to prayer. We always offer to pray with clients during every meeting which has been received better than ever before over the last 12 months.

When answers to prayer take place, we are in a privileged position to proclaim and encourage clients that God knows, listens, and because he loves us, will never turn away.

Many breakthroughs have worked out in seemingly impossible situations and circumstances, so proclaiming the Gospel truth in these opportunities continues to go well.

The Money Coaching team have adopted a new strategy toward how we promote and engage people with our courses which has seen attendees commit to attending. This is a huge improvement on last year when two of our courses had to be postponed.

New volunteers continue to commit to serving our community across both services.

At the beginning of 2026 we celebrated one of our clients becoming debt free. Over Christmas 2025 one client engaged with a Church based activity.

What requires support, improvement and prayer?

Overall referral number are low this year, this is mainly due to new referrals being on hold throughout Jan and Feb as training on our new Debt Help Platform training was being rolled out.

Please pray for Matt as navigating training for and using an entirely new casework system continues to take place.

Continuing to promote our services effectively is something that requires ongoing focus. Many of our recent referrals are from word of mouth, which is great, so please keep CAP in mind and in conversations so that awareness can continue to be supported throughout our community.

PASTORAL CARE

Peter Williams

The Pastoral Team continues to work hard towards their basic remit of keeping people connected to God, and keeping people connected to the church family - the church community.

Much of this is done through small groups where small group leaders keep a pastoral watch over each in the group, often supporting them and caring for them through changing or difficult circumstances. There has been much of this activity over the previous year - often unseen but always valued. Thank you so much to those who continue to undertake this wonderful service - you know who you are!

Occasionally the circumstances are such that a matter might be referred to the Leadership/Ministry Team or the Pastoral Team in confidence -and there have been several of these during the year. Members of these teams have prayed with, counselled, worked with and supported those in need.

Additionally the Pastoral Team has continued to visit those older or infirm members of the church family who, themselves, have worshipped and served with us over the years and now find this difficult or, indeed impossible. Anne Williams has joined the team as a "diary keeper" and we hope that this ensures we are more consistent in whom we visit and how regularly. Our visits include a bit of socialising and news sharing, sometimes home communion for those that want it, and always prayer.

We have also been called in (twice) to pray with people from other churches in the care homes in our parish, as they are dying.

Twice a year we pastorally review the church membership list to ensure we have maintained some sort of connection with everyone in the church family who wishes this.

We work in parallel with Allison Lord - our Anna Chaplain - whose remit is to visit and build links with other older people in our parish who haven't directly got a connection to our church; part of our church's mission.

All this work carries on mostly unseen, and unpaid, and we are very grateful to the great people who form this team and serve God by keeping people connected with Him and with His family here.

WORSHIP

Jonathan Berry and team

Over the past year, the worship team has continued to serve St James with commitment and faithfulness, leading the church in worship through music and song.

During the year, Jonathan Berry stepped back from the role of Worship Team Co-ordinator due to a career change and various other personal reasons. Rachel Shelley has also stepped back from the worship team during the past year.

In response, the worship leaders have collectively taken on additional responsibility to sustain this ministry. We are very grateful for this shared leadership, with particular thanks to Ellie Wood and Jenna Potts for the significant support they have provided during this period.

While the passion and heart of the team remain strong, the worship team is currently experiencing increased pressure in terms of capacity. When St James moved from one to two morning services over a year ago, it was hoped that the size of the worship team would grow accordingly. Unfortunately, this increase in team size has not yet taken place. As a result, a relatively small team is now supporting two weekly morning services, which has led to the team being stretched in order to ensure consistent provision for Sunday worship.

We want to express sincere gratitude to everyone currently serving on the worship team. Team members are generous with their time, deeply committed to the church, and passionate about worshipping God and leading others to do the same.

St James has a bold and exciting vision for mission and outreach, led by Sam, which the worship team wholeheartedly supports. At present, however, the team is finding it challenging to sustain existing commitments, let alone expand to support a wider missional vision. We recognise that God has richly blessed the St James worship team with gifted and faithful musicians. At this time, the primary challenge appears to be a lack of leadership and coordination capacity.

A strong and well-resourced worship team is an important part of a missional church, helping to create a welcoming, accessible, and safe environment for all to worship God, and Making it easier for people to invite others to church. The worship team is working closely with Sam and others to explore long-term solutions that will strengthen and sustain this significant and central ministry.

Our prayer is that, with God's guidance and the right support, worship will continue to shape and drive St James as we seek to build God's kingdom here in East Lancashire. We would welcome prayer, wisdom, and practical support from the PCC and wider church as we discern how best to address this leadership and capacity challenge.

KINGS HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP

Sam Johnson

We have been incredibly blessed by the deepening and strengthening of the partnership between St James and King's Highway Partnership in Eldoret, Kenya, over the past 12 months. Following the visit to Kenya by Sam Johnson in January 2025 we have looked to make our partnership more visible across the life of the church, and also to have more regular contact with King's Highway to support and learn from each other.

Pastor Henry and Pastor Fred are becoming regular faces to our Sunday congregations as they regularly record messages of greeting and encouragement. A particular highlight was Pastor Henry being able to preach on Philippians 2 at our King's Highway Celebration Service in October, when we were encouraged to 'make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind'. During the service we were able to learn more about Kenya and Eldoret, and to understand something more of the partnership agreement where we commit to walking with and alongside each other 'in humble and relational ways as we call on King Jesus to fix the root cause of our brokenness'.

A few weeks after our special service the church family enjoyed a King's Highway brunch in November, where we launched our Partnership Booklet, and many thanks to Graham Haldane for creating such a helpful document. We were also able to set up a new WhatsApp Group to help keep Church Family members informed of what is happening at King's Highway Church and school.

The relationship between St James' School and King's Highway School also continues to develop. As part of the end of year celebrations at our school in the summer there was a 'Kenya Day' where children came dressed in the colours of the Kenyan flag and donated money so that the children at King's Highway School could join in the celebration too. Many thanks to Charlotte White at the school who has led on the partnership for the past six years; Charlotte has now moved on but Jonathan, the headteacher, has continued to lead the partnership with enthusiasm and joy.

We were delighted that our new Rector, Sam, was able to visit Eldoret in January and to spend time with Henry and Fred so early in his incumbency. I know how much the visit means to King's Highway Church and how much if helps them feel connected to the worldwide church.

Finally, I am really pleased that one of the key promises in our partnership agreement is now in place. In both Eldoret and Clitheroe we were keen to ensure that we prayed together regularly in 'real time'. This has now been happening for nearly 10 months, when on the second Friday of each month we 'WhatsApp' pray together at 8am for half an hour. If you would like to join this meeting then please see Sam Johnson.

Throughout the next year we will look to hear the voice of Eldoret more within our church as we introduce various people from King's Highway Church to St James and follow some of their stories and lives. We will also continue to support the King's Highway Church financially particularly with regards the training and education of young people, and in their ministry to widows. Please continue to pray for the church in Eldoret and for its leaders.

MISSION GIVING

2025 was the first year when our Mission Giving budget was actively 'capped.' Back in 2023, PCC decided that, in order to protect the mission that happens from this church, our Mission Giving budget would be capped. This meant we would have a break-even, rather than a deficit, budget.

So in 2025, we looked carefully at how we allocated our Mission Giving budget. We moved it to a percentage-based model, knowing that the amount available for Mission Giving was likely to fluctuate much more than it had in previous years.

We also created an 'emerging church seed fund' specifically for new projects that are birthed from St James'. We have often found that people have ideas or passions for a project, but we don't really know how to finance that, and we end up working backwards to cover the cost. We'd rather be proactive, and to say 'we have X amount to help launch this mission project.' This also specifically targets one of the criteria of Mission Giving, 'supporting new ministry and the emerging church.

Our Mission Giving percentage based model is now as follows:

Focus	Criteria	Percentage of Mission Giving
Persecuted church	Supporting the persecuted church	10%
UK partnerships	Distribution of the gospel Relief of poverty	35%
Overseas partnerships	Distribution of the gospel Relief of poverty	35%
Climate	To safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth	10%
Emerging church seed fund	Supporting new ministry and the emerging church	10%

In 2025, we had £33,520 to distribute, which was 10% of our income in 2024. We were aware that there was likely to be a significant decrease in Mission Giving funds to give away between 2025 and 2026 so we set aside £6295 as a buffer between the two years, and gave the remainder away as follows:

Focus	Projects	Amount given in 2025
Persecuted church	Open Doors CSW CSW Cards	£1250 £1250 £295 Total: £2795
UK partnerships	Good News for Everyone CAP Bradford 180 Project Gateway Counselling CAP Blackburn	£1250 £4080 £1250 £1500 £1500 Total: £9580
Overseas partnerships	Kings Highway Church Charis	£4660 £4660 Total:£9450
Climate	A Rocha	£2700
Emerging church seed fund	Supporting new ministry and the emerging church	£2700
Total		£27,225
Remainder		£6295 buffer

Many of these projects will be familiar to you if you have been following Mission Giving for any years. Some of these projects have been on our list for many years, but there are a few which may be unfamiliar or have changed.

Gateway Counselling is a project of Ribble Valley Gateway Trust, offering affordable counselling sessions by professionally qualified counsellors to individuals who self-refer, having been signposted by GPs, local businesses, churches, care agencies, friends and family.

CAP Blackburn is a new CAP Debt Help Centre, run by St Luke's Church in Blackburn. Blackburn had a CAP Centre for a number of years, but when the centre Manager retired, the centre was closed down. St Luke's launched their centre in 2025 and asked us for financial support.

You may notice that we support more UK Partnerships than overseas partnerships. We would love to establish a wider range of overseas partnerships, so if you are involved with an overseas project which supports one of our 5 Mission Giving criteria, please do get in touch with us.

One of the wonderful things about having a surplus in 2025 is how God will use this to bless other projects. Despite putting a cap on Mission Giving, God has really shown his generosity and faithfulness, and we will have a similar amount to give away in 2026.

OUTREACH

2025 was a strange year in terms of outreach. I'm sure you'll have heard about The Quiet Revival, based on some research from The Bible Society. We've certainly seen something similar.

Over the past year, we've seen:

- Primary aged children wanting to come to church and bringing their parents
- Little Fishes mums (some from a few years ago) starting to attend on a Sunday
- A number of our young people making the decision to follow Jesus and be baptised
- New people attending every week, and many of them attending regularly
- One memorable lady wandering into the office mid-week and announcing she's just become a Christian

In fact, the number of new people at services in the Autumn was almost wonderfully overwhelming. What was interesting is that these people weren't looking for a peripheral activity; they were looking for a worship service. They were looking for an encounter with Jesus.

Not all of these people have got connected, but the majority of them have, whether that's through attending the 'faith basics' course that Sam put on with Tracey Cross in October, or directly joining a small group. Our Welcomers have done an absolutely wonderful job in connecting new people but this is a good opportunity to remind ourselves that welcome is everyone's responsibility. It has been a real joy to see some people be quickly noticed and engaged in conversation, but it's also easy to overlook people we perhaps don't know so well. Sometimes the conversations someone has on their 4th time attending are more important than the first time.

We've seen this continue into the new year, and once again, it's not unusual to have up to 10 new people attending on a Sunday morning. So there's a real challenge for us who are established worshippers – how are we supporting these new people to become new and deeper followers of Jesus Christ?

Where we have deliberately extended invitations, the response last year was overwhelming. Easter was joyfully packed to the rafters. We moved to 2 services for Christingle, and invited widely, thinking that it would be awful to have 2 half-empty services. But I don't think any of us expected to have nearly 600 people show up!

We held our first event for about 6 years on the Standen Estate – Carols around the Oak Tree. We only managed to finalise a date for this about a week before, so the invitations had a short time to get out – but nearly 150 people showed up. I'd only printed 50 song sheets so we were a bit short! What was particular wonderful about this event is that there are definite events planned as follow up, with the aim of launching a worshipping community on Standen estate, and it's been great to have Becky Wright take a lead on this.

As does happen occasionally, Carols at the Castle was affected by terrible weather, but we still had 1000 people show up. The event was fully booked, with 2500 planning to attend, but the wet weather proved too much for many.

There was no Love Clitheroe barbecue last year. The team took a 'fallow year,' giving us time and space to prepare for the launch of Live at the Castle in 2026. This will be a huge weekend of outreach, with a free music and arts festival on the Saturday and Church at the Castle – a big open air worship service on the Sunday. Mark your diaries now for 27th and 28th June!

2026 will also see our Diocesan Centenary weekend, marked by a weekend of outreach in every parish in the Diocese. Plans are still coming together for our events, but that will be held on 11th -13th September.

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe is registered with the Charity Commission as the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James' Clitheroe. It is also known as St James' Church Clitheroe.

Background

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev'd Sam Cheesman in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St James', St James' Street, Clitheroe. It has responsibility in the employment of an Operations Manager, Youth Worker, a Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager and a Children's and family worker. Finally, it has an important role to play in the support of St James C of E Primary School.

STRATEGIC REPORT

A full review and strategic report of St James' can be found below in conjunction with the Annual Reports to the APCM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main aim of the charity is promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, with an emphasis on the following:-

- Education/Training
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
- Overseas Aid/Famine Relief
- Religious Activities

These objectives are realised by making grants to organisations, providing buildings/facilities and open spaces, and providing services to communities at home and aboard. The measurement of the success of meeting these aims is provided by the responses from the recipients of our charitable grants and services, as well as through financial performance figures for grantmaking, donations and expenditure of the PCC through charitable activities.

All charitable activities that take place are for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

The articles of religion describe the marks/objectives of a church as including the following: fellowship, preaching, worship and the administration of the sacraments.

A new fellowship planning team has brought us together as a church family and also allowed us to be a welcoming place to be for visitors with events such as a ceilidh and pie and pudding night . Brunch between services and church family celebrations have brought much joy in being together. More of these are already in the planning.

As a new rector I have chosen to increase the amount of preaching that I have done over the first 6 months of my ministry at St James' and we have had preaching series on Jesus (a good place to start), Old Testament Prophesies regarding the coming Messiah, the Letter to the Colossians, the spiritual practices of Jesus and The Lord's Prayer. The next sermon series will focus on social justice issues from the eyes of the minor prophets. We are truly blessed with wonderful preachers in the church and we also need to look to who the next generation will be. In March we ran a 'try preaching' day which I hope will have meant a few people felt called to share with others what they are hearing from God.

Our sung worship is how many people feel themselves temporarily transported into the throne room of God as well as being a draw for newcomers. Our instrumentalists and singers as committed as they are gifted, and our worship leaders work extremely hard to lead us in the very thing we were created to do. We have lost a couple of worship leaders for good and right reasons and the burden on them as a small group has been intense. To better support them as well as allow us to use worship as a driving force for mission the PCC have decided to use a financial gift given to the church to employ a part time Worship and Creative Lead. This is currently in process.

Without Borders, a half night of prayer, Carols at the Castle, Carols at the Oak Tree and prayer spaces have been some stand-alone opportunities for worship which St James' has led or contributed to. We are also blessed to have partners such as Turret House of Prayer and our other local churches which enhance our worshipping life. Of course the consistent, weekly opportunities to join together in prayer and worship are the heartbeat of the church, supplemented with large festival days and celebrations.

Administration of the sacraments has brought real joy to the church. We have had a large number of baptisms and still have requests for more. We have also had a number of requests for a service of confirmation. This is not something that has happened at St James' for some time but is a beautiful service where people are able to give their testimonies, renew their baptismal vows and have a bishop pray that the Holy Spirit will fill their life.

These things are all designed to equip us for mission, both individually and as a church. This is not our mission but God's, in which we join. His mission is the restoration of all things and the coming of His Kingdom of perfect peace, justice and perpetual worship of the Son. We cannot achieve things (only He will) so it is slightly unfair to place it as an objective of the church within the APCM report, however, we are called to do what we can where we can.

Prayer for growth and renewal may well be the most important mission activity we could take part in this year past. We have also reshaped our midweek outreach to children, worked consistently in and with schools, run a 'new to faith' course and are currently running an alpha course.

A new worshipping community on the Half Penny Meadows estate is one way we are seeking to do this in the coming year, and the Parish Mission Weekend in September will be a great opportunity also.

Most of the above happens acutely in our small groups which meet at home, church and other locations. These are places of pastoral care, fellowship, prayer, worship and study.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE
Context and Review of the Year

The congregations on Sunday and Wednesday have both experienced numerical growth, thanks be to God. This follows substantial prayer for growth and renewal, targeted marketing of services, exceptional children's and youth work and a movement of God's Holy Spirit.

Financial stability has also been a mark of this year and must therefore come with a huge thanks to all who give financially to St James'. It was decided to set a break-even budget for the first time in many years as our reserves were approaching the minimum expected by the Charity Commission. By God's grace we met our budgeted requirements for the year and were also able to maintain our mission giving which supports partners in ministry.

Children's Ministry and Youth Work (led by Helen Potts and Lucy Skelton) are both flourishing with large numbers and great ideas. There are too many highlights to mention them all but I must name: Satellites, Light Trail, Kids Counsel, Popcorn, School visits, Youth Christmas Show, Little Fishes Pop-up Nativity, boys/girls gatherings and much, much more. Employing Becky Wright to take up hours dropped by Helen Potts has been an excellent appointment. Her focus is currently on the work on Half Penny Meadows, afterschool club and supporting worship at home.

Seeing a number of people become debt free through the work of CAP and Matt Wood has brought great joy to the church and is a clear marker of the Kingdom of Heaven which we seek to be realised here in Clitheroe. This is just one aspect of what CAP does and I am extremely grateful for all their work in the town and further afield.

A renewal of our link with King's Highway Church in Eldoret under Sam Johnson's leadership this year will bring life to the mission and ministry of the church and opportunities for prayer, learning and discipleship. Keep an eye open for a possible trip to visit our brothers and sisters next year.

Our Operations Manager, Naomi Lynas, is invaluable and a huge asset to the church. Her pastoral yet details centred approach is a ministry we likely all benefit from more than we even realise and the leadership she showed in vacancy last year must continue to grow to the great benefit of the church. Sue Clark supports the wider team with a particular focus on financial administration. Her work is diligent and allows us to make decisions based on accurate data.

Our building is maintained to a high standard by David O'Neill, our long-serving cleaner, who serves diligently every weekday morning before most of us are even awake.

Our PCC is high functioning and sparky. Ideas are suitably tested there and added to by a diverse group with diverse backgrounds and opinion - although there is room for further diversity in the group. They take their role as trustees seriously, understanding the need for good governance to support the work of the church. Safeguarding remains a standing item and something of upmost importance to the group.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the church and none of the above could be achieved without them. St James' must be a place where the gifts that God has given each person can be deployed for the good of the wider Church, and we have so many gifted and dedicated people who are willing to do this I am often moved beyond words. St Catherine of Sienna said that, when we do what we are created to do we set the world on fire. I love seeing this happen across our various ministries at St James' and I cannot thank our volunteers enough for all they do in Jesus' name.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

We adhere to our financial policy. Our systems are overseen by a team of 3 (Treasurer, Admin Assistant and Operations Manager) who report bi-monthly to the PCC and also to the APCM. We use Xero accounting which pulls information directly from our bank account. Our internal financial controls are reviewed annually. There have been no financial risks in the past year.

Any breaches of privacy or finance must be reported both to the Charity Commission and to the Diocese of Blackburn. The organisation is not currently facing any particular risks.

REVIEW

At the end of the reporting period, the total income into the PCC was £461,150. The majority of our income was from regular giving £248,516 and gift aid £76,151. There was also a net gain on investments of £4,420. Total expenditure was £394,690, leaving a net income of £66,460.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £424,218 of which £199,114 are restricted funds and £225,104 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in its ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making, a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop, to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including the envelope scheme, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 8 times during the year. Minutes, or written or verbal reports of meetings, or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC, wardens and deputy wardens are nominated and the elected.
The Rector is the chair of the PCC, and there are a number of ex-officio roles which are appointed rather than elected: staff members, treasurer and secretary. PCC members are elected for 3 years and can serve for 2 terms.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman (Retired February 2025) Rev'd Sam Cheesman Chairman (Appointed February 2025)

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	A Stevens G Haldane (ALM) R Price (Deputy appointed May 2025)
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (LLM) S Clark (ALM)
Appointed/Elected members	H Potts (Resigned 2024) E Wood N Shelley J Frank (Hon. Treasurer) N Lynas (Secretary ex-officio) L Skelton A Groves (Resigned May 2025) P Williams (LLM) D Hardie C Watson (Resigned May 2025) W Weston J Sanderson M Moore (Resigned May 2025) Oliver Pettitt (Appointed May 2025) Jenna Potts (Appointed May 2025) Rebecca Thornber (Appointed May 2025) Janet White (Appointed May 2025) Michael Wright (Appointed May 2025)
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK Plc Manchester City Offices PO Box 357 51 Mosley Street Manchester M60 2AU
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
Alice Mary Smith
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks
Hey Road
Barrow
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 9WB

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alice Mary Smith
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: .....

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.25 Total funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		440,412	640	441,052	298,252
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		11,288	-	11,288	11,597
Grant		-	4,390	4,390	2,500
Investment income	2	4,420	-	4,420	4,340
Total		456,120	5,030	461,150	316,689
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		388,665	4,940	393,605	329,507
Fundraising costs		1,085	-	1,085	-
Total		389,750	4,940	394,690	329,507
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(365)	-	(365)	1,039
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		66,005	90	66,095	(11,779)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		159,099	199,024	358,123	369,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		225,104	199,114	424,218	358,123

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.25 Total funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	6,820	199,024	205,844	204,767
Investments	6	40,486	-	40,486	40,558
		47,306	199,024	246,330	245,325
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	20,622	-	20,622	16,383
Cash at bank		228,237	11,219	239,456	162,346
		248,859	11,219	260,078	178,729
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(19,034)	(11,129)	(30,163)	(24,033)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		229,825	90	229,915	154,696
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		277,131	199,114	476,245	400,021
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(52,027)	-	(52,027)	(41,898)
NET ASSETS		225,104	199,114	424,218	358,123
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				225,104	159,099
Restricted funds				199,114	199,024
TOTAL FUNDS				424,218	358,123

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

.....
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	not provided
Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,278	1,093
Deposit account interest	3,142	3,247
	4,420	4,340

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Four Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £25,574 in the year 2025. This included pension contributions of £3,325. Pension contributions by the PCC were £1,279.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £4,178 in the year 2025. This included pension contributions of £293. Pension contributions by the PCC were £125.

Naomi Lynas - Employed as a full time Operating Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £30,623 in the year 2025. This included pension contributions of £1,707. Pension contributions by the PCC were £732.

Lucy Skelton - Employed as a full time Youth Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £34,202 in the year 2025. This included pension contributions of £1,537. Pension contributions by the PCC were £659.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2025 as follows.

	£
Gifts	13
Heating allowance	500
Phone/Broadband	266
Activities/refreshments for children	1095
Books, postage & stationary	
Mileage & travel	481
Service expenses	90
Subscriptions	
Repairs and renewable resources	405
Training & development	
Catering & hospitality	284
Other	
	3,689

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	298,252	-	298,252
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	11,597	-	11,597
Grant	-	2,500	2,500
Investment income	4,340	-	4,340
Total	314,189	2,500	316,689
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	324,907	4,600	329,507
Net gains on investments	1,039	-	1,039
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,679)	(2,100)	(11,779)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	168,778	201,124	369,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	159,099	199,024	358,123

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2025	199,024	80,650	103,624	21,786	405,084
Additions	-	-	1,176	2,273	3,449
At 31 December 2025	199,024	80,650	104,800	24,059	408,533
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2025	-	80,649	100,131	19,537	200,317
Charge for year	-	-	827	1,545	2,372
At 31 December 2025	-	80,649	100,958	21,082	202,689
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2025	199,024	1	3,842	2,977	205,844
At 31 December 2024	199,024	1	3,493	2,249	204,767

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2025	40,558
Revaluations	(72)
At 31 December 2025	40,486
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2025	40,486
At 31 December 2024	40,558

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2025 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2020 and prior years	13,281
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Valuation in 2022	(5,206)
Valuation in 2023	2,992
Valuation in 2024	1,244
Valuation in 2025	(365)
Cost	27,262
	40,486

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	14,328	9,862
Prepayments	6,294	6,521
	20,622	16,383

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Taxation and social security	1,150	2,005
Other creditors	29,013	22,028
	30,163	24,033

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.25	31.12.24
	£	£
Provisions	52,027	41,898

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinquennial	£
At 1 January 2025	8,170
Quinquennial expenditure provision	5,000
At 31 December 2025	13,170

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2025	29,561
The Persecuted Church cards & stamps	(295)
Good News For Everyone (Gideons)	(1,250)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	(1,250)
Ribble Valley Food Bank	(1,500)
A Rocha UK	(2,700)
Open Doors	(1,250)
Charis Ministries	(4,660)
The 180 Program	(1,250)
Mark Dyer - Training Fund	(3,000)
St Lukes Church	(1,500)
Mission Tithe expenditure provision	23.991
At 31 December 2025	34,897

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2025	3,960
CAP monthly contribution	(3,960)
CAP expenditure provision	3,960
At 31 December 2025	3,960

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2025	207
KHC Wifi donations	(207)
At 31 December 2025	-

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds
There are currently no designated funds held in unrestricted funds.

Restricted Fund

Grants	£
SpaceHive Ltd - Grant for love clitheroe	11,129
Current Liability for SpaceHive Ltd Grant	(11,129)
Lancaster Foundation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP Worker	(2,500)
FieldFenn Trust - Grant for Youth Ministry & Band	1,265
Expenditure on Youth Ministry & Youth Band	(1,265)
Rotary club for Mega Mondays Holiday fun	125
Expenditure on Mega Mondays	(125)
Groundwork UK Grant for Youth Band	500
Expenditure on Youth Band	(500)
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Grants received for the assistance of paying towards staff wages have been expended as such in the year. Other Grants for the Youth Ministry and Band and Mega Mondays holiday club were expended on relevant activities in the year. The Grant from Space Hive Ltd is for Love Clitheroe, which has now become a part of Ribble Valley Gateway Trust, with the grant being transferred to them after the 2025 financial year.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
Capital Projects Fundraising	90
	90

Fundraising for the purposes of future general capital expenditure projects has taken place during the year. The funds have not been expended and are therefore carried forwards.

Donations	
Donations for CAP worker gas oven	550
Expenditure on CAP worker gas oven	(550)
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Donations provided with restricted covenants have been expended within the specified covenants in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from this income stream.

Restricted funds Brought forwards 01.01.25	199,024
Movement in year	90
Restricted funds carried forwards 31.12.25	199,114

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Transactions with related parties to trustees totalled £468 in the 2025 year:
£240 was paid to the spouse of a trustee for a Ceilidh band performance at a fundraising event.
£228 was paid to the company of a trustee for the printing of branded clothing for PCC events.

There were no transactions with related parties to trustees in the 2024 year.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	248,516	223,621
Other Donations	98,021	11,958
Bequests	18,364	9,725
Income Tax Recoverable	76,151	52,948
	441,052	298,252
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,278	1,093
Deposit account interest	3,142	3,247
	4,420	4,340
Charitable activities		
Fees	2,439	1,268
Pastoral centre	7,476	6,650
Sundry income	1,373	3,679
Grants	4,390	2,500
	15,678	14,097
Total incoming resources	461,150	316,689
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	36,464	45,606
Insurance	3,262	3,068
Church maintenance	54,951	7,440
Upkeep of services	429	822
Diocesan quota	105,551	94,888
Clergy expenses	2,617	5,592
Administrator	4,303	3,886
Support costs	6,734	5,887
Youth & childrens workers	63,781	65,488
Operations Manager	32,345	31,920
Quinquennial	5,000	4,999
Mission	23,991	11,749
Youth ministry	9,523	5,191
Children's ministry	8,503	5,280
Discretionary	-	582
CAP Workers	11,945	10,412
CAP ministry	3,960	11,460
Outreach	4,716	836
Catering	3,040	1,751
Carried forward	381,115	316,857

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	381,115	316,857
Discipleship	140	610
Administration Costs	8,454	8,223
Subscriptions	2,503	2,092
Independent Examiners Fee	1,140	1,460
Bank and credit card charges	253	265
Fundraising costs	1,085	-
	394,690	329,507
Total resources expended	394,690	329,507
Net income/(expenditure)	66,460	(12,818)

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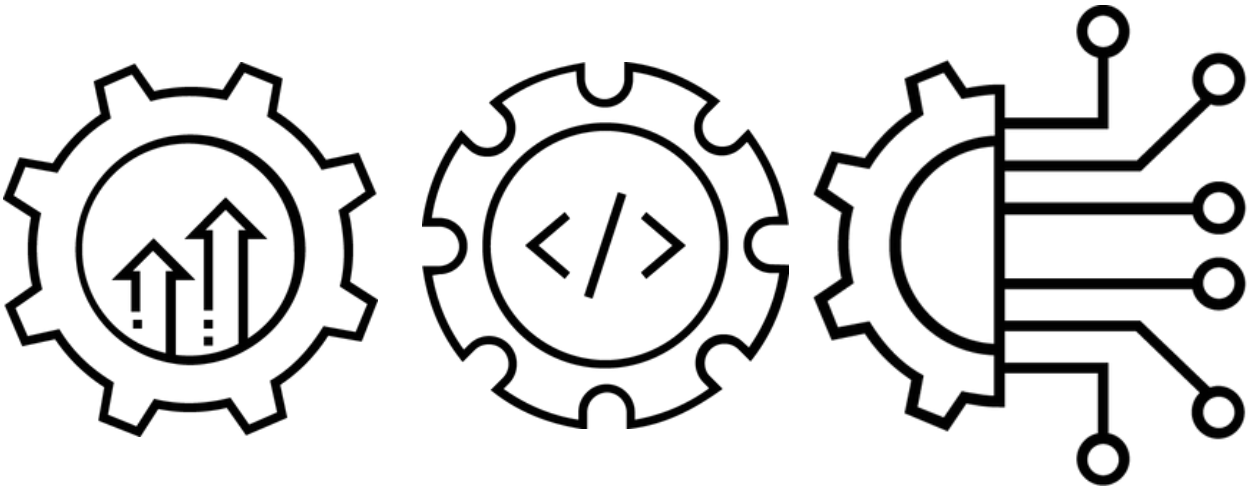
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131419

Accounts

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Wardens Report

Graham Haldane

2024 will be most notable for the start of transition to a significant new phase in the life of St James' Church, when in October Mark Pickett notified us of his intention to retire, following over 21 years as Rector of the parish. Reflecting back now, we can be thankful for so many things:

· Mark's many years of loving service to St James', where he has focussed on building the Kingdom of God, encouraging us to depend on the Holy Spirit, and releasing others into their passions and ministries.

· Della's contribution to the life of St James', not just in supporting Mark, but in her own right as a prophetic, praying presence, who spread the love of Jesus to everyone she met.

· Mark's focus on building team ministry at all levels, which means that during Mark's absence last year, and now during the vacancy, we know that we are not 'leaderless'. We have Jesus guiding us, but also a committed staff team, an active and conscientious leadership team, a PCC willing to tackle challenging issues, and teams of volunteers across the life of the church that not only keep working, but keep focussed on connecting, changing and transforming with and for Jesus.

· A legacy which means that, as we look forward, we have many good things that we want to continue and to build on, yet there is also anticipation and a sense of excitement about 'what's next?'

Towards the end of 2024, we reviewed the move to two 'equal' Sunday services, introduced in September 2023. This move has met the intended aim of seeing more new people join us. But it's also brought its challenges, not only in terms of maintaining relationships across the congregation, but for the various teams involved in resourcing the two services.

The PCC and Leadership Team have considered these challenges in detail, with one tweak being to reduce the time between services by starting the first at 9:30 instead of 9:15. The worship teams are also reducing the occasions when they have to cover two services in the same morning. The provision of children's and youth work at both services continues to be under review.

At the end of 2024, we were planning for Mark's final preaching series on the Gospel and the celebrations for his retirement weekend, which were very moving events. We were also planning for our Year of Prayer, at the start of which we gathered so much gratitude for Mark and Della's ministry but also comments on all we have to be thankful for in the life of St James, and dreams for the future of our church as we look forward.

As we now trust Father God during the recruitment process to call our new Rector, we thank everyone who contributes to the life of this vibrant church community. The staff team have been amazingly committed during months when they have been without a 'boss', the PCC and Leadership Team have stepped up in new ways, and all our volunteer teams are just amazing!

So, thank you to everyone, you make St James' Church what it is, and let's move forward together into all that Father God has for us individually, as a church community, and for our local communities in the years to come.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team consists of Jonathan Berry, Graham Haldane, Ruth Haldane, Naomi Lynas, Helen Potts, Lucy Skelton and Peter Williams. In 2024 Mark Pickett asked Sam Cheesman to join the team and chair the meetings which he continues to do in the present time of vacancy.

The purpose of the Leadership Team continues to be to assist in operational decision making as well as advise the PCC on more strategic matters. This year, as well as discussing issues such as volunteers, finance and safeguarding the Leadership Team had two main considerations as follows.

Support the Rector and the church in a time of transition and beyond

During a period of extended leave for the Rector the Leadership Team met frequently with an aim to ensure the continued smooth running of the church. Worship services continued and new initiatives were considered and supported. The support given by the congregation to Mark and the wider Leadership Team during this time was keenly felt and much appreciated.

Following this time Mark announced his retirement and the task of the Leadership Team was to allow him to end his ministry at St James' well and provide opportunities for the parish to give thanks for Mark and Della's ministry with us for over 20 years. Mark preached a great final series on the Gospel and the retirement events and services which took place in February were wonderful occasions.

Reviewing the change in Sunday service patterns

September 2024 marked a year since the church moved to having two near-identical services in a Sunday morning. The Leadership Team therefore set out to hear opinions on what worked well and what could be reviewed at this time. This was done through consultation and through a church-wide questionnaire which was engaged with extremely well by people through all the congregations.

Leadership Team

One year into a new pattern was not seen as the time to make sweeping changes, but the Leadership Team did recommend a number of smaller alterations to the PCC that would ensure both services are able to continue to flourish.

The most obvious change was to move the first service to 09:30am, as there was a lot of feedback about there being too long in between services so people from each of the services do not see each other. Also the sung worship group now sometimes change personnel between services. Another change made in response to feedback will be seen more as we move to having only one morning service on Sunday mornings during the summer holiday period. Finally it has been recommended that youth work provision be extended to the first service as well as the second and our Youth Minister is considering how best to do this considering current capacity.

Fabric Report

Andrew Stevens

Over the last twelve months the most significant repairs have involved 2 of the stained glass windows. The left hand lancet of the main east window is currently at Lightworks in Clitheroe where it is being re-leaded and a few pieces are being re-painted and/or fused and plated, the costs being covered by an insurance claim. The north window above the fire exit is now back in situ after re-leading plus a few repairs, this cost of this was covered by a number of grants and a bequest.

The other major work carried out this year has been the restoration of the vestry. This involved removal of the toilet and wash basin, building of a large storage cupboard and removal of the parquet flooring because of an infestation of dry rot. Re-decoration has been carried out by Will Weston. The cost of this work was covered as planned maintenance from last year's church budget.

Finally some electrical work has been completed to upgrade the lighting in the stair well and, with the use of a hired scissor lift and the help of Ollie Petitt, all old high level tungsten lamps have now been replaced with more efficient LED versions and the projector bulb has been replaced.

The next big job will be the renovation of the toilet facilities which will begin some time after Easter the cost of which has been planned and will be covered by the current budget.

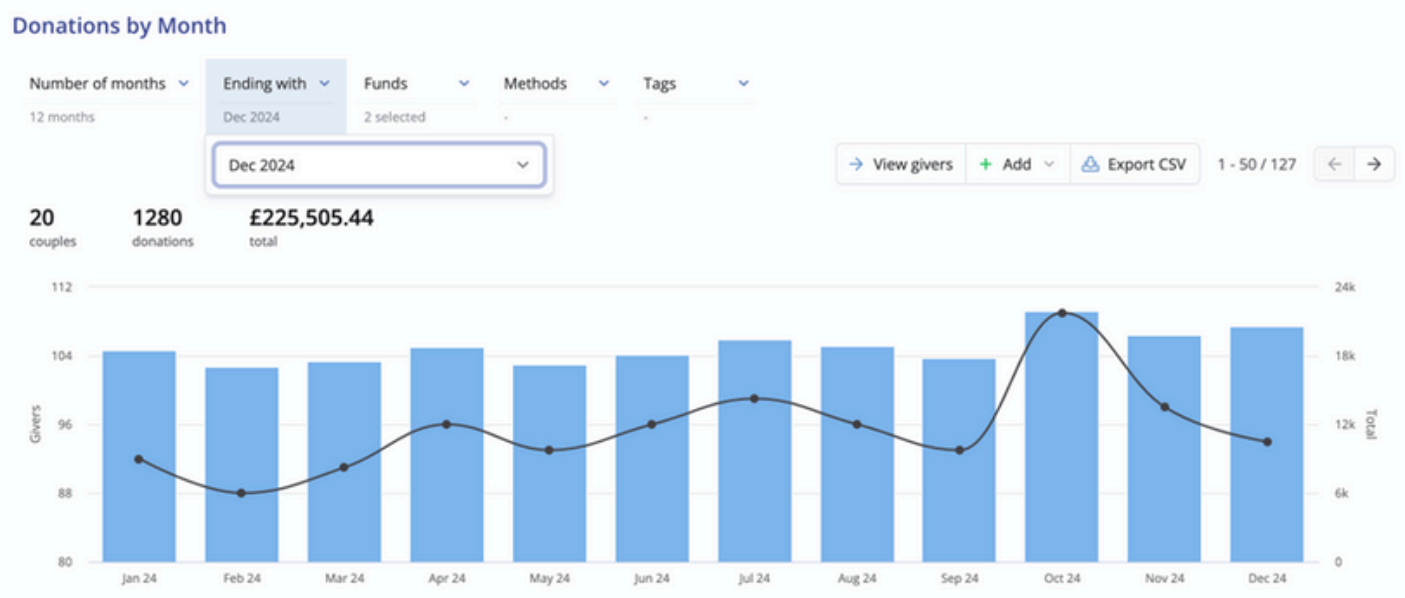
Finances Report

Naomi Lynas

2024 wasn't a particularly easy year financially: like many households, it felt like our income stayed the same every month but our costs increased – despite shopping around, reviewing contracts and looking for the best deals.

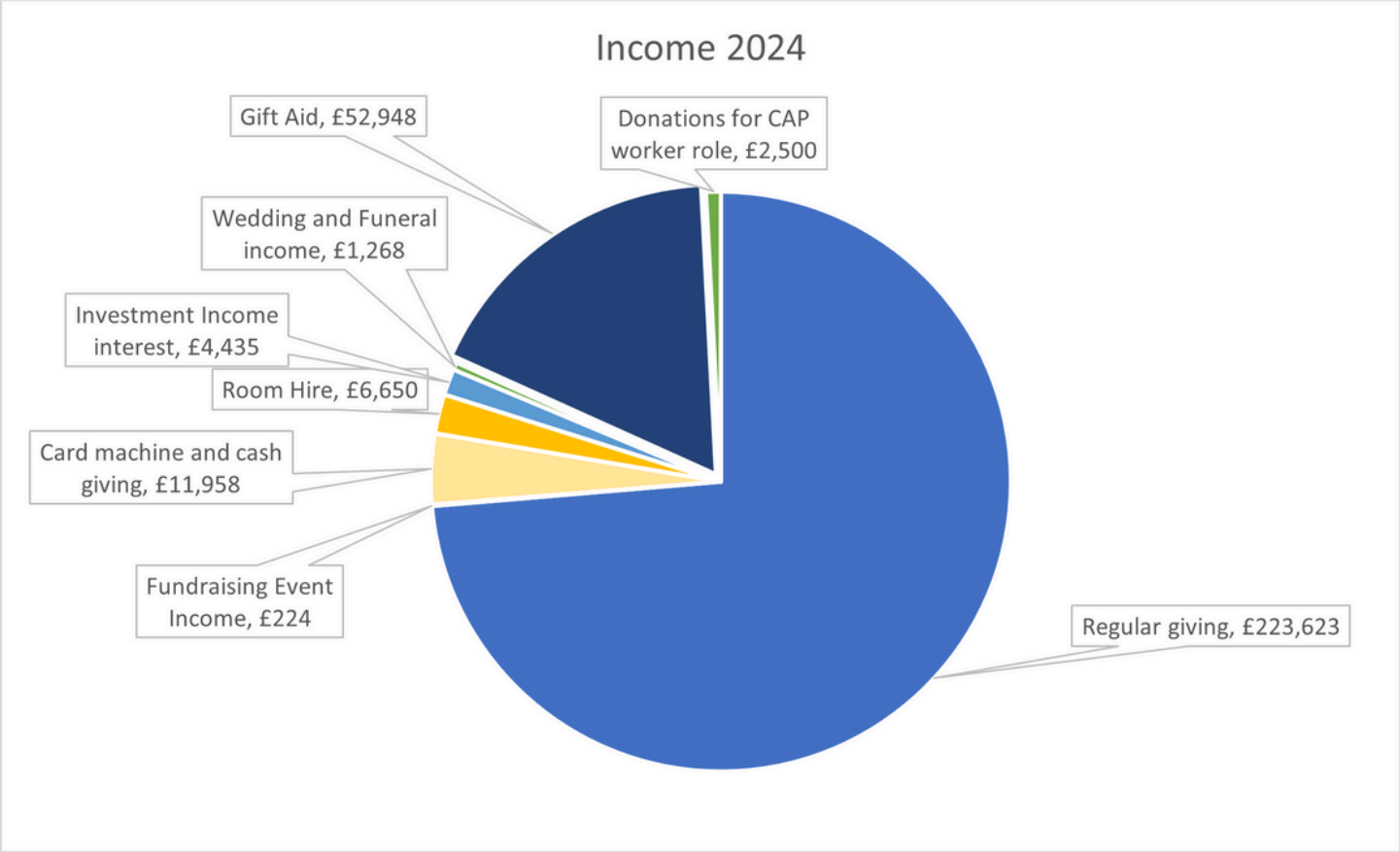
In July, the PCC met and felt that the situation was looking very concerning. Either we found a way to significantly increase our income, or we'd have to look at reducing our spending significantly – and in a church where our biggest outlay is on staffing, that was what we might have to consider.

The PCC was encouraged to pray, to fast, and to review our own giving. In September, we followed a teaching series on Stewardship – not just of money, but of our time, our resources, our environment. The response, when we shared about the situation the church was in, was overwhelming, and we saw a significant increase in monthly giving.



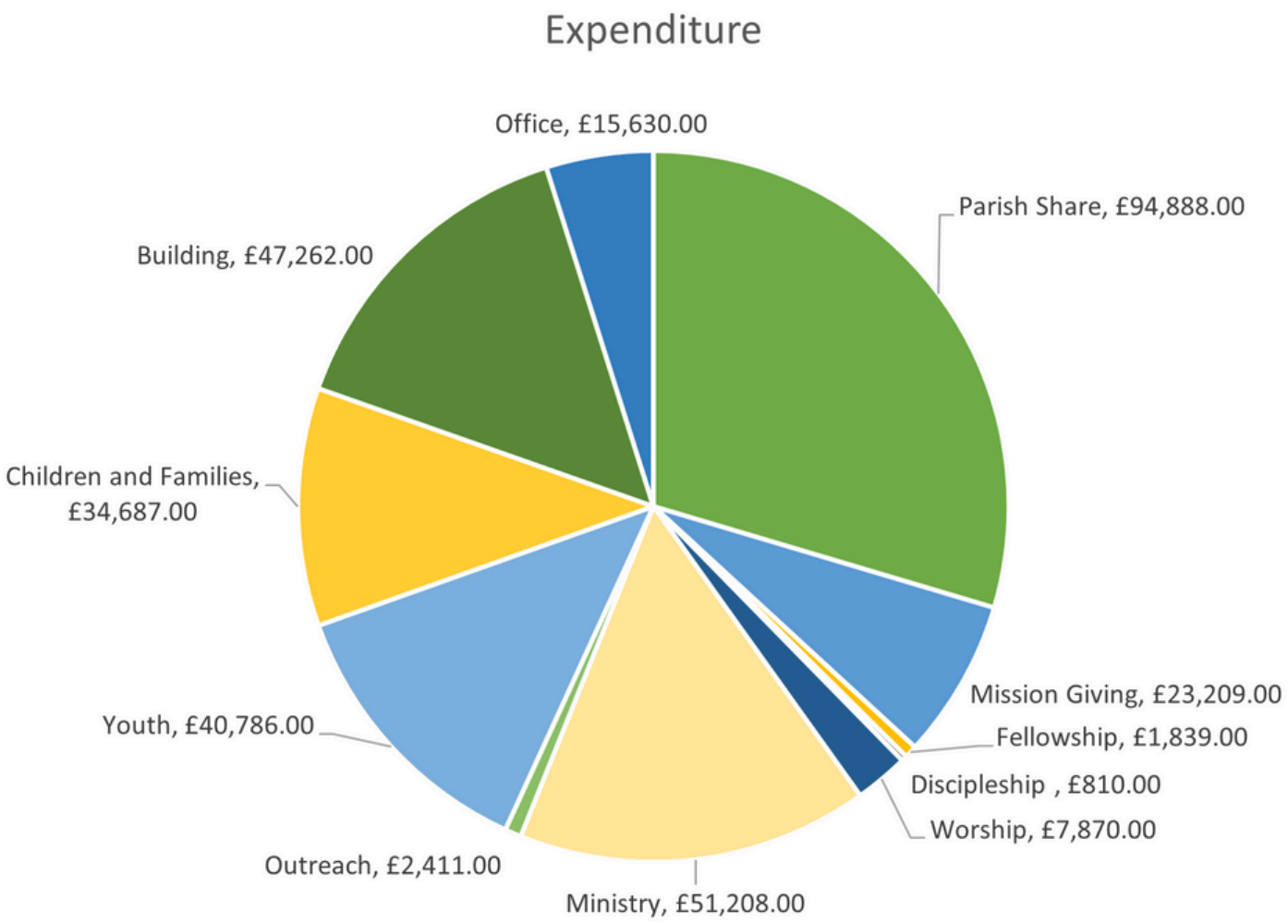
This has been sustained into 2025, and we are so grateful to God for his faithfulness, and to all of those regular givers who responded to the need.

Our income was broken down as follows:



This was broadly in line with previous years, although our plate/card giving is continuing to increase. We also made the decision to re-introduce a plate collection this year, which has been helpful in maintaining the conversation around giving, but also reminds us tangibly that our giving is an act of worship, obedience and sacrifice for the kingdom of God.

Overall, our income in 2024 was £301,106 and our expenditure was £320,600. Our expenditure was also broadly in line with previous years, but this has meant a total deficit of £-16,994. The PCC had approved a budget deficit of £-15,605, and at one point, we thought this was going to be significantly higher than it was. However, the PCC do not want to keep approving deficit budgets and running down our reserves. In particular, we have some capital projects which we want and need to do.



Therefore, in forthcoming budgets, there will be a 'cap' on the Mission Giving to ensure that we break even this year. We plan and hope to be able to give away 10% of our income, but we have decided that we would not do that if it would endanger our mission and ministry here.
Around the same time as the increase in income, we were also informed of a legacy we had been left by Glenys Holliday. This legacy, combined with two grants which we had received, enabled us to proceed with both building additional storage space in the vestry and re-leading the stained glass window which has needed doing since 2021.

As always, I am particularly grateful to Jonathan Frank and Sue Clark for their time and expertise.

Children and Families

Helen Potts

IIt's been another wonderful year full of blessings and stories of God's goodness and faithfulness. It continues to be the greatest honour and privilege to serve children and families, sharing the good news of Jesus and God's love with them.

There is a wonderful rhythm of serving these children and families each week. We can be trusted and relied upon to be there for these children and their families, serving them in a welcoming, unconditional way. Each week we encounter at least 200 children/families, whether in school assemblies, Bible Diggers/Excavate, Rockin', Little Fishes, Popcorn or Kingdom Kids.

Here are some of the highlights of this year and some of the ongoing challenges.

Highlights.

Over to the kids!

Our kids are inspirational and amazing Kingdom Bearers.

As part of Mark's leaving service, the children got a slot to say goodbye to him. How they did this was inspirational, their faith shone through so brightly. How they listened to God, how they shared wisdom was wonderful. How their hearts lined up with God's heart, to share God's love with Mark and thank him for all he had done. The words and encouragement they wrote in a book for him were a massive encouragement. Our children can definitely point us to God.

A year ago we started a Kid's Council. Hannah Crowley and Debi Hardie have been instrumental in leading this. We have seven children aged between 9 and 12 on this council, who's role it is to help instigate events and happenings that they and the other children can invite their friends to and at which they can tell them about Jesus. We've had 'Games in the Garden' and a silent disco. As they plan and prepare for these events, as they serve at these events, we can have total confidence in them, when it comes to serving God and showing others God's love, they know what they are doing!

They are Prayer Warriors.

Burning Questions

Networking

So often I am overwhelmed by the numbers of children and families that know me! When I say I'm overwhelmed, I mean that my socks are blown off with just how blessed I am to know all these people, just blessed that God has blessed me beyond measure! I'm feeling emotional as I write this. I felt this at Christingle as once again we welcomed over 200 people to church and I knew nearly all their names. I feel this way when we welcome school up to church and I get to greet the children as they arrive. I feel this way if I wander around Clitheroe and bump into many families I know. St James' Church has enabled this to happen, it has enabled these families to look to our church family as somewhere they belong.

Team

The Kids and Families Ministry team is amazing. None of the work could happen without them. They are hardworking, sacrificial in their giving of time and energy, loving, kind and most of all... amazing reflections of Jesus to the families and children they meet. I love to see how children and families they are serving respond to them. I love to know that the Popcorn team are recognized in Sainsburys when they go shopping! I love to see the Rockin children blessed by their leaders; loving the time they have in teams to chat to these leaders. I love how the toddlers at Little Fishes laugh at Pat and notice when Ruth Seed isn't there. I love how the mums trust the team so much, they share struggles with them.

Challenges

But there are challenges.

One of the greatest challenges is to encourage families to go deeper, to go further in faith. Two services divides Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers up to thinly. On a Sunday morning it feels like there are not enough children to be able to adequately provide for the children, to split them into age groups that allow more specific age-related learning. We have some school year groups with just one child or even no children. If only we could get a few more families to come along regularly.

St James Youth

Lucy Skelton

The youth ministry at St James' Church has had a phenomenal year. We have a team tagline which is 'Taking them by the hand and leading them to Jesus'. Wow, how true that has been this year. We have seen young people who we have been connecting with for years finally decide to take steps towards following Jesus. Here's our annual report and what that has looked like.

Connecting activities

The youth ministry has continued to run groups/activities to help young people connect with the church community and God. These starting point groups are a easy space for young people to step in to, they may include a short gospel/question asking time but are predominantly about making connections.

Our connecting activities at the end of the school year 2024 were...

- 4 lunch time clubs in three High Schools (Ribblesdale, Bowland and CRGS) with a overall attendance of 80 young people
- Hot chocolate club – this happens at the church after school, average attendance around 20.
- Youth Club, Friday evenings, average attendance 30- 40.

As we came up to the Easter break we are still running all the same activities as we were at the end of July. We asked to use a smaller space for our Ribblesdale High school clubs as they were getting too big and it was difficult to spend quality time with the young people, this has reduced the club down to around 40 at Ribblesdale. At Bowland we have been given a larger space for the club which means we have increased the number of young people to around 25. So our total school club attendance each week is now around 90 young people including those who come to the CRGS group.

Hot chocolate club has fluctuated since September with some weeks having a small group and other weeks having a larger group, however due to not having a second adult available each week we have reduced the club to happening every other week. We will increase it back to weekly once we have secured a another adult who can be there every week.
Youth club attendance is currently averaging around 40 young people but we expect that to increase again once year 6 move up after Easter. We have covered all sorts of topics including prayer, God and emotions, answering big questions and looking at the Easter Story. We have a very balanced group with girls and boys being around the same amount.

Changing activities

Over the last twelve months we have ran three different changing groups.
Rockin Youth – It runs from May up to the summer term. Rockin Youth is primarily aimed at helping year 6 transition in to you, but also offers an opportunity for older youth to explore Christianity, last year we used the Encounter Jesus course.
Wednesday Youth (412) – 412 has kept numbers consistently around 25-30+ each week. 412 is an inter-church youth congregation, it is predominantly made up of young people who are part of the St James' church family, but we also have 2 other churches who are represented as well.
Sunday morning youth – Sunday morning youth has stayed consistent with 20+ choosing to come out to the youth group teaching time on a Sunday morning (with other youth choosing to stay in for the sermon). We have now began using the three rooms upstairs in church to split the youth in to three groups. This has meant that the groups are smaller and more able to have a better discussion. It has meant we have needed to recruit more team on a Sunday morning, we have managed to secure two more individuals but we ideally need a coupe more to ensure people are not serving too often.
Faith to Fight – an evening of worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship for lads. Planned, led and coordinated by our older lads who are part of the church young people. They have now had 3 evenings, each one showing that they are growing in their confidence, faith and skills in planning and running the evening. The planning team were asked by some lads from St Tees in Lancaster if they could run a Faith to Fight evening 3 times a year at their church. So Faith to Fight now happens 6 times a year, three times at St James' organised by the St James' team, and 3 times at St Tees organised by the St Tees team. They have worked together as one large team to write a statement of faith and agree on things like their logo and social media presence. Bishop Philip came to the March evening held at St James' and was really impressed with the evening and how the lads worked together to support other young men.

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Sisters in Christ – We have just had the first Sisters in Christ evening, this is like Faith to Fight but organised and ran by the girls. Their theme was confidence in Christ, they had a time of worship, an interview with a member of the youth team, a short talk, a small prayer space and time to pray for each other. They also have lots of fun playing games and eating Pizza! Sisters in Christ will happen three times a year like Faith to Fight.

Engaging activities

Young leaders – we have seen the young people step up in the last twelve months with helping to lead both the children's ministry, Youth Club and recently on the Welcome team. We encourage the youth to not simply 'help' but take lead roles in planning, leading and teaching other leaders. This year we have seen more young people decide to take on a role as a young leader and it has been great to see them grow and develop their skills, confidence and leadership over the year.

Youth worship team – The youth worship team continue to try and practise every Sunday after church. The band is in a phase of growth at the moment with quite a few new younger youth stepping up to try things out and learn how to serve in worship. Our youth worship team now consists of three bands. A mixed band who play together for a Sunday morning service, a girls band who play for Sisters in Christ and a lads band who play for Faith to Fight. The girls and lads band rehearse at a different time to the mixed band.

Special events

In the last twelve months the youth have had the opportunity to attend the following events.

Abide youth event – A Youth evening organised by the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education . It happens in Chorley and last year was attended by over 170 young people. We took 34 young people to the event this year, they were mainly youth who are part of our church family but there were also a good number who came who are attenders at youth club only, or are transitioning more in to the church family.

Satellites youth camp – This was our third year attending. We took 30 youth who were a mix of church family youth and youth who come to youth club. We had such an amazing time and the youth came home with such a glow. It has been so encouraging to see so many of them keep that glow and enthusiasm as the months have gone by and looking ahead we already have 37 young people signed up to come again with us this year.

Alton Towers – We went to Alton Towers again in October, the youth had a great day and once again it was a great opportunity for them to invite friends.

Youth Social night

We held a special social night for the youth in March. This included a Silent Disco as well as other fun activities for them to do. It was another opportunity for our church youth to invite friends and spend time together. We had a short gospel talk at the end to finish and each young person was given a 4 points card to take away which explains the gospel in 4 simple points.

Youth Christmas Show

This year the youth show was super, all the youth worked so hard with their acting, singing, technical skills and planning. They raised over £200 for Derian House Children's Hospice.

Non-club based schools work.

Bowland R.E day – we hosted Bowland high school year 11s for a day of R.E, they looked round other places of worship during the day as well, but we were a base for them all day. We also held their question time forum at the end of the day where they could ask any questions to myself and other people from different places of worship.

Ribblesdale held their harvest assembly in the church and I was asked to give a short talk to the year 7 students, this was a great opportunity to also tell them about the various activities they could take part in.

The Youth Ministry has had such an amazing year, seeing young people take the step from our connecting work into our changing work. We have had young people who have been adamant they do not believe in God and never will, decide to come to 412 youth, ask for Bibles, ask for Prayer and choose to follow Jesus. As a youth team we have had week after week of celebrating the work that God is doing not just with the youth who we consider to be part of the church family, but also what he is doing so clearly with the youth who we see in schools, at Hot chocolate club and youth club. In the last 12 months we have seen the amount of young people coming to church without parents at the church significantly increase, with around 10 young people attending the Sunday service without having parents who are part of the church community. God is at work and it is so exciting to be part of it. Thank you so much for all your prayers over the last 12 months for the youth ministry, for your financial gifts to help pay for things like Satellites, for all the time that the volunteers give to make the activities and events happen, and of course not forgetting all the snacks, cakes and treats that people so generously gift for Satellites!

CAP

Matt Wood

What has gone well?

For seven of the last eight months, including April 25, the centre has filled the quota of two new referrals each month.

Three new volunteers have joined the support team over the last 12 months.

The prayer response group, based via WhatsApp, has provided support and powerful petition on behalf of clients and for the centre. Answers to prayer have been celebrated during Volunteer meetings.

Clients continue to be open to prayer and occasionally discussing faith.

Established and consistent connection with Olive Branch Café at Clitheroe Food Bank, has been a source of client referrals, as well as keeping the profile raised within the community and with fellow organisations.

What requires support, improvement and prayer?

Money Coaching course has had very few participants over the last year, the course that was due for Feb 25 was postponed due to low number of registrations. Please pray for time to be made available for the Money Coaching team to come together to connect, pray and strategise how the service can be effective going forward.

Continued growth of the support team for the centre is crucial to meet the current referral rate.

Please pray for Matt's capacity to carry out all that is required in the role.

Even though referral numbers are high currently, there is still a proportion of clients that drop away or have extremely complex situations which mean viable solutions to become debt free are put on hold while situations stabalise, or benefits are applied for. Please pray for clients that become uncontactable, and for clients that are on hold, that breakthrough and revelation of Jesus would be known.

Prayer

Graham Haldane

Prayer is threaded through all our activity and ministries, from Sunday services to small groups, youth and children's meetings and many other groups. In terms of collective activity, we held one prayer week during 'Thy Kingdom Come' (leading up to Pentecost), with a variety of prayer spaces created by our small groups.

We have added a regular feature to our bi-monthly church magazine, Network, in the form of a daily prayer calendar, designed as a pull-out at the centre of each issue.

With the continuing development of Turret House of Prayer, several of our members have becoming involved in supporting the Prayer Spaces in Schools initiative. One highlight of this was the hosting at Turret House of 'Transition prayer spaces' for Year 6 pupils from a wide-range of primary schools who would be moving up to secondary school in September.

Our 'Responsive Prayer Team' for Sunday service and 'Guided Prayer Team' for more in-depth prayer ministry for individuals continue to be available.

As we approached the end of the year, and with the forthcoming vacancy announced, we began to plan for a Year of Prayer in 2025. This will include a focus on praying for the vacancy, celebrating all that we have already and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance for the future. As the year progresses, we'll also be broadening the scope of our prayers for issues within the church, community and wider world.

Worship

Jonathan Berry

The worship team has been undergoing significant change this year, with Jonathan stepping back his coordination role as he balances parenthood with a career change. This means other worship leaders have been stepping up their role to help support with team leadership. We have such a fantastic team of gifted and passionate worship leaders - for which we are immensely grateful. Many thanks for all they do!

We are trialling a significant shift in the way worship rotas are prepared, meaning that worship bands might look quite different between the two morning services on some weeks, but the same on others. We are also looking to grow the team significantly to help cover this move. So if you, or anyone you know, is musically gifted and has a heart for worship, please do get in touch!

Without borders has been a real high point of each month this past year, offering a chance for all the worship leaders to work together in leading times of open and extended times of worship. If you havn't been to one, I encourage you to make the time if you can. At Without Borders, we can press into God's presence in a very different way to Sunday mornings, which is always exciting.

As always we are immensely grateful to our team of talented musicians, for the work they put into developing their musical and spiritual leadership. It's always a joy and a privilege to lead worship at St James.

Discipleship

Ruth Haldane

In 2024 our focus was in encouraging and equipping our current small group leaders, continuing the three discipleship strands, and identifying new leaders.

We held one training morning per term for small group leaders, on such subjects different learning styles and how that can affect our small groups and helping our groups to grow in faith and become more outward facing. We also met once a term in an evening, to discuss, share about what we are doing and what resources are available for small groups, and pray together. 15 groups are in place, with some changes in leadership and a couple of new groups. We have groups during the day, in the evenings, online, women's, men's and everyone together groups – something for everyone! Thanks go to every small group leader for their dedication, faithfulness and vision throughout 2024.

In 2024 we held a prayer week in May as part of Thy Kingdom Come and small groups took responsibility for different prayer stations – a great way of bringing people together with a purpose and bringing out our creative side. It was an amazing prayer space for all to go and pray at each station.

The three discipleship 'strands' continued until March 2024, with Alpha, Freedom in Christ and DNA (what St James is all about). Feedback from the courses was very positive, with Alpha and Freedom in Christ being life changing, and the DNA course being very informative about the heart of St James. Many thanks to all those who took on the leadership of these courses, and for Naomi Lynas for the overall organisation.

Three of our congregation were authorised by the diocese as Authorised Lay Ministers in September last year. Allison Lord ALM Later Life Ministry, James Robinson ALM Pastoral Care and Graham Haldane ALM Pastoral Care and Environmental Stewardship. If you are interested in the Authorised Lay Minister course (there are 10 electives) have a look on the Blackburn Diocese website.

We continue to recommend conferences, courses, podcasts and training through the Weekly News and Network. All of these can give opportunities for people to grow and develop in their discipleship journey.

Pastoral Care

Peter Williams

Much of the Christian care and concern for our church family continues to be exercised through small groups – so thanks to all those who continue to care for each other and show Jesus' love in keeping each one of us connected to each other, and connected to God.

The picture is of Frank Lofthouse, a long standing and faithful member of the church family, who for many years led young people's groups, and was involved in Gideons, and shared the Gospel with many folk. He was, towards the end of his life, visited in hospital and care homes regularly and this picture was taken at one of those visits. Frank went to be with The Lord, whom he had faithfully served all his life, in February. Before he died he gave permission for this photo to be used in church.

Beyond the range of small groups, the Pastoral Team has continued to work, mainly in the background of the church, supporting those in our church family who risk disconnection from the church family, or from God. And it has not been an easy year....

We have held hands with and prayed with the dying, comforted the sick, and supported those going through difficult personal times. Practically, we have arranged and often transported for hospital visits (almost every day from the beginning of December to the time of writing) and supported those visiting loved ones; we have taken communion to those who can no longer get to church; and we have visited those in care homes and isolated at home. We have grieved the loss of several of our older church family, and indeed continue to deal with the practical details of some members' passing. This has all been done by a wonderful, committed team (one of whom recently became an Anna Chaplain – see below) whose ministry is not up front, but very definitely shows the love of our Lord to those in need. My thanks to the whole team...but maybe you can catch one of them and say thank you too!

And where next, as we continue to aim to keep people connected to God, and to the church family?

- Anna chaplaincy is a wonderful national organisation which aims to bring Christian love, compassion and care to the wider community. Our recently appointed Anna Chaplain is hoping to instigate visits to local care homes where we do not already know people, and share the Gospel of Care with them – and also perhaps run a monthly social events for the older part of our own church community to keep us connected.
- We are hoping to develop wider more proactive ministry amongst people facing various life circumstances, such as bereavement, having children, marriage support etc. Please pray that the way to do this will become more clear and substantiated.
- We hope to develop a "supervision" system for our Pastoral Team. It's not as overwhelming as it sounds. Essentially it's a mechanism for caring for our Pastoral Team by regular, entirely voluntary, contact with someone to chat and pray with. It can be incredibly difficult spending time with and praying with, for example, a faithful church member who is dying and then lose them. "Supervision" would give the Pastoral Carer care for themselves at times like these, and is an ideal. Please pray that this system will soon be available.
- We hope to enrol more members of the Pastoral Team – some to visit and spend time with those in need, some purely to provide practical support. If you feel you could help with this, please contact Peter Williams.

Thank you in anticipation of your prayer for this vital part of church life.

Kings Highway, Eldoret

Sam Johnson

The partnership between St James and King's Highway Partnership in Eldoret, Kenya, has strengthened and deepened over the past 12 months. There has been a recommitment to the twinning, and a new agreement signed for a further three years.

In this year of transition, the lead responsibility for the partnership passed from Julia and Mark Dyer to Sam Johnson.All three of them, together with Sam's son, Isaac, were able to visit Kings Highway Church in early January.They spent 10 days with the church, being hosted wonderfully by Pastor Henry and Pastor Fred, and were able to participate in their month of Prayer and Fasting. They were able to visit the King's Highway School and King's Gospel Church – a sister church about 10 miles outside Eldoret – as well as visit a number of homes, organising a Family Fun Day, taking part in homegroups, preaching and teaching in the Sunday services and at their weekly outreach meeting for the young men who live around the church.

Sam writes, “Whilst we were with our hosts and living alongside the church family for a week, we witnessed a depth of gratitude and a life of generosity which was profoundly humbling and challenging. There was an ease in which everyone – from children, through the youth, to young families and the older generation – could quickly and instantly articulate things for which they are thankful every day. For life, for food, for clothing, for education, for family, for friends, for a caring and loving Church, and above all for a generous God who lavishes grace, mercy, love and hope on His people. And secondly, experiencing the gracious generosity of people who each day were able to share with joy all they had with those who needed it more turned a real light onto my own attitudes, behaviours and culture. The connectivity of the community was transparent and real – when one suffered they all suffered – and they all, as individuals, recognised they needed each other collectively to flourish. Whilst we were with King’s Highway Church Proverbs 25:25 spoke loudly to us ” “As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country”.”

Throughout the next year we will look to hear the voice of Eldoret more within our church as we introduce various people from King’s Highway Church to St James and follow some of their stories and lives. We aim to pray and fast with and for them with intention and guidance, and to partner together to share teaching, learning and experiences.

We will also continue to support the King's Highway Church financially particularly with regards the training and education of young people, and in their ministry to widows. We are so grateful for this partnership and recognise between the two churches that 'we walk together in humble and relational ways as we call on King Jesus to fix the root cause of our brokenness'.

Please continue to pray for the church in Eldoret and for its leaders. They have had a really tough start to 2025, with a number of tragic bereavements, violence in the community with church members being beaten up, and a continuing difficult economic situation in Kenya. Yet in the midst of it all, the church rejoices that it ws able to host its Revival Weekend praying for God's spirit of hope, love, joy and peace to come and dwell amongst them.

Thank you to Jill Ivison, Clive Watson and Graham Haldene who meet with Sam regularly as a Steering Group for the partnership, and also the PCC for its support of the Twinning Agreement and for make the visit to Kenya possible. If you would like to know more or to join our Eldoret News WhatsApp group for more regular communication and updates then please speak to Sam.

Outreach

Naomi Lynas

As in previous years, our outreach last year was dominated by two events: the Love Clitheroe Barbecue in June and Carols at the Castle at the end of November.

The Love Clitheroe Barbecue saw a few changes this year. As a team, we have been challenged by faith-inspiring festivals such as Surf Stage in Parbold, and would like to explore what this could look like in Clitheroe. So in 2024, we made a bigger stage with a greater impact, and had a number of live music acts performing throughout the day. We had the usual free barbecue, kids craft activities, chapel, face painting, candy floss and inflatables, and we also had Bridge the Gap football, a national outreach project linking football and faith. The day was also an hour longer than usual, with a DJ set to finish off. We saw around 1200 people attending and engaging, and many of those people are people we see at various events throughout the year. This builds on the relationship we have, and provides great opportunities to talk about faith.

Carols at the Castle saw its biggest ever audience in 2024, due to a combination of mild temperatures and dry weather. As in previous years, we encouraged booking on The Grand website but the percentage of no-shows was much reduced! This year, our chosen theme was on prayer, and a 3 part video series was produced with Dave Thornber and Gracie Lancaster discussing prayer. The first episode was shown at Carols at the Castle, and the two episodes were then released on social media to good engagement.

Again, the people we saw at Carols at the Castle are people we already have good relationships with, through our kids and youth ministry, through CAP, through life events and our presence in the parish. The challenge is building and deepening those relationships and offering a wider range of opportunities for people to encounter Jesus.

Mission Giving

Naomi Lynas

Every year, the church commits to giving away up to 10% of our income to support various missional projects around the world.
The criteria for Mission Giving is as follows:
The relief of poverty
Distributing and proclaiming the Gospel
Supporting the Persecuted Church
Supporting emerging UK-based ministry

Overseas Projects
All of our overseas projects are long-term relationships.
You can read elsewhere about our ongoing relationship with Kings Highway Church, but there is a financial commitment to the relationship. We currently give £3,000 a year directly to the church, which is used for securing internet and wifi connectivity, developing the Education and Training Fund, and supporting the 'Daughters of Hope' ministry to widows.
We gave £3000 to Charis Ministries last year, to further support Mel and Mandy's work in Mozambique with the very poorest of communities, and developing work in Ethiopia.

Distributing and proclaiming the Gospel
We give £1000 annually to Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons UK). The local brank of GNFE distributes hundreds of New Testaments each year to local schools and at local events, including Carols at the Castle and the Lancashire Show.

Supporting the Persecuted Church
We gave £1000 each to CSW (Christian Solidarity Worldwide) and Open Doors. We also spent a further £200 on sending cards directly to persecuted Christians at Christmas and Easter. We've noticed an increase in interest of the Persecuted Church, supported by some excellent resources for children from Open Doors.

Local Ministries

As in previous years, we have continued to support the 180 Project, giving £2000 towards its work in prisons and in the community. We also gave £3000 to Buckshaw Village Church to support its developing youth work – they now have a regular youth group established and took a group to Abide, the Diocesan Youth Conference.

In 2024, we also gave £1500 to Ribble Valley Food Bank in response to a request to support clients with more fresh fruit and vegetables.

Finally, we gave £2000 towards the work of A Rocha. We are very mindful of the 5th Mark of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. A Rocha is the organisation doing significant work in this area, and we have committed to supporting this financially.

Local CAP Centres

Over the past few years, our annual subscription to CAP has come from the Mission Giving fund, and we have also supported CAP Burnley and CAP Blackburn. Our support for CAP Blackburn has been stopped as the Centre Manager retired, and the centre has stopped. We are currently exploring future possibilities within Blackburn as we know there is significant need. We continue to support CAP Burnley, giving £3690 per year, which covers their subscription to CAP Central.

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe is registered with the Charity Commission as the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James', Clitheroe.

Background

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STRATEGIC REPORT

A full review and strategic report of St James' can be found below in conjunction with the Annual Reports to the APCM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
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All charitable activities that take place are for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2024 the electoral roll membership stood at 212.

We use Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 294 on that system with another 220 children.

Context and Review of the Year

We continued to offer Sunday morning worship services at 9.15am and and 11.15am on a Sunday morning as well as on a Wednesday at 10.30am. All congregations are seeing growth, although there have been challenges in the provision for children and young people.

Teaching Schedules have included:-
Following Jesus: Studying Jesus' disciples
The purpose and person of the Holy Spirit
A study on the character of Joseph
Stewardship including generosity
A study on the habits of Jesus
An Advent series on Ruth

Around 150 people are attached to some form of smaller discipleship groups and many of these use the Sunday teaching as the basis of further study and application. In January - March 2024, we ran 3 additional discipleship courses concurrently, with up to 50 people coming together for a meal and then group study and discussion.

Our Rector had some long-term sick leave from April 2024 and returned to work in October. He retired in early February 2025. During his absence, the PCC has been supported by Rev'd Sam Cheesman, Chaplain to the Bishop of Blackburn.

The Pastoral Care team continues to keep in touch with those who are isolating, practically support those that need it, and care for those in times of trouble. In 2024, one of our members was trained as an Anna Chaplain, with a particular focus on spiritual care for the elderly.

Outreach to our community has continued:-
Little Fishes and Baby Fishes, for children aged 0-5 and their parents or carers has continued to thrive.
Rockin, our mid-week kids club has fluctuated in numbers but has had good engagement.
Our Children and Families minister runs a regular after school club at St James' School, and also leads Popcorn, a monthly family faith event.
Our Youth Minister runs a hot chocolate drop in, a youth club and a Wednesday night worship and teaching night for young people aged 11-18. Our Youth provision continues to grow, and she visits local schools each week.
Our CAP Debt Help Centre has gone from strength to strength this year, and is now at full capacity. Our Centre manager is supported by a team of very committed Volunteers and has excellent relationships with referral agencies.
The Love Clitheroe BBQ and Carols and the Castle continued- both reaching around 2000 people at each event.

We continue to partner mission at home and abroad with our mission giving and our partnership with Kings Highway Church in Eldoret has continued.

Current staff members employed directly by the PCC:-

Helen Potts	Full time Children and Family Worker
Naomi Lynas	Full time Operations Manager
Lucy Skelton	Full time Youth Minister
Matt Wood	Part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager
Sue Clark	Part time Office Assistant
David O'Neill	Part time Cleaner

FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

We adhere to our financial policy. Our systems are overseen by a team of 3 (Treasurer, Admin Assistant and Operations Manager) who report bi-monthly to the PCC and also to the APCM. We use Xero accounting which pulls information directly from our bank account. Our internal financial controls are reviewed annually. There have been no financial risks in the past year.

Any breaches of privacy or finance must be reported both to the Charity Commission and to the Diocese of Blackburn. The organisation is not currently facing any particular risks.

REVIEW

At the end of 2024 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £316,689. The principal sources of these funds are regular giving of £223,621 and income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations of £52,948. There was also a net gain on investments of £4,340. Total expenditure was £329,507, leaving a net income deficit of £12,818.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £358,123 of which £199,024 are restricted funds and £159,099 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making, a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop, to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including the envelope scheme, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 7 times during the year. Minutes, or written or verbal reports of meetings, or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC, wardens and deputy wardens are nominated and the elected.

The Rector is the chair of the PCC, and there are a number of ex-officio roles which are appointed rather than elected: staff members, treasurer and secretary. PCC members are elected for 3 years and can serve for 2 terms.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	A Stevens G Haldane (ALM)
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (LLM)
Appointed/Elected members	J White (Resigned April 2024) H Potts E Wood (Appointed May 2024) N Shelley S Clark (ALM) J Frank (Hon. Treasurer) N Lynas (Secretary) L Skelton A Groves P Williams (LLM) D Hardie C Watson W Weston J Sanderson (Appointed April 2023) M Moore (Appointed May 2024) A Campbell (Resigned February 2024)
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK Plc Manchester City Offices PO Box 357 51 Mosley Street Manchester M60 2AU
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
Alice Mary Smith
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alice Mary Smith
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Bennett Kirkhope Smith
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Date: .....

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		298,252	-	298,252	285,145
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		11,597	-	11,597	23,819
Grant		-	2,500	2,500	12,500
Investment income	2	4,340	-	4,340	2,717
Total		314,189	2,500	316,689	324,181
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		324,907	4,600	329,507	331,380
Net gains on investments		1,039	-	1,039	2,992
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,679)	(2,100)	(11,779)	(4,207)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		168,778	201,124	369,902	374,109
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		159,099	199,024	358,123	369,902

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	5,743	199,024	204,767	204,914
Investments	6	40,558	-	40,558	39,314
		46,301	199,024	245,325	244,228
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	16,383	-	16,383	19,816
Cash at bank		162,346	-	162,346	160,414
		178,729	-	178,729	180,230
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(24,033)	-	(24,033)	(18,764)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		154,696	-	154,696	161,466
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		200,997	199,024	400,021	405,694
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(41,898)	-	(41,898)	(35,792)
NET ASSETS		159,099	199,024	358,123	369,902
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				159,099	168,778
Restricted funds				199,024	201,124
TOTAL FUNDS				358,123	369,902

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

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	not provided
Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,093	899
Deposit account interest	3,247	1,818
	4,340	2,717

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Four Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £26,758 in the year 2024. This included pension contributions of £2,141. Pension contributions by the PCC were £1,338.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £3,773 in the year 2024. This included pension contributions of £151. Pension contributions by the PCC were £113.

Naomi Lynas - Employed as a full time Operating Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £29,731 in the year 2024. This included pension contributions of £940. Pension contributions by the PCC were £705.

Lucy Skelton - Employed as a full time Youth Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £33,380 in the year 2024. This included pension contributions of £846. Pension contributions by the PCC were £634.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2024 as follows.

	£
Gifts	364
Heating allowance	2,000
Phone/Broadband	980
Activities/refreshments for children	11,344
Books, postage & stationary	175
Mileage & travel	605
Service expenses	325
Subscriptions	34
Repairs and renewable resources	1,356
Training & development	549
Catering & hospitality	744
Other	79
	18,555

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	285,145	-	285,145
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	11,759	12,060	23,819
Grant	-	12,500	12,500
Investment income	2,717	-	2,717
Total	299,621	24,560	324,181
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	308,798	22,582	331,380
Net gains on investments	2,992	-	2,992
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(6,185)	1,978	(4,207)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	174,963	199,146	374,109
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	168,778	201,124	369,902

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2024	199,024	80,650	101,704	20,400	401,778
Additions	-	-	1,920	1,386	3,306
At 31 December 2024	199,024	80,650	103,624	21,786	405,084
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2024	-	80,649	97,412	18,803	196,864
Charge for year	-	-	2,719	734	3,453
At 31 December 2024	-	80,649	100,131	19,537	200,317
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2024	199,024	1	3,493	2,249	204,767
At 31 December 2023	199,024	1	4,292	1,597	204,914

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2024	39,314
Revaluations	1,244
At 31 December 2024	40,558
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2024	40,558
At 31 December 2023	39,314

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2020	13,281
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Valuation in 2022	(5,206)
Valuation in 2023	2,992
Valuation in 2024	1,244
Cost	26,969
	40,558

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Income tax recoverable	9,862	10,373
Prepayments	6,521	9,443
	16,383	19,816

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,005	2,028
Other creditors	22,028	16,736
	24,033	18,764

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Provisions	41,898	35,792

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinquennial	£
At 1 January 2024	3,171
Quinquennial expenditure provision	4,999
At 31 December 2024	8,170

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2024	20,314
The Persecuted Church cards & stamps	(204)
Good News For Everyone (Gideons)	(1,000)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	(1,000)
Ribble Valley Food Bank	(1,500)
A Rocha UK	(2,000)
Open Doors	(1,000)
Charis Ministries	(3,000)
The 180 Program	(2,000)
Buckshaw Village Church	(3,000)
Provision to KCH Transfer	-
Provision from CAP Transfer	15,140
Mission Tithe expenditure provision	8,811
At 31 December 2024	29,561

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2024	11,600
CAP monthly contribution	(3,960)
Provision to Mission Giving Transfer	(15,140)
CAP expenditure provision	11,460
At 31 December 2024	3,960

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2024	707
KHC Wifi donations	(500)
Provision from Mission Giving Transfer	-
At 31 December 2024	207

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds
There are currently no designated funds held in unrestricted funds.

Restricted Fund

Grants	£
Lancaster Foundation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP Worker	(2,500)
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund - Grant for repairs to the north stained glass window	3,395
Deposit for north stained glass window repair	(5,495)
	(2,100)

Grants received for the assistance of paying towards staff wages have been expended as such in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from these income streams.

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund Grant has been received for the purposes of repairing damage to the northern stained glass window. The grant along with the Benefact grant received last year was expended as part of the deposit for the repair of the northern stained glass window, to take place next year.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
Capital Projects Fundraising	60
Deposit for north stained glass window repair	(60)
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Fundraising for the purposes of future general capital expenditure projects has taken place during the year.

The funds raised during the year were expended as part of the deposit for the repair of the northern stained glass window, to take place next year.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	223,621	219,067
Other Donations	11,958	11,170
Bequests	9,725	-
Gifts in kind	-	1,800
Income Tax Recoverable	52,948	53,108
	298,252	285,145
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,093	899
Deposit account interest	3,247	1,818
	4,340	2,717
Charitable activities		
Fees	1,268	2,533
Pastoral centre	6,650	8,846
Sundry income	3,679	10,340
Grants	2,500	14,600
	14,097	36,319
Total incoming resources	316,689	324,181
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	45,606	44,929
Insurance	3,068	2,958
Church maintenance	7,440	20,125
Upkeep of services	822	2,502
Diocesan quota	94,888	94,888
Clergy expenses	5,592	3,942
Administrator	3,886	3,530
Support costs	5,887	3,061
Youth & childrens workers	65,488	61,351
Operations Manager	31,920	30,111
Quinquennial	4,999	3,000
Mission	11,749	17,640
Youth ministry	5,191	6,044
Children's ministry	5,280	4,923
Discretionary	582	301
CAP Workers	10,412	6,465
CAP ministry	11,460	11,946
Outreach	836	2,163
Carried forward	315,106	319,879

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	315,106	319,879
Catering	1,751	1,166
Discipleship	610	208
Administration Costs	8,223	6,259
Subscriptions	2,092	2,183
Independent Examiners Fee	1,460	1,020
Bank and credit card charges	265	665
	329,507	331,380
Total resources expended	329,507	331,380
Net expenditure	(12,818)	(7,199)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131419

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131419

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

for

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2023 the electoral roll membership stood at 222.

We have adopted Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 277 on that system with another 266 children.

Context and Review of the Year

A full review of all the activities at St James' can be found in the Annual reports to the APCM.

In April 2023, after consultation with those who attend, we closed our 9 am service.

In September 2023 we moved to a multiple service model, where attendees could now choose to attend a 9.15 or an 11.15 service. The services are identical with same preachers, hosts and worship teams. This has been a positive move, providing more space within the church building, opportunity to welcome and integrate new comers and space for growth. We have evaluated this move regularly and have found that growth and involvement has continued,

Forest Church has continued as a once-a-month family church in the school ecozone.

Teaching Schedules have included-
Marks of the Church; an exploration of Acts
A study on the names of God in the Old Testament
A series on Nehemiah
A series on being a follower- using Lectionary Readings

Around 150 people are attached to some form of smaller discipleship groups and many of these use the Sunday teaching as the basis of further study and application.

In February and March we gathered around 50 people together on a Sunday evening for a specific discipleship opportunity. Beginning with a meal, three discipleship courses have been offered: Freedom in Christ, Alpha and our own DNA course.

The Pastoral Care team continues to keep in touch with those who are isolating, practically support those that need it, and care for those in times of trouble.

Outreach to our community has continued:
Little and Baby Fishes, a mums and tots group, continues to grow.
Our Youth provision in the community now includes a homework drop in club and a Friday evening youth club, both well attended. The Youth Minister now spends time each week in three local secondary schools.
We have a thriving youth discipleship group and it has been encouraging to see a number of young people make the journey from attendance at youth club to serving at church on a Sunday
Our children's work on a Sunday while still being excellent and well attended has felt the draught of the move to two services.
Our partnership with our primary school has continued
The Love Clitheroe BBQ and Carols and the Castle continued- reaching around 1500 people at each event

We continue to work in our vision 'Towards 2027.'
Growing Leaders- A number of those who took part in the Growing Leaders programme are now in leadership. The second cohort is about to finish the Growing Leaders course.
Leadership training for small group leaders has ramped up with Saturday training days as well as termly evening meetings. We now have 17 small groups.
Development of St James Yard- the land has now been cleared and we have held a whole church prayer event and opportunity for church members to present ideas for the use of the land.
The creation of a new worship service. The vision of multiple worshipping communities saw the creation of two new worship services at 9.15 and 11.15. With our Wednesday congregation and monthly Forest Church worship we now have four worshipping communities.

We continue to partner mission at home and abroad with our mission tithe and our partnership with Kings Highway Church in Eldoret has continued.

We appointed Matt Wood as our new CAP centre manager and he began work in September.
CAP money courses have been offered on a regular basis throughout the year.

Current staff members employed directly by the PCC:-

Helen Potts	Full time Children and Family Worker
Naomi Lynas	Full time Operations Manager
Lucy Skelton	Full time Youth Minister
Matt Wood	Part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager
Sue Clark	Part time Office Assistant
David O'Neill	Part time Cleaner

FINANCIAL REVIEW
FINANCIAL CONTROLS
We adhere to our financial policy. Our systems are overseen by a team of 3 (Treasurer, Admin Assistant and Operations Manager) who report bi-monthly to the PCC and also to the AGM. We use Xero accounting which pulls information directly from our bank account. Our internal financial controls are reviewed annually. There have been no financial risks in the past year.

Any breaches of privacy or finance must be reported both to the Charity Commission and to the Diocese of Blackburn. The organisation is not currently facing any particular risks.

REVIEW
At the end of 2023 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £324,349. The principal sources of these funds are regular giving of £219,067 and income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations of £53,108. There was also a net gain on investments of £2,824. Total expenditure was £331,380, leaving a net income deficit of £4,207.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £369,902 of which £201,124 are restricted funds and £168,778 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making, a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop, to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including the envelope scheme, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 6 times during the year. Minutes, or written or verbal reports of meetings, or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC, wardens and deputy wardens are nominated and the elected.
The Rector is the chair of the PCC, and there are a number of ex-officio roles which are appointed rather than elected: staff members, treasurer and secretary. PCC members are elected for 3 years and can serve for 2 terms.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	A Stevens G Haldane (Appointed April 2023)
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (ALM)
Elected members	J White H Potts E Wood (Resigned April 2023) N Shelley S Clark J Frank (Hon. Treasurer) N Lynas (Secretary) L Skelton A Groves P Williams (ALM) D Hardie C Watson W Weston J Sanderson (Appointed April 2023)
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 20 Merrion Way Leeds West Yorkshire LS2 8NZ
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Alice Mary Smith
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks
Hey Road
Barrow
Clitheroe
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alice Mary Smith
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Bennett Kirkhope Smith
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Date: .....

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		285,145	-	285,145	279,595
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		11,759	12,060	23,819	8,566
Grant		-	12,500	12,500	16,275
Investment income	2	2,717	-	2,717	1,808
Total		299,621	24,560	324,181	306,244
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		308,798	22,582	331,380	364,552
Net gains/(losses) on investments		2,992	-	2,992	(5,206)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,185)	1,978	(4,207)	(63,514)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		174,963	199,146	374,109	437,623
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		168,778	201,124	369,902	374,109

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	5,890	199,024	204,914	208,929
Investments	6	39,314	-	39,314	36,322
		45,204	199,024	244,228	245,251
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	19,816	-	19,816	21,261
Cash at bank		158,314	2,100	160,414	160,861
		178,130	2,100	180,230	182,122
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(18,764)	-	(18,764)	(14,065)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		159,366	2,100	161,466	168,057
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		204,570	201,124	405,694	413,308
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(35,792)	-	(35,792)	(39,199)
NET ASSETS		168,778	201,124	369,902	374,109
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				168,778	174,963
Restricted funds				201,124	199,146
TOTAL FUNDS				369,902	374,109

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

.....
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	not provided
Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	899	1,079
Deposit account interest	1,818	729
	2,717	1,808

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Five Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £25,484 in the year 2023. This included pension contributions of £2,039. Pension contributions by the PCC were £1,274.

Graham Haldane - Employed as a part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £2,995 in the year 2023. He was not employed in the position while a Trustee.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £3,427 in the year 2023. This included pension contributions of £137. Pension contributions by the PCC were £103.

Naomi Lynas - Employed as a full time Operating Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £28,315 in the year 2023. This included pension contributions of £883. Pension contributions by the PCC were £662.

Lucy Skelton - Employed as a full time Youth Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £32,076 in the year 2023. This included pension contributions of £793. Pension contributions by the PCC were £595.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2023 as follows.

	£
Gifts	383
Heating allowance	1,000
Phone/Broadband	938
Activities/refreshments for children	13,801
Books, postage & stationary	423
Mileage & travel	1,428
Service expenses	410
Subscriptions	-
Repairs and renewable resources	1,348
Training & development	1,033
Catering & hospitality	3,101
Other	-
	23,865

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	279,595	-	279,595
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	8,446	120	8,566
Grant	-	16,275	16,275
Investment income	1,808	-	1,808
Total	289,849	16,395	306,244
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	348,277	16,275	364,552
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(5,206)	-	(5,206)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(63,634)	120	(63,514)
Transfers between funds	5,421	(5,421)	-
Net movement in funds	(58,213)	(5,301)	(63,514)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	233,176	204,447	437,623
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	174,963	199,146	374,109

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2023	199,024	80,650	99,625	18,776	398,075
Additions	-	-	2,079	1,624	3,703
At 31 December 2023	199,024	80,650	101,704	20,400	401,778
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2023	-	80,649	89,866	18,631	189,146
Charge for year	-	-	7,546	172	7,718
At 31 December 2023	-	80,649	97,412	18,803	196,864
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2023	199,024	1	4,292	1,597	204,914
At 31 December 2022	199,024	1	9,759	145	208,929

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2023	36,322
Revaluations	2,992
At 31 December 2023	39,314
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	39,314
At 31 December 2022	36,322

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2020 and prior years	13,281
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Valuation in 2022	(5,206)
Valuation in 2023	2,992
Cost	26,969
	39,314

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Income tax recoverable	10,373	13,624
Prepayments	9,443	7,637
	19,816	21,261

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,028	2,526
Other creditors	16,736	11,539
	18,764	14,065

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Provisions	35,792	39,199

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinquennial	£
At 1 January 2023	2,572
Installation of door finger guardian	(140)
Repairs to roofings and gutters	(2,261)
Quinquennial expenditure provision	3,000
At 31 December 2023	3,171

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2023	19,313
Provision from CAP Transfer	1,980
Good News For Everyone (Gideons)	(1,000)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	(1,000)
A Rocha UK	(119)
Open Doors	(2,000)
Turi Micah Breakfast Project	(1,000)
Charis Ministries	(1,500)
The 180 Program	(3,000)
Giving to Paraklesis	(2,000)
Buckshaw Village Church	(3,000)
Provision reversals	(6,000)
Mission Tithe expenditure provision	17,640
At 31 December 2023	20,314

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2023	12,140
CAP monthly contribution	(2,640)
St Leonard's Church - CAP Burnley	(3,690)
St Barth. PCC - CAP Blackburn	(3,690)
Provision to Mission Giving Transfer	(1,980)
CAP expenditure provision	11,460
At 31 December 2023	11,600

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2023	5,174
KHC Wifi donations	(1,000)
Mark Dyer Training fund	(3,000)
Released to Held for KHC	(3,467)
Provision from Mission Giving Transfer	3,000
At 31 December 2023	707

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds
There are currently no designated funds held in unrestricted funds.

Restricted Fund

Grants	£
Lancaster Foundation - Youth Minister	10,000
Paid as wages to Youth Minister	(10,000)
Lancaster Foundation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP Worker	(2,500)
Benefact Grant - Stained Glass Window repair	2,100
Gateway Trust - 1/2 Fire door replacement cost	816
Fire door fitted last year	(816)
	2,100

Grants received for the assistance of paying towards staff wages have been expended as such in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from these income streams.

The Gateway Trust Grant was to cover half of the costs of installing a fire door that was paid for last year.

The Benefact Grant has been received for the purposes of repairing damage to the northern stained glass window, expenditure for which is to to place in the next year.

£800 of a Grant from Lancashire County Council was not expended and so was returned to them.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
Capital Projects Fundraising	20
2023 Yard Clearance fundraising	9,940
2023 Yard Clearance costs	(9,940)
St James/Seedles Yard Fundraising	
Capitalisation of architectural plans	1,420
Capitalisation of yard purchase and fees	197,604
Bank	
Funds Brought forwards	922
Refund of Overpaid Grant LCC	(800)
Expenditure towards 2023 Yard Clearance costs	(122)
	201,124

Fundraising for the purposes of future general capital expenditure projects and for the clearance of St James Yard, previously known as "Seedles Yard", has taken place during the year.

The funds raised during the year were also completely expended during the clearance of the yard and demolition of the old building on the site, as well as any excess restricted funds held in the bank account from the previous year.

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	219,067	208,690
Other Donations	11,170	12,082
Bequests	-	7,857
Gifts in kind	1,800	-
Income Tax Recoverable	53,108	50,966
	285,145	279,595
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	899	1,079
Deposit account interest	1,818	729
	2,717	1,808
Charitable activities		
Fees	2,533	2,208
Pastoral centre	8,846	5,712
Sundry income	10,340	646
Grants	14,600	16,275
	36,319	24,841
Total incoming resources	324,181	306,244
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	44,929	40,793
Insurance	2,958	2,748
Church maintenance	20,125	60,850
Upkeep of services	2,502	1,949
Diocesan quota	94,888	90,837
Clergy expenses	3,942	3,117
Administrator	3,530	3,024
Support costs	3,061	6,584
Youth & childrens workers	61,351	58,361
Operations Manager	30,111	28,362
Quinquennial	3,000	2,500
Mission	17,640	17,524
Youth ministry	6,044	5,817
Children's ministry	4,923	6,288
Discretionary	301	661
CAP Workers	6,465	9,051
CAP ministry	11,946	11,460
Internships	-	300
Carried forward	317,716	350,226

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	317,716	350,226
Outreach	2,163	2,130
Catering	1,166	1,039
Discipleship	208	(151)
Administration Costs	6,259	8,446
Subscriptions	2,183	1,593
Independent Examiners Fee	1,020	936
Bank and credit card charges	665	333
	331,380	364,552
Total resources expended	331,380	364,552
Net expenditure	(7,199)	(58,308)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131419

Accounts

RECTOR'S REPORT

Rev'd Mark Pickett

It is with tremendous gratitude to you all that I write this, my twentieth annual report.

Thank you first of all to the staff team Naomi, Lucy, Helen and Graham. For your commitment to those you serve, the creativity you bring to your role, and the change and growth that you enable in others. It is a joy to be part of this team.

Thank you to those on our Leadership team and PCC. I have appreciated your counsel, challenge and also courage as we have had to make some difficult decisions over finance and vision this year.

Thank you to all of you as you have stepped up to both future and financial challenges this year. In the autumn we launched Towards 2027. A vision involving three particular areas. We have spent a deal of time consulting around our move to two congregations. We have now started on the clearing of St James' yard and the training of small group leaders is underway.

I often think that as a church we punch above our weight with the ministries we engage in and the vision that we have. This all costs money, and so we are massively grateful to those of you who have contributed financially to the ministry of St James this year, particularly those who have felt able to increase their giving.

Thank you to all those who serve in any capacity at St James. At a recent Sunday service, we counted 38 people who were serving voluntarily that morning. This is just a snapshot of the commitment of so many who make St James what it is.

Finally, like every year, this year we have had to say goodbye to a number of people who have died. I want to pay particular tribute to three of them whose contribution to church life leaves a lasting legacy. Firstly, Phil Broadhurst for his championing of and commitment to worship. Second, Liz Edwards for her counselling and payer ministry. Third, Mary Howarth for her unstinting unwavering unflustered and wise presence and leadership. We miss them greatly, but commit ourselves to build on their legacy as we continue to connect to God, be changed by God and transform for God in this place.

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131419

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

for

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe is registered with the Charity Commission as the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James', Clitheroe.

Background

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev'd Mark Pickett in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St James', St James' Street, Clitheroe. It has responsibility in the employment of an Operations Manager, Youth Minister, a Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager, a Children's and Families Minister. Finally, it has an important role to play in the support of St James C of E Primary School.

STRATEGIC REPORT

A full review and strategic report of St James' can be found below in conjunction with the Annual Reports to the APCM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main aim of the charity is promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, with an emphasis on the following:-

- Education/Training
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
- Overseas Aid/Famine Relief
- Religious Activities

These objectives are realised by making grants to organisations, providing buildings/facilities and open spaces, and providing services to communities at home and aboard. The measurement of the success of meeting these aims is provided by the responses from the recipients of our charitable grants and services, as well as through financial performance figures for grantmaking, donations and expenditure of the PCC through charitable activities.

All charitable activities that take place are for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2022 the electoral roll membership stood at 204.

We have adopted Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 282 on that system with another 253 children.

Context and Review of the Year

A full review of all the activities at St James' can be found in the Annual reports to the APCM.

The Covid Pandemic took its toll on church staff and members but church attendance has returned to about 90% of pre covid level which is very encouraging. Our on line presence remains strong, averaging around 100 views of our 10.30 service.

Forest Church has continued as a once-a-month family church in the school ecozone.

Teaching Schedules have included:-
- A series using Isaiah focusing on our values as a church
- An in depth study of Romans
- A series on growing on the frontline

Around 100 people are attached to some form of smaller discipleship groups and many of these use the Sunday teaching as the basis of further study and application.

The Pastoral Care team continues to keep in touch with those who are isolating, practically support those that need it, and care for those in times of trouble.

Outreach to our community has continued:
Little and Baby Fishes, a mums and tots group continues to grow.
Our Youth provision in the community now includes a homework drop in club and a Friday evening youth club, both well attended. The Youth Minister now spends time each week in two local secondary schools.

Two encouragements were:
The return of Christian youth festivals with a trip to Satellites in the summer and GSUS live, an RE resource that was taken into local schools and engaged with by over 2,000 young people.
Our partnership with our primary school has continued and we welcomed a new Head Teacher in September 2022.
The Love Clitheroe BBQ and Carols and the Castle returned after the pandemic, reaching around 1500 people at each event.

In September we launched a new vision called "Towards 2027."
The three specific areas we will develop are:
Growing leaders - We have launched a small group leadership training programme for leaders and would be leaders. We are also taking 12 leaders through the Growing leaders programme.
Development of St James Yard - the land next to the church was purchased in 2021 and we are seeking to clear the land this year as we continue to prayerfully consider what might be built.
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

We adhere to our financial policy. Our systems are overseen by a team of 3 (Treasurer, Admin Assistant and Operations Manager) who report bi-monthly to the PCC and also to the AGM. We use Xero accounting which pulls information directly from our bank account. Our internal financial controls are reviewed annually. There have been no financial risks in the past year.

Any breaches of privacy or finance must be reported both to the Charity Commission and to the Diocese of Blackburn. The organization is not currently facing any particular risks.

REVIEW

At the end of 2022 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £306,244. The principal sources of these funds are regular giving of £208,690 and income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations of £50,966. Total expenditure was £364,552, with a separate net loss on investments of £5,206, leaving a net income deficit of £63,514.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £373,978 of which £199,146 are restricted funds and £174,832 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making, a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including Gift Aid, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 5 times during the year. Minutes or written or verbal reports of meetings or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC, wardens and deputy wardens are nominated and the elected.
The Rector is the chair of the PCC, and there are a number of ex-officio roles which are appointed rather than elected: staff members, treasurer and secretary. PCC members are elected for 3 years and can serve for 2 terms.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	M Howarth A Stevens
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (ALM)
Elected members	J White H Potts G Haldane (Resigned 31.3.2022) E Wood N Shelley S Clark J Frank (hon. Treasurer) N Allen (Resigned 31.3.2022) M Dowd (Resigned 31.3.2022) N Lynas (Secretary) L Skelton A Groves P Williams (ALM) D Hardie C Watson (Appointed 01.04.2022) W Weston (Appointed 01.04.2022) P Williams (Appointed 01.04.2022)
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 20 Merrion Way Leeds West Yorkshire LS2 8NZ
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
Alice Mary Smith
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....30/4/23..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Rev'd M Pickett - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alice Mary Smith
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Date: 22/08/2023

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		279,595	-	279,595	366,072
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		8,446	120	8,566	164,618
Grant		-	16,275	16,275	23,112
Investment income	2	1,808	-	1,808	1,132
Total		289,849	16,395	306,244	554,934
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		348,277	16,275	364,552	302,999
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(5,206)	-	(5,206)	1,277
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(63,634)	120	(63,514)	253,212
Transfers between funds	10	5,421	(5,421)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(58,213)	(5,301)	(63,514)	253,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		233,176	204,447	437,623	184,411
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		174,963	199,146	374,109	437,623

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	9,905	199,024	208,929	22,098
Investments	6	36,322	-	36,322	41,322
		46,227	199,024	245,251	63,420
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	21,261	-	21,261	15,556
Cash at bank		159,939	922	160,861	410,895
		181,200	922	182,122	426,451
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(13,265)	(800)	(14,065)	(11,825)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		167,935	122	168,057	414,626
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		214,162	199,146	413,308	478,046
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(39,199)	-	(39,199)	(40,423)
NET ASSETS		174,963	199,146	374,109	437,623
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				174,963	233,176
Restricted funds				199,146	204,447
TOTAL FUNDS				374,109	437,623

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30/9/23 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Pickett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,079	1,104
Deposit account interest	729	28
	1,808	1,132

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Four Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £24,041 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £1,923. Pension contributions by the PCC were £1,202.

Graham Haldane - Employed as a part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £8,477 in the year 2022.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £2,936 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £117. Pension contributions by the PCC were £88.08.

Naomi Lynas - Employed as a full time Operating Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £26,712 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £819. Pension contributions by the PCC were £614.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2022 as follows.

	£
Gifts	109
Heating allowance	1,000
Phone/Broadband	933
Activities/refreshments for children	10,777
Payments to KHC	275
Books, postage & stationary	1,299
Mileage & travel	2,904
Service expenses	24
Subscriptions	837
Repairs and renewable resources	1,346
Training & development	2,492
Catering & hospitality	323
Other	22,319

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	330,979	35,093	366,072
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	4,008	160,610	164,618
Grant	-	23,112	23,112
Investment income	1,132	-	1,132
Total	336,119	218,815	554,934
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	277,087	25,912	302,999
Net gains on investments	1,277	-	1,277
NET INCOME	60,309	192,903	253,212
Transfers between funds	(11,544)	11,544	-
Net movement in funds	48,765	204,447	253,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	184,411	-	184,411
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	233,176	204,447	437,623

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2022	1,420	80,650	99,625	18,776	200,471
Additions	197,604	-	-	-	197,604
At 31 December 2022	199,024	80,650	99,625	18,776	398,075
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2022	-	80,649	79,489	18,235	178,373
Charge for year	-	-	10,377	396	10,773
At 31 December 2022	-	80,649	89,866	18,631	189,146
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2022	199,024	1	9,759	145	208,929
At 31 December 2021	1,420	1	20,136	541	22,098

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	41,322
Additions	206
Revaluations	(5,206)
At 31 December 2022	36,322
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	36,322
At 31 December 2021	41,322

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2020 and prior years	13,281
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Valuation in 2022	(5,206)
Cost	26,969
	36,322

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Income tax recoverable	13,624	7,764
Prepayments	7,637	7,792
	21,261	15,556

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,526	-
Other creditors	11,539	11,825
	14,065	11,825

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Provisions	39,199	40,423

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinquennial	£
At 1 January 2021	4,200
Installation of fire door	(1,968)
Quinquennial survey report	(2,160)
Quinquennial expenditure provision	2,500
At 31 December 2022	2,572

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2021	28,439
TLG Monthly Donation	(450)
Good News For Everyone (Gideons)	(1,000)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	(1,000)
A Rocha UK	(2,000)
Open Doors	(1,000)
YWAM Cambodia	(1,000)
Charis Ministries	(2,300)
The 180 Program	(2,300)
Giving to Paraklesis	(3,000)
Buckshaw Village Church	(3,750)
Provision reversals	(8,850)
Mission Tithe expenditure provision	17,524
At 31 December 2022	19,313

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2021	7,770
CAP monthly contribution	(3,400)
St Leonard's Church - CAP Burnley	(3,690)
St Barth. PCC - CAP Blackburn	(3,690)
CAP expenditure provision	15,150
At 31 December 2022	12,140

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2021	14
KCH expenditure provision	5,160
At 31 December 2022	5,174

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds
There are currently no designated funds held in unrestricted funds.

Restricted Fund

Grants	£
Lancaster Foundation - Youth Minister	10,000
Paid as wages to Youth Minister	(10,000)
Blackburn Diocesan - Operations Manager	1,750
Paid as wages to Operations Manager	(1,750)
Lancaster Foundation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP Worker	(2,500)
Blackburn Diocesan - Energy Grant	1,625
Expenditure on H&L	(1,625)
Lancashire CC - Community Living Rooms	1,200
Expenditure on H&L	(400)
	800

Grants received for the assistance of paying towards energy costs and staff wages have been expended as such in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from these income streams in the year.

The Grant for Community Living Rooms has not been expended in the year, but there is a plan in place for this to be expended in the next financial year.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
2020 income reclassified as restricted	5,294
Capital Projects fundraising 2021	107
Capital Projects fundraising 2022	20
Released to unrestricted funds for Oasis Room refurbishment	(5,421)
Seedles Yard Fundraising	
2020 income reclassified as restricted	6,250
Seedles Yard fundraising Gift Aid	32,593
Seedles Yard fundraising 2021	160,503
Seedles Yard purchase advice	(300)
Seedles Yard architectural plans	(1,420)
Capitalisation of architectural plans	1,420
Seedles Yard fundraising 2022	100
Solicitors fees	(525)
Valuation report	(400)
Asbestos survey	(450)
Purchase of Seedles Yard	(196,229)
Capitalisation of yard purchase and fees	197,604
	199,146

Fundraising for the purposes of future general Capital expenditure projects, and for the purchase of land titled "Seedles Yard", with the intent of building a new community centre, were undertaken last year with some late donations in this year.

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The funds restricted for Capital expenditure £5,421 have been reclassified as unrestricted and used for the extensive refurbishment of the Oasis Room, for which we are confident the intentions of the donors have been adhered to.

The purchase of Seedles Yard was completed in the year with the cost of the land and relevant fees totalling £197,604 being capitalised. Discussions are ongoing as to how the land should best be utilised for the new community centre.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	208,690	201,950
Other Donations	12,082	13,573
Bequests	7,857	72,813
Income Tax Recoverable	50,966	77,736
	279,595	366,072
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,079	1,104
Deposit account interest	729	28
	1,808	1,132
Charitable activities		
Fees	2,208	423
Pastoral centre	5,712	2,978
Sundry income	646	161,829
Grants	16,275	22,500
	24,841	187,730
Total incoming resources	306,244	554,934
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	40,793	46,594
Insurance	2,748	2,633
Church maintenance	60,850	1,681
Upkeep of services	1,949	1,344
Diocesan quota	90,837	81,401
Clergy expenses	3,117	3,964
Administrator	3,024	3,049
Support costs	6,584	5,910
Youth & childrens workers	58,361	57,400
Operations Manager	28,362	27,817
Quinquennial	2,500	2,501
Mission	17,524	25,475
Youth ministry	5,817	4,822
Children's ministry	6,288	6,576
Discretionary	661	1,160
CAP Workers	9,051	8,270
CAP ministry	11,460	8,519
Seedles Yard Purchase Expenses	-	300
Internships	300	-
Carried forward	350,226	289,416

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	350,226	289,416
Outreach	2,130	2,266
Catering	1,039	859
Discipleship	(151)	859
Administration Costs	8,446	6,994
Subscriptions	1,593	1,945
Independent Examiners Fee	936	660
Bank and credit card charges	333	-
	364,552	302,999
Total resources expended	364,552	302,999
Net (expenditure)/income	(58,308)	251,935

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131419

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

for

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe is registered with the Charity Commission as the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James', Clitheroe.

Background

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev'd Mark Pickett in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St James', St James' Street, Clitheroe. It has responsibility in the employment of an Operations Manager, Youth Minister, a Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager, a Children's and Families Minister. Finally, it has an important role to play in the support of St James C of E Primary School.

STRATEGIC REPORT

A full review and strategic report of St James' can be found below in conjunction with the Annual Reports to the APCM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main aim of the charity is promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, with an emphasis on the following:-

- Education/Training
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
- Overseas Aid/Famine Relief
- Religious Activities

These objectives are realised by making grants to organisations, providing buildings/facilities and open spaces, and providing services to communities at home and aboard. The measurement of the success of meeting these aims is provided by the responses from the recipients of our charitable grants and services, as well as through financial performance figures for grantmaking, donations and expenditure of the PCC through charitable activities.

All charitable activities that take place are for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2022 the electoral roll membership stood at 204.

We have adopted Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 282 on that system with another 253 children.

Context and Review of the Year

A full review of all the activities at St James' can be found in the Annual reports to the APCM.

The Covid Pandemic took its toll on church staff and members but church attendance has returned to about 90% of pre covid level which is very encouraging. Our on line presence remains strong, averaging around 100 views of our 10.30 service.

Forest Church has continued as a once-a-month family church in the school ecozone.

Teaching Schedules have included:-
- A series using Isaiah focusing on our values as a church
- An in depth study of Romans
- A series on growing on the frontline

Around 100 people are attached to some form of smaller discipleship groups and many of these use the Sunday teaching as the basis of further study and application.

The Pastoral Care team continues to keep in touch with those who are isolating, practically support those that need it, and care for those in times of trouble.

Outreach to our community has continued:
Little and Baby Fishes, a mums and tots group continues to grow.
Our Youth provision in the community now includes a homework drop in club and a Friday evening youth club, both well attended. The Youth Minister now spends time each week in two local secondary schools.

Two encouragements were:
The return of Christian youth festivals with a trip to Satellites in the summer and GSUS live, an RE resource that was taken into local schools and engaged with by over 2,000 young people.
Our partnership with our primary school has continued and we welcomed a new Head Teacher in September 2022.
The Love Clitheroe BBQ and Carols and the Castle returned after the pandemic, reaching around 1500 people at each event.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

We adhere to our financial policy. Our systems are overseen by a team of 3 (Treasurer, Admin Assistant and Operations Manager) who report bi-monthly to the PCC and also to the AGM. We use Xero accounting which pulls information directly from our bank account. Our internal financial controls are reviewed annually. There have been no financial risks in the past year.

Any breaches of privacy or finance must be reported both to the Charity Commission and to the Diocese of Blackburn. The organization is not currently facing any particular risks.

REVIEW

At the end of 2022 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £306,244. The principal sources of these funds are regular giving of £208,690 and income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations of £50,966. Total expenditure was £364,552, with a separate net loss on investments of £5,206, leaving a net income deficit of £63,514.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £373,978 of which £199,146 are restricted funds and £174,832 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making, a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including Gift Aid, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 5 times during the year. Minutes or written or verbal reports of meetings or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC, wardens and deputy wardens are nominated and the elected.
The Rector is the chair of the PCC, and there are a number of ex-officio roles which are appointed rather than elected: staff members, treasurer and secretary. PCC members are elected for 3 years and can serve for 2 terms.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	M Howarth A Stevens
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (ALM)
Elected members	J White H Potts G Haldane (Resigned 31.3.2022) E Wood N Shelley S Clark J Frank (hon. Treasurer) N Allen (Resigned 31.3.2022) M Dowd (Resigned 31.3.2022) N Lynas (Secretary) L Skelton A Groves P Williams (ALM) D Hardie C Watson (Appointed 01.04.2022) W Weston (Appointed 01.04.2022) P Williams (Appointed 01.04.2022)
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 20 Merrion Way Leeds West Yorkshire LS2 8NZ
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
Alice Mary Smith
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
Suites 5 & 6 The Printworks
Hey Road
Barrow
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 9WB

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....30/4/23..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Rev'd M Pickett - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ACCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Alice Mary Smith
FCCA
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
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Date: 22/08/2023

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		279,595	-	279,595	366,072
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		8,446	120	8,566	164,618
Grant		-	16,275	16,275	23,112
Investment income	2	1,808	-	1,808	1,132
Total		289,849	16,395	306,244	554,934
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		348,277	16,275	364,552	302,999
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(5,206)	-	(5,206)	1,277
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(63,634)	120	(63,514)	253,212
Transfers between funds	10	5,421	(5,421)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(58,213)	(5,301)	(63,514)	253,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		233,176	204,447	437,623	184,411
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		174,963	199,146	374,109	437,623

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	9,905	199,024	208,929	22,098
Investments	6	36,322	-	36,322	41,322
		46,227	199,024	245,251	63,420
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	21,261	-	21,261	15,556
Cash at bank		159,939	922	160,861	410,895
		181,200	922	182,122	426,451
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(13,265)	(800)	(14,065)	(11,825)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		167,935	122	168,057	414,626
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		214,162	199,146	413,308	478,046
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(39,199)	-	(39,199)	(40,423)
NET ASSETS		174,963	199,146	374,109	437,623
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				174,963	233,176
Restricted funds				199,146	204,447
TOTAL FUNDS				374,109	437,623

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30/9/23 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Pickett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,079	1,104
Deposit account interest	729	28
	1,808	1,132

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Four Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £24,041 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £1,923. Pension contributions by the PCC were £1,202.

Graham Haldane - Employed as a part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £8,477 in the year 2022.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £2,936 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £117. Pension contributions by the PCC were £88.08.

Naomi Lynas - Employed as a full time Operating Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £26,712 in the year 2022. This included pension contributions of £819. Pension contributions by the PCC were £614.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2022 as follows.

	£
Gifts	109
Heating allowance	1,000
Phone/Broadband	933
Activities/refreshments for children	10,777
Payments to KHC	275
Books, postage & stationary	1,299
Mileage & travel	2,904
Service expenses	24
Subscriptions	837
Repairs and renewable resources	1,346
Training & development	2,492
Catering & hospitality	323
Other	22,319

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	330,979	35,093	366,072
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	4,008	160,610	164,618
Grant	-	23,112	23,112
Investment income	1,132	-	1,132
Total	336,119	218,815	554,934
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	277,087	25,912	302,999
Net gains on investments	1,277	-	1,277
NET INCOME	60,309	192,903	253,212
Transfers between funds	(11,544)	11,544	-
Net movement in funds	48,765	204,447	253,212
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	184,411	-	184,411
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	233,176	204,447	437,623

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2022	1,420	80,650	99,625	18,776	200,471
Additions	197,604	-	-	-	197,604
At 31 December 2022	199,024	80,650	99,625	18,776	398,075
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2022	-	80,649	79,489	18,235	178,373
Charge for year	-	-	10,377	396	10,773
At 31 December 2022	-	80,649	89,866	18,631	189,146
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2022	199,024	1	9,759	145	208,929
At 31 December 2021	1,420	1	20,136	541	22,098

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2022	41,322
Additions	206
Revaluations	(5,206)
At 31 December 2022	36,322
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	36,322
At 31 December 2021	41,322

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments £
Valuation in 2020 and prior years	13,281
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Valuation in 2022	(5,206)
Cost	26,969
	36,322

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Income tax recoverable	13,624	7,764
Prepayments	7,637	7,792
	21,261	15,556

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,526	-
Other creditors	11,539	11,825
	14,065	11,825

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Provisions	39,199	40,423

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinquennial	£
At 1 January 2021	4,200
Installation of fire door	(1,968)
Quinquennial survey report	(2,160)
Quinquennial expenditure provision	2,500
At 31 December 2022	2,572

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2021	28,439
TLG Monthly Donation	(450)
Good News For Everyone (Gideons)	(1,000)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	(1,000)
A Rocha UK	(2,000)
Open Doors	(1,000)
YWAM Cambodia	(1,000)
Charis Ministries	(2,300)
The 180 Program	(2,300)
Giving to Paraklesis	(3,000)
Buckshaw Village Church	(3,750)
Provision reversals	(8,850)
Mission Tithe expenditure provision	17,524
At 31 December 2022	19,313

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2021	7,770
CAP monthly contribution	(3,400)
St Leonard's Church - CAP Burnley	(3,690)
St Barth. PCC - CAP Blackburn	(3,690)
CAP expenditure provision	15,150
At 31 December 2022	12,140

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2021	14
KCH expenditure provision	5,160
At 31 December 2022	5,174

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds
There are currently no designated funds held in unrestricted funds.

Restricted Fund

Grants	£
Lancaster Foundation - Youth Minister	10,000
Paid as wages to Youth Minister	(10,000)
Blackburn Diocesan - Operations Manager	1,750
Paid as wages to Operations Manager	(1,750)
Lancaster Foundation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP Worker	(2,500)
Blackburn Diocesan - Energy Grant	1,625
Expenditure on H&L	(1,625)
Lancashire CC - Community Living Rooms	1,200
Expenditure on H&L	(400)
	800

Grants received for the assistance of paying towards energy costs and staff wages have been expended as such in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from these income streams in the year.

The Grant for Community Living Rooms has not been expended in the year, but there is a plan in place for this to be expended in the next financial year.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
2020 income reclassified as restricted	5,294
Capital Projects fundraising 2021	107
Capital Projects fundraising 2022	20
Released to unrestricted funds for Oasis Room refurbishment	(5,421)
Seedles Yard Fundraising	
2020 income reclassified as restricted	6,250
Seedles Yard fundraising Gift Aid	32,593
Seedles Yard fundraising 2021	160,503
Seedles Yard purchase advice	(300)
Seedles Yard architectural plans	(1,420)
Capitalisation of architectural plans	1,420
Seedles Yard fundraising 2022	100
Solicitors fees	(525)
Valuation report	(400)
Asbestos survey	(450)
Purchase of Seedles Yard	(196,229)
Capitalisation of yard purchase and fees	197,604
	199,146

Fundraising for the purposes of future general Capital expenditure projects, and for the purchase of land titled "Seedles Yard", with the intent of building a new community centre, were undertaken last year with some late donations in this year.

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The funds restricted for Capital expenditure £5,421 have been reclassified as unrestricted and used for the extensive refurbishment of the Oasis Room, for which we are confident the intentions of the donors have been adhered to.

The purchase of Seedles Yard was completed in the year with the cost of the land and relevant fees totalling £197,604 being capitalised. Discussions are ongoing as to how the land should best be utilised for the new community centre.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	208,690	201,950
Other Donations	12,082	13,573
Bequests	7,857	72,813
Income Tax Recoverable	50,966	77,736
	279,595	366,072
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,079	1,104
Deposit account interest	729	28
	1,808	1,132
Charitable activities		
Fees	2,208	423
Pastoral centre	5,712	2,978
Sundry income	646	161,829
Grants	16,275	22,500
	24,841	187,730
Total incoming resources	306,244	554,934
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	40,793	46,594
Insurance	2,748	2,633
Church maintenance	60,850	1,681
Upkeep of services	1,949	1,344
Diocesan quota	90,837	81,401
Clergy expenses	3,117	3,964
Administrator	3,024	3,049
Support costs	6,584	5,910
Youth & childrens workers	58,361	57,400
Operations Manager	28,362	27,817
Quinquennial	2,500	2,501
Mission	17,524	25,475
Youth ministry	5,817	4,822
Children's ministry	6,288	6,576
Discretionary	661	1,160
CAP Workers	9,051	8,270
CAP ministry	11,460	8,519
Seedles Yard Purchase Expenses	-	300
Internships	300	-
Carried forward	350,226	289,416

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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	350,226	289,416
Outreach	2,130	2,266
Catering	1,039	859
Discipleship	(151)	859
Administration Costs	8,446	6,994
Subscriptions	1,593	1,945
Independent Examiners Fee	936	660
Bank and credit card charges	333	-
	364,552	302,999
Total resources expended	364,552	302,999
Net (expenditure)/income	(58,308)	251,935

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131419

Accounts

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Foreword

Report writing sometimes isn't the most exciting thing to do or read. But as I read through these reports, I was increasingly thankful, sensing the excitement and passion of those that head up some of St James' ministries and increasingly encouraged by the number of lives touched by God even in this strangest of years. We often pay tribute to those who have gone before us and on who's legacy we build and I pray that as you read these reports you too will be grateful not just to those of the past, but those today who continue to serve and will consider your contribution to the life and ministry of the Church.

Rector's Report

Mark Pickett

We often hear the adage that the Church is not the building, but the people. At no time has this been more apparent than during the last two years. It is the people, that has meant that St James' has not just survived but has thrived through the pandemic. As I reflected on this last year, it is the teams of people that I want to highlight in my review.

Having a Staff Team has meant not just that things are well organised and communicated, nor that ministry to all ages has developed. The real joy of the staff team for me is the creativity that comes when we get together and bounce ideas off one another resulting in projects such as cream teas or plants and cards distributed to the isolated, doorstep Christingles and Easter outreach.

We have a committed Pastoral Team who meet regularly, visit the vulnerable, organise lifts and through the wonders of WhatsApp, communicate regularly on those that need specific help.

Our Worship Teams commit themselves in preparation, rehearsal, and delivery on a Sunday morning to bring us creative, anointed worship that enables us to bring our praise to God, the subject and object of our worship.

Meeting regularly as a Teaching Team has brought creativity and consistency to our Sunday teaching and our service hosts endeavour to plan well and create space within our services for encounter with God. A particular highlight for me this year was our Advent series as we inhabited four of the Christmas characters.

The team of small group leaders have been amazing through the lockdown. Keeping in touch with members, flitting from in person meetings to zoom and back again. This term, we have coordinated the Sunday teaching with the small group material, seeking to

provide consistency, challenge, and encouragement around the area of mission.

New this year has been the establishment of the Social Justice team and their focus for this year has been on the care of creation. Following an eco-workshop day and some preliminary work on our building, we now have the eco church bronze award.

Which brings me to the Building Team which have been such a help to Naomi, not just in the practical work, (thank you Andrew Stevens,) but in the ongoing planning and maintenance of our old building. The exciting, and somewhat miraculous purchase of Seedles' yard is in the hands of the solicitors and by the time you read this the refurbishment of the Oasis room should be complete!

A massive thank you to those on the Finance Team who's on going management has resulted in a comprehensible and clear balance sheet that enables us to plan. Thank you to all those who give to St James' and we will continue to keep you regularly updated on the state of our finances, thanked for your generosity as well as encouraging new and increased giving.

As we move forward our priority is also about people. Our church is growing, and we need to identify, mobilise, train, and support new leaders. My hope is that by the end of this year we will have leaders ready to take on leadership of alpha groups and new small groups. People serving on children's and youth teams. More worship leaders and more serving on all the other teams. I hope, like me, you love St James', and as you read these reports, I pray that you will feel inspired to pray, inspired to give and inspired to serve the people of God in this place and reach those that do not yet know Him.

Wardens Report

Mary Haworth

Another year gone by, and what a lot has happened. Andrew Stevens became Church Warden, and Roger Price continued as Deputy Warden. It's been a challenging year for all of us, as a church together; there have been a number of changes, and the purchase of Seedle's Yard has given us all something to pray about, and to seek what God has planned for us as to how to move forward. Please keep praying for God to reveal His vision for our future.

There have been numerous changes to life in St James, as some of our congregation has passed on to be with the Lord, new ones have stepped into the situation, bringing their gifts and talents, seeking for God to use them, and it's exciting to see this happening - especially as Covid has taken its toll amongst us, and we are moving in different circles.

It's good to see new families exploring and seeking Jesus, and the building being used more, reaching the community in many different ways.

We have so much to thank God for, his faithfulness, his grace, his peace in difficult times, his love and his promise that he will never leave us. What more could we ask for or expect?

We give thanks and praise every day, for you and our church family, for all your support in so many ways, both practical and spiritual, we all have different needs, but without God in the centre, we are nothing.

May we encourage all of you to play your part, whatever that may be, and continue to transform St James into the church that God intends it to be.

God bless you all,

Mary and Andrew

Curate's Report

Ian Sarginson

It is fair to say that my curacy had not been as I imagined when I turned up in the Summer of 2019. Only a few months in and the world was in the grip of Covid-19 and all of the change that brought. We responded to that as a church and individually as a minister I had to learn new skills that college and training had not prepared me for.

2021 was much of the same, with each week seemingly bringing a relaxation of restrictions or a heightening of restrictions and new government guidance. It was important to still find ways to bring the message of hope of the good news of Jesus to people, and that is what I and indeed St James' church sought to do.

In August 2021 my focus shifted to the early birth of our son Victor and the challenges that his early arrival presented him and us with. That led to over 3 months in intensive care in Burnley and for that period the majority of my focus was on that ward. I learnt a lot about myself and my faith in those days and hours that will undoubtedly benefit me in the future. I also learned of the power of the local church to support, encourage and care in even the darkest and scariest of times. We as a family will ever be grateful to the people of St James for their prayers, cards, gifts, food, encouragement and love in those times and since. It taught me so much about the power of a community seeking to share God's love and will for sure shape my ministry and influence the kind of church that I want to be involved in leading.

So allow me to thank you all for that, you will never fully know the difference that you have made.

This was the final year of my curacy and at the end of 2021 I was signed off for my curacy and will soon be heading to my first incumbency at Buckshaw Village.

I have learned so much from my time at St James' and it will always hold as special place in my heart for so many reasons.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you St James' church!

Operations

Naomi Lynas

2021 felt like a slow climb – uphill, but definitely slow. From the January lockdown, to gradually opening up throughout the year, it's felt like a year in which we've wrestled through things to bring clarity and strong systems into place.

One of my aims for 2021 was to review all our Policies – from our Health and Safety Policy to our Staff Absence Policy. The poor PCC must have been sick of being asked to approve yet another policy! But, I've discovered, the very process of writing a policy helps you to make decisions, ensure consistency and ensure a smoother running of operations.

2021 was also the year in which we brought clarity to our leadership structure. We now have a Vision and Alignment team which really spends time praying into and seeking God for the vision and direction of the church. Our Leadership Team – which is made up of everyone who leads an area of ministry – then shapes that vision. Ministry teams serve into the vision, and the PCC has overall responsibility for the stewardship. We're still working through this structure, but it does seem to be working for most ministry areas.

My main highlight of the year has to be the day that we heard we'd agreed a sale for Seedle's Yard. This took me personally by surprise – I had actually drafted letters making arrangements to transfer donations back to the donors – when we heard that Mr. Seedle had accepted our offer. This is a huge testimony to God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of our Church family, and an amazing investment for future generations.

Other highlights in particular have been seeing teams rebuilt as services opened back up, and week after week in September – and this is continuing – where we are welcoming new people to our services. Between September and October, we welcomed 75 new people, mostly families. This is amazing, and definitely something to be celebrated, but also something that may make us think. Research shows that once a church service hits 80% capacity, it won't grow any further. Why? Because people come i

in but assume there's no space for them. So if we want to continue to grow, we have to build capacity – in services, in small groups, in leadership and in ministry teams.

Finally, one of the real highlights of 2021 for me personally has been to see the development of the Social Justice group and especially the achievement of Eco Church Bronze Award. We played our part in hosting the Camino to COP Pilgrimage, and my small group studied Ruth Valerio's 'Saying Yes to Life,' which I found both inspiring and challenging, and I'm really looking forward to moving towards our Silver Eco Church award.

Someone asked me last week how I thought Covid had affected the direction and movement of the church towards its vision. My response was, 'I think we're moving in exactly the right direction, but Covid just made us go a bit more slowly.' It's a slow uphill climb sometimes, but I think we're gaining momentum.

Finances Report

Naomi Lynas

2 years ago, in February 2020, Mark Pickett and I stood at the front of church, sharing areas for prayer and giving in the following:

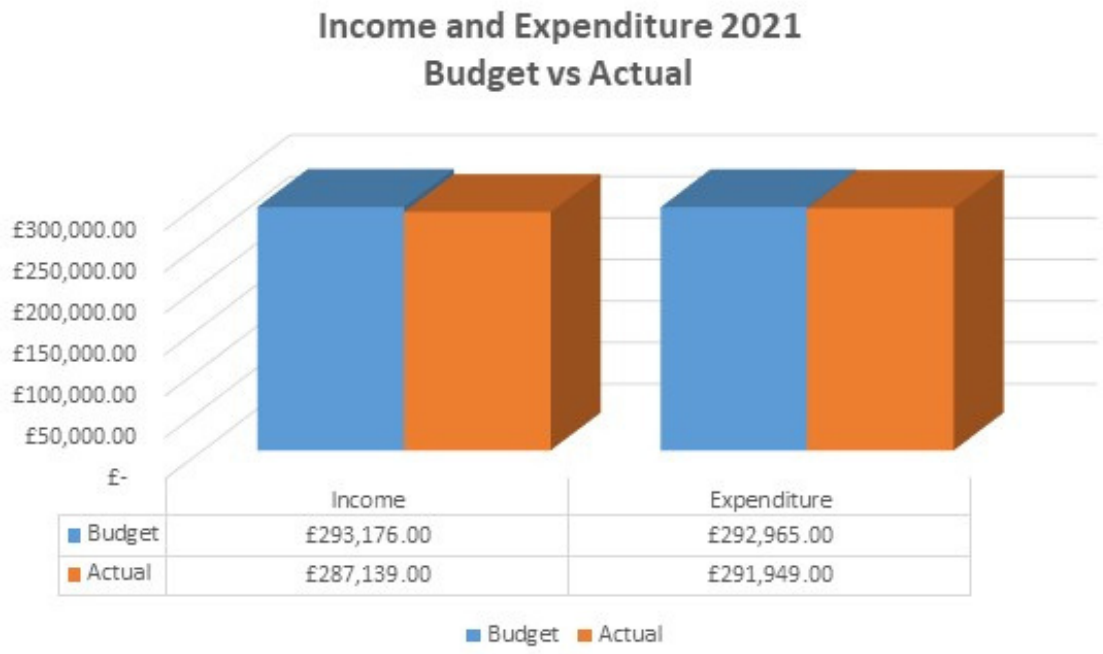
- A need for £50,000 to refurbish the Oasis Room, which was very run down and unsuitable for worshipful Children's Ministry
- A forecasted need for additional monthly income of £7,300 a month (£87,000 a year) by 2022
- A tiny possibility that the land known as Seedles Yard, adjacent to the churchyard, may come up for sale in future, and the owner would like to offer it to the church for purchase if that was the case.

These were big, bold plans and called for real faith in our finances, even before the pandemic.

Over the past 24 months, I have watched each of these prayers be answered.

- 2021 was the first year in many that we set a break-even budget, rather than a deficit one.
- In December, we received an amazing legacy from the estate of Jack Pickup of £72,000. The PCC had decided to allocate this to the refurbishment of the Oasis Room when we were informed of it.
- Throughout the first few months of 2021, as we shared the possibility of purchasing Seedle's Yard, I watched incredible donations and pledges come in. We agreed to purchase this – following an additional gift of £20,000 – in August 2021.

As you will see from the charts and figures below, our income was slightly below our expected budget. This was due to a significant decrease in plate giving, impacted by lockdowns and limited numbers attending worship services, and also due to a drop in Gift Aid – so if you're able to Gift Aid, please make sure you do so! We were able to make up some of the increase through room hire, but our income was still lower than expected.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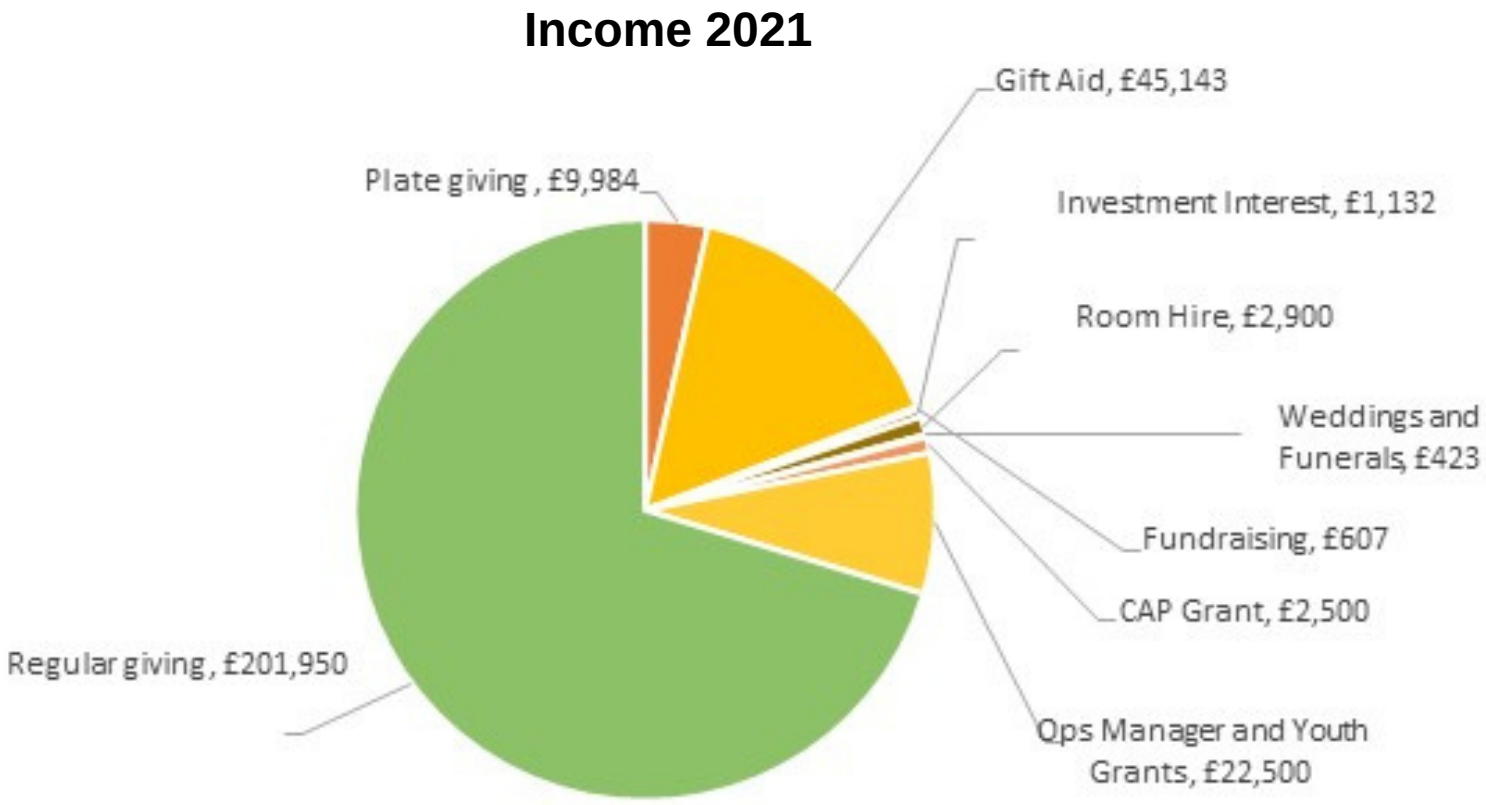
Income 2021
Gift Aid, £45,143
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Investment Interest, £1,132
Room Hire, £2,900
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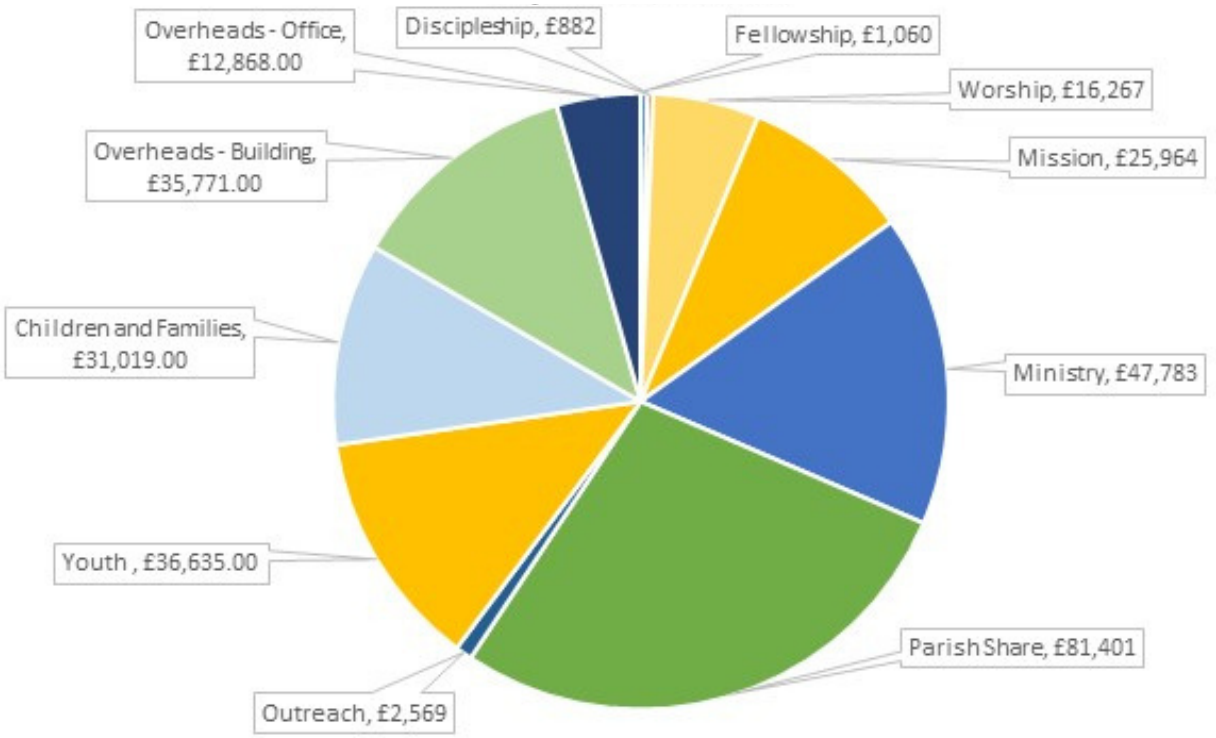
CAP Grant, £2,500
Regular giving, £201,950
Ops Manager and Youth Grants, £22,500

Expenditure 2021



In terms of Capital Income, we are moving towards using Legacies for Capital Projects – such as the Oasis Room refurbishment. The funds donated for Seedle's Yard are also ring-fenced.

We received a legacy of £72,813. This will be tithed, and the remaining £65,532 will go towards Capital Projects, including the Oasis Room refurbishment.

The total funds available for Seedle's Yard stand at £197,625. This will almost exactly cover the purchase and the legal fees associated with this.

For 2022, we have had to set a deficit budget, with a potential deficit of £17,000. This is due to one grant (for the Operations Manager role) ending, and a second grant (for the Youth Minister role) being reduced. We do currently have reserves which would allow us to run a deficit budget of this kind for 2-3 years, but that leaves nothing for Capital Projects. We would love to reach a point where our regular income covers our running costs, so do please consider starting to give or increasing your regular giving if you are able.

These financial reports in particular are an amazing testimony to God's faithfulness and the faithful, committed giving by so many of our Church family.

Huge thanks go to the Finance Team, who take real care to steward our finances well and ensure our accounting is transparent, communicated effectively and up to date: Jonathan Frank, Sue Clark and myself.

Fabric Report

Naomi Lynas and Andrew Stevens

Back in May 2021, when Andrew Stevens took over as Church Warden, we did a walk-through of the building, creating a job list. Andrew has worked really diligently to tackle many of the small but annoying jobs, often ensuring they don't become bigger problems.

One big thing on our list was improving access to the tower. We had been aware of pigeons in the tower for some time, but over the summer, James Robinson launched 'Project Pigeons Out.' He and his partner Michelle took every single pigeon out of the tower, and with Andrew, netted all the louvres and windows. Andrew then took up the challenge of improving the access to the tower, and – after clearing out a lot of junk and replacing various ladders – it's now possible to access the top of the tower without risking life or limb (but we do insist he wears a safety harness to do so).

Another 'big ticket item' in the Summer was the front steps. For many years, Andrew and others had been repairing the slabs when they came off, and finally, the steps had crumbled away so that it was impossible to repair them. Deciding to re-do them was one of the fastest PCC decisions I have ever seen! This was a significant spend but did uncover the root of the crumbling steps and the occasional terrible smell that hung around the front

doors – a broken drain. Many people have commented on how good the steps now look, and as an added bonus, they haven't needed gritting this winter.

The other big Summer project was the redecoration of the upstairs rooms, as they were going to be used on a permanent basis by Gateway. Ali and her trustees spent a long time working out the best furniture to ensure that the rooms could be used at the evening and weekends by the church, and having the walls and ceilings painted, and the carpets cleaned, has made a huge difference – if you haven't been up there for a while, I encourage you to do so.

At the time of writing, work has just started on a project that has been in the pipeline for nearly 5 years – the refurbishment of the Oasis Room. While I know this is disruptive, we've already seen the fruits of last year's disruption, and I'm looking forward to seeing the finished result.

I am incredibly grateful particularly to Andrew for all that he has done around the building, and for the PCC for supporting us in some difficult decisions over the past year.

Teaching Team

Mark Pickett

Consisting of those who lead and preach at our services, the teaching team have met regularly this year to create, shape, and evaluate our public worship. A particular challenge as we have returned to in person worship has been to continue to engage our online congregation. Our priority, however, will always be our gathered congregation in the building.

Our main Sunday service has a flexible pattern

First, we do family: engaging all the generations in praise, worship, and learning. Secondly, we do faith: this would include testimonies, sharing from areas of church life, and interviews. Third we do Word: by reading and exploring Scripture. Fourth we do response: this takes many forms including sung worship, prayers, prayer ministry, creative take home activities, and just silence. In all this we seek to be open to change as we host both the congregation and sense the moving of God's Spirit.

In terms of teaching we prayerfully consider what God may want to teach us in the context in which we find ourselves. This year as we returned to public worship we explored the book of Ezra and the Israelites return to build the temple. As further restrictions eased we spent 8 weeks exploring the subject of connecting and our calling as the Church to the 5 marks of mission. Finally, exploring some of the less famous characters in the book of Acts, we are being challenged how we can share the Good News of Jesus in our own lives.

We are so blessed to have such a creative teaching team who not only contribute to our two Sunday services, but also to our mid-week service on a Wednesday. This is a lovely, growing congregation ably assisted in worship by James our organist. Following the lectionary readings, this weekly communion service is an oasis in the middle of a week and one which I would encourage you to join.

Children and Families

Helen Potts

Once again it's been a roller coaster of a year! The constant change in restrictions was physically and emotionally draining, but there is so much to celebrate and be grateful for. I am so grateful for the blessing of my church family and staff team who have encouraged and supported me this last year. A special thank you to the people who have been part of the team ministering with me this year. Without your help none of this would happen! You are God's special agents and have said yes to his call to be missional. Thank you so much , you know who you are! You constantly offer your little to God and he turns it into a feast.

Baby Fishes and Little Fishes continues to grow and thrive. It fills my heart with joy to welcome around 50 families every Monday. We continue to ask God how we can share his love and good news with these families. We listen to their stories, remember their stories, we pray, we invite them to other events, we celebrate Easter and Christmas. In November we started Soul Food on a Thursday morning, a space to come and talk about faith and to be prayed for. It has started slowly and gently, but feels that God is there in its midst.

I heard the following quote at a conference recently, 'If you want to change the world, start a toddler group!' This is our vision!

Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers is a wonderful place to be on a Sunday morning. After a time of intergenerational worship and sharing with their St. James' family, the children then move to their age appropriate teaching, where they can explore the weeks teaching with games, play, discussion, art and other activities. It is such an honour to be with the children as they listen to God and share what God is saying with each other, then pray for each. I love learning from the children. Their faith inspires me!

Intergenerational Worship allows all of us as a church family to grow, serve and worship together. It creates a space where each of us can learn from the others, whatever our ages. On a Sunday morning we have tried to allow space for this to happen, thinking about song choices, being creative in how we present Bible readings, including talking points and discussion times.

Forest Church continues to provide a much appreciated space for family faith, which is key to the discipleship of our children. It is also a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational worship, as families plan and lead different activities and children are free to grab the microphone and share what God is teaching them. The friendly, informal feel to Forest Church allows us to invite community families to join us. God's creation draws us close to God and each other. We are all so grateful for the opportunity to meet once a month and to God for how he blesses us.

Rockin is thriving, led by an amazing team. I am so grateful for the team that have sacrificially served over the last year. Connections with families have never been so strong and numbers are growing. The children love the acceptance and love they get at Rockin and are keen to invite their friends along too.

St James School continue to offer me opportunities to share God's love by supporting the teachers, the children and their families. Throughout Covid restrictions it has been great to support and encourage them whenever I could, with video assemblies, outdoor activities, family visits and carefully planned 1:1 sessions.

Since September it has been wonderful to be with the children as I lead assemblies, to be able to chat to them during playtimes and to once again welcome them to church for special services and for their Nativity play.

I'm so happy Bible Diggers has restarted and with nearly 30 enthusiastic children coming each week. We now alternate Bible Diggers with a club more suitable for Y5 and Y6, called Excavate, we drink hot chocolate and talk about Jesus. Wonderful! Another opportunity has been an emotional well-being lunchtime group, to support children struggling with worries and anxieties.

In a few weeks time I'm looking forward to setting up an Easter prayer space for the school, either indoors or outdoors. So exciting!

So much to celebrate and thank God for.

St James School Governors

Mark Clayton, Chair of Governors

This year has witnessed a gradual return to school life as we once knew it. Children were keen to be back with their friends and teachers and the staff and school welcomed each and every one of them back with open arms. I'm sure many parents were also pleased to see the children back in school full time! All the staff and children have worked tremendously hard to catch up on lost time but their tenacity and enthusiasm is ensuring they are learning and developing better than ever. My thanks, on behalf of all the governors, to the staff who have worked so tirelessly during the pandemic, to the parents for their ongoing support and, of course, to our amazing children who will value so much.

We sadly said goodbye to our head teacher, Fiona Pattison as she retired from her post at Christmas. We wish her and her family well as she embarks on this new stage in her life. We know that the St. James family will remain in her thoughts and prayers and that we will all have many happy memories of her time within our family.

We are in the process of recruiting our next head teacher and in the midst of developing some wonderful new buildings to take our school forward. Exciting times ahead so please keep us in your prayers.

Mark Clayton, Chair of Governors.
March 2022

St James Youth

Lucy Skelton

With restrictions lifting and being able to do more in person work, the youth ministry has had the ability to really start to take shape. The youth team and I have been running various activities all designed to meet one of the 3 steps (Connecting, changing, transforming) and we have added a fourth step (engaging) as we felt that we needed a step between changing and transforming which allows young people to have a go at serving and being part of a transforming community. The aim is to have young people connect through connecting activities which are safe and gentle, then for them to gradually move through to a changing activity then take up an engaging activity and finally begin serving as part of the wider church community.

Connecting Activities:

Friday Funday Club (FFC) - Fridays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, School years 7-11(6 after Easter) - FFC started last April as soon as the national youth agency gave the green light for in person activities to start back after the lockdown. We now have over 40 young people (mainly year 7s) who attend each week. They enjoy sports, table sports, games consoles, crafts, big group games and a 15-20 minute together time where we look at a theme or big question which has been selected by them.

H**omework club, Wednesdays, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Youth room, school years 7-11** – Home work club is a quiet, safe space for young people to come and be at after school. It is an opportunity to start homework, have some space to reflect on the day and talk if they need to. We hand out almost 30 free hot chocolates each week and have around 15 who stay for the whole time. I find opportunity to talk to them about Jesus, faith and life as we sit and spend time together.

Changing activities.

Rockin Youth, Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm, school years 7-11 (6 after Easter) – Rockin youth is a step 1 of changing activities. The aim is to offer young people an opportunity to ask questions and explore what it means to be a Christian. At the end of the last school year we had a reasonably large group attending, however we lost quite a lot of them when they started secondary school. We have recently only had 2-5 young people and so have decided to pause Rockin Youth until after Easter when we will have the year 6s moving up.

412, Wednesdays 7pm-9pm, school years 7-13 – 412 is our step 2 changing group, this is a place for young people who have their own faith or who are wanting to go further with their understanding of Jesus. At 412 we have a time of worship (sometimes the youth lead this live), teaching/discussion, prayer time including praying for each other and time to play games and have fellowship. This year we have had on average around 10-14 attending most weeks. 412 tends to follow the Bible passage from the Sunday morning service prior.

Engaging activities:

Youth worship team – The youth worship team is open to all young people who love Jesus. If they already have a skill in an instrument or singing that is great but we don't set a standard for joining. Youth worship team has gone from being a small group to a large group, the ones who this time last year were only tiptoeing in the shallow end, now lead the group and encourage the new members to have a go, to not feel nervous and help them to feel like they belong.

Currently I am giving drum lessons to 4 young people, helping 2 to learn to play the guitar and have given some basic instructions to another on how to play the bass. We have just discussed with Helen about allowing children from Kingdom kids in school years 5 and 6 to join if they already have an instrument they play or if they can sing. It is such a beautiful thing to be part of, watching young people encourage each other, lead each other and help each other grow in their faith, confidence and understanding of musical worship.

Young Leaders – Young leaders is an opportunity for the young people to learn to lead others. They mainly help on a Friday evening at Youth club, the organize games, the register, tuck shop and lots of other things. They are developing their managerial, people and organizational skills all while being part of the youth team. They are so committed and work so hard! I have no age limit to be a young leader and I allow them to start being a young leader from school year 7. However, I do have other criteria. To be a young leader they need to attend Tuesday or Wednesday evening groups so that I know they are getting input and having time to be a young person rather than leading. I also have to feel they are responsible, reliable and capable of being in a position of authority without them becoming an authoritarian. They are given non-formal supervisions where we discuss how they are doing and sometimes have to think about how they might do something different next time.

Transforming – The aim is once a young person has reached the engaging stage even if they don't become a young leader or join the youth worship team, that they will be encouraged and supported to begin serving in the wider church community. The young leader scheme helps me to identify areas that would suit them but is not essential to be able to give them roles. We have at least one young person who serves Helen with Kingdom kids as he has shown a gift for working with under 5s.

Other work:

Schools: - I have been running 3 lunch clubs since December. 2 that happen on a Wednesday at Ribblesdale and one that happens at Bowland High. These are called 'Connect Club' and are a safe space for young people to come and be at lunch time. I take in free drinks and snacks as well as games, colouring and simple crafts. These are spaces for me to do more connection work and invite the young people to our other activities.
I have also carried out some training with students at Ribblesdale who are wellbeing leaders, we talked about how to support other students who may be finding things difficult.

Ribble Valley Youth(RVY) – RVY has continued this year, we did some detached sessions in the castle grounds during the summer months, we have had a bi-weekly online gaming week during the winter and held 3 very successful youth gatherings.

Abide Bitesize Youth event – In January the Diocese Board of Education held a small youth event at the church ad we invited the young people from all the church based activities. We had over 40 young people at it. It was a fantastic event and the young people had a really great evening of worship (led by our youth worship team), teaching and discussion, prayer response and games. This was a warm up event in preparation for the big event at the end of March which we are planning on attending.

Youth team: The youth team has grown this year, however we still really need more people to join the team so that we can not only reach more young people but so we can do so more effectively. 5 of the youth team went away to the National Youth Ministry Weekend in November and gained some much from it.

It has been an amazing year with so many things starting up and so many young people being in touch with the church each week. On average over 100 each week come to at least one of the groups either in the church, at a school or through RVY. Thank you for all your support whether it be financial, prayer or in-person which has meant we have been able to do so much.

CAP

Graham Haldane

CAP services returned to face-to-face delivery in mid-2021, initially meeting clients at St James' Church, where it was easier to ensure social distancing, and eventually back to visiting clients in their own homes. Client numbers are beginning to pick up again nationally and locally, but with a trend towards a higher proportion of debts arising from arrears on priority bills (rather than credit cards, loans etc).A higher proportion of clients also seem to have mental health issues contributing to their ability to handle their finances. We saw 13 new clients in 2021 and saw 2 clients go debt free during the year, with others on track either on long-term repayments plans or awaiting insolvency.

CAP Money continues to be a really useful resource. We ran 5 CAP Money courses during 2021 - two public and three with rehabilitation charities (Recycling Lives and Elisha House). Graham has also been involved in a project redeveloping the CAP Money course to be fit for the future.

In November 2021, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the CAP Clitheroe Debt Centre with a CAP Celebration Sunday service and a lunch for volunteers, clients and referrers. It was really great to acknowledge all those helped in some way over those ten years, signified by the 164 paper figures hanging on strings across the church. We were struggling with having enough befrienders, but after an appeal a significant number of new people came forward, for which I am really grateful. We had a team training day and lunch together in January 2022, and the new befrienders are already proving invaluable, resourceful and very caring to clients.

Worship

Jonathan Berry

In some ways it has been challenging year for the worship team. COVID yet again played a significant role in shaping the worship team's capacity and work. Despite this, a lot has happened as the year has progressed. I would like to note that:

- It has been great to see the team recover after COVID as new members join, and old members return. I am so grateful for the faithful ministry of everyone in the team.
- Jenna Potts' leadership has been a particular blessing this year for both myself and the church.
- I am delighted that Dan Finn has agreed to join the team as a worship leader. Dan is setting up the house of prayer at Turret House and brings with him a wealth of experience in musical and spiritual leadership.
- I really hope to kick start more team building and training this year. I'm excited about the prospect of engaging with other churches across Lancashire as we do this.
- From a resourcing perspective, we're especially praying for more bassists and guitarists.
- During this past year I have been reminded of the power of corporate worship. I believe worship is fuel for the church. Our love for God powers everything that we do. The more we worship together, the more energy and capacity we have to do God's work.

Pastoral Care

Peter Williams

Pastoral work at St James is a multi-layered thing, in which we seek to keep people connected, and to support those in need in either physical, spiritual or emotional ways.
Much of this work happens through the small group network, where relationships are strong, and loving and caring for one another happens regularly and practically. Problems that arise can be channelled to the right person – for example clergy, or counselling support.
In addition to this, we have a brilliant team of pastoral workers who strive, mainly, to be the eyes and ears of the church, spotting needs, supporting in a variety of ways, and keeping people connected. Again this team can signpost people to the right source of help and support. Through this process we have fed those in times of difficulty, ministered to the dying, shopped for the injured, talked to the lonely, transported to medical appointments, and generally tried to be Jesus to those in our Church Family.

Although it has been difficult with Covid, many house visits for conversation, prayer and communion have been undertaken (including three rounds of gifts to older, isolating or vulnerable members) and we continue to do this and hopefully re-embed it in our routines as normality resumes. We visit three care homes to take communion to the house bound.
We have undertaken two "sweeps" of all those whom we know to have a connection with our church, and ensured that in some way, everyone has maintained a connection – or we have checked in with them to see where they were up to.

Three members of our pastoral group have answered God's call to undertake the Pastoral Elective training element offered by the diocese to widen their understanding and further enhance their gifting in this part of serving God.

Thanks to all those who have been any part of this over the past year. You are doing God's work: he who, through Paul, said, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God." (Acts 20v28)

Discipleship

Ruth Haldane

Discipleship during the 2021 has been all about rising above our circumstances, growing in our love for God, in our everyday faith and prayer life, and being missional in every aspect of our lives.

What does this look like in St James? Our discipleship links with our themes of connecting-changing-transforming. In 2021 the discipleship focus was on growth in small groups, which continued to meet live and online with 3 running during the day, and the rest in the evenings. During Covid19 small groups became a lifeline to their members, with zoom meetings, support and care being so important. The small group leaders met together regularly to pray, discuss plans for the year ahead and share together – coordinated by Ali Groves.

In 2021 the focus for the team was to launch whole church discipleship in 2022 – discipleship which is accessible for all learning styles – using the huge store of resources which is now available, online, in books, podcasts, blogs and courses. And so from January 2022 everyone, including all small groups, was encouraged to focus on mission, equipping and enabling us to be missional where we are, in the communities around us. Alongside this we provided a range of resources, both online and 'live' which are available for us all to use.

Della Pickett has continued to lead the mentoring team, providing mentoring to anyone who would like to grow and develop in a specific area of their faith.

One 'live' and one online DNA course has been offered to those new to St James. Alpha continues to run, with another planned for summer 2022. Mark led 4 Sunday night sessions entitled 'Thinking Space', which proved to be an excellent forum for discussing all the issues around gay marriage and giving each person the space to discuss and make their own minds up. It is hoped to have more 'Thinking Space' series in the future, discussing challenging subjects we all face in the everyday.

I look forward to the next 12 months!

Outreach

Naomi Lynas

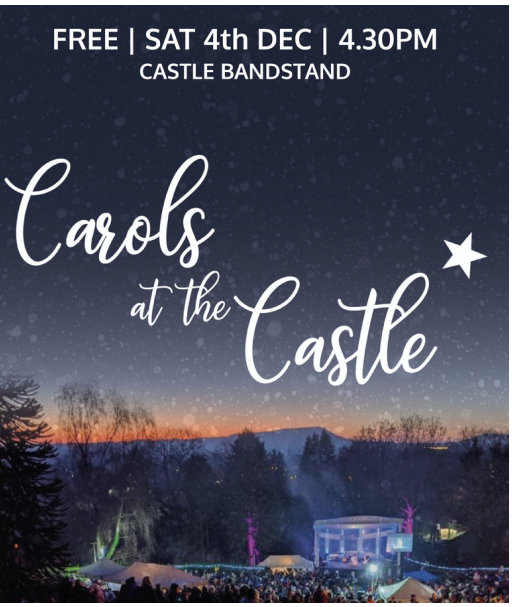
Throughout 2021, we continued with our 'Doorstep evangelism' projects. On Valentine's Day, we distributed 100s of Valentines Chocolates, with a message of Love and Kindness. For Easter, we provided postcards and encouraged people to give their own gift or message – some people did daffodils, some did biscuits or Easter eggs, and some lucky neighbours received bottles of wine.

We followed this up at Christmas with 'At the Heart of Christmas' boxes, again using wooden baubles from last year, chocolate hearts and little gifts, as well as an invitation to our Christmas services. We all know how the Omicron variant affected Christmas, and it affected our services as well.

One of the Outreach highlights of last year was Carols at the Castle, and for many of us, this was the first big event we'd been involved in since March 2020. Despite the rain, it was wonderful to see so many people from our wider community having an opportunity to engage with the gospel.

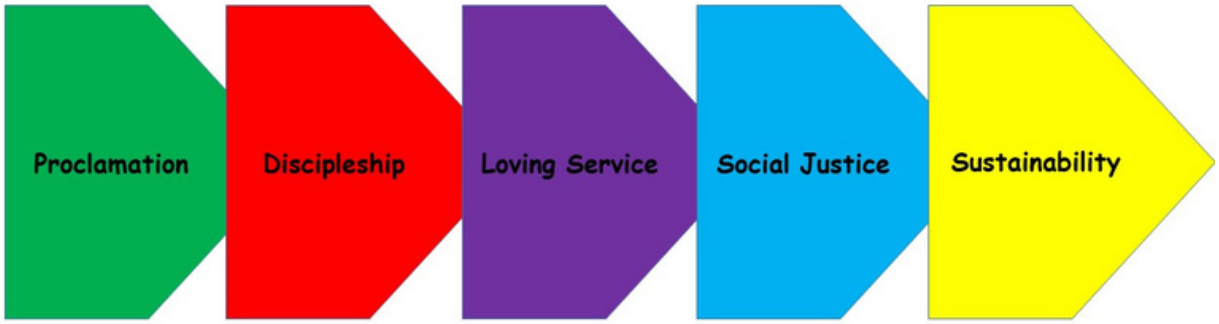
We also had 2 Alpha groups complete the Alpha course last year. This has not only created a new small group with people who have come to faith through Alpha, but has also given an opportunity for new leaders to step up – all of whom have found it to be an enriching spiritual experience.

Planning is already underway for our 2022 events, but an event can only do so much. Real evangelism happens through connections, relationships and a true encounter with Jesus. That's where the real opportunities lie.



Social Justice

Graham Haldane



The restructuring of the St James' leadership team gave an opportunity to review responsibilities and introduce a 'Social Justice' ministry area. The aim is to pick up on social justice and creation care issues, which we felt were areas of the 'Five Marks of Mission' which we were weaker in addressing.

A Social Justice Group (SJSJ) was formed in April 2021, which set some initial priorities. With the COP26 climate summit on the horizon, setting a target to gain 'Eco Church' accreditation was an early priority and we achieved this in October 2021. That month was a busy one, with a Climate Sunday service and helping to host the Camino to COP walkers who were passing through Clitheroe on their long walk to Glasgow.

We've also signed up as a church to 'Creation Care' a companion scheme for families/households.So far 6 households have achieved at least a Bronze Award, and we do encourage many more to get involved (https://creationcare.org.uk/). We've added support for A Rocha, the charity who manage both the Eco Church scheme, to our Mission Tithe commitments.

In August, we ran our first 'Eco Church Workshop', with several families enjoying making the churchyard more wildlife friendly, through putting up bird boxes and bat boxes, planting wildflowers, creating a bug hotel, and also creating a number of outdoor prayer stations.

Our aims for 2022 include, e.g.: holding further Eco Church Workshops, aiming to raise our award status to Silver, encouraging more families to join the Creation Care scheme, reviewing what more we can do as a church and individuals to support Fairtrade, and ongoing support for Christian Aid, Tearfund and refugees. Anyone else interested in these or related areas is welcome to join the Social Justice Group.

Kings Highway Partnership

Graham Haldane

It is now two years since a team from St James' Church last visited our partner family, King's Highway Church (KHC), in Eldoret, Kenya, but the partnership continues to develop and grow in strength. Julia and Mark Dyer are visiting Eldoret at the end of March, and we are hoping that some of the KHC leaders may be able to visit Clitheroe later in 2022.

We have, however, still being trying to maintain our links with KHC. The most significant way has been through holding joint online prayer meetings via Zoom. We joined KHC for their month of prayer in January, and then every month on a Sunday afternoon. Technology can still sometimes be a problem, but it's so amazing being able to join together to worship and to pray.

In our fundraising, we have shifted from a business start-up fund to creating a Youth Training Fund. This is helping to finance several young people each year to go to college or train for an apprenticeship. Funds have been raised in various ways, including gift sales at Christmas, a sponsored walk/cycle and a sponsored run (in early 2022). St James's School also held a 'Dancethon' in Feb 2022 to raise money for school books and equipment for King's Highway School.

Earlier in 2022, Christian Aid week had a theme of linking poverty with climate change, and local supporters organised a 'virtual walk to Kenya'. A group from St James, several of whom had been to Eldoret previously, contributed 1616 kilometres to the total.

Individuals and small groups in the two congregations continue to be in contact regularly, and we hope that Mark and Julia will be able to bring us back information on how some of the KHC groups are going.

St James' Church
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131419

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

for

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Bennett Kirkhope Smith
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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe is registered with the Charity Commission as the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James', Clitheroe.

Background

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev'd Mark Pickett in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St James', St James' Street, Clitheroe. It has responsibility in the employment of an Operations Manager, Youth Minister, a Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager, a Children's and Family worker. Finally, it has an important role to play in the support of St James C of E Primary School.

STRATEGIC REPORT

A full review and strategic report of St James' can be found below in conjunction with the Annual Reports to the APCM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main aim of the charity is promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, with an emphasis on the following:-

- Education/Training
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
- Overseas Aid/Famine Relief
- Religious Activities

These objectives are realised by making grants to organisations, providing buildings/facilities and open spaces, and providing services to communities at home and aboard. The measurement of the success of meeting these aims is provided by the responses from the recipients of our charitable grants and services, as well as through financial performance figures for grantmaking, donations and expenditure of the PCC through charitable activities.

All charitable activities that take place are for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

A full review of all the activities at St James' can be found in the Annual Reports to the APCM.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2021 the electoral roll membership stood at 214.

We have adopted Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 373 on that system with another 165 children.

Context and Review of the Year

The Covid Pandemic has again affected this year's ministry. However, a creative and committed body of volunteers and paid staff have ensured continued worship and outreach to our community. The return to in person worship was slow and we are experiencing around 25% less attendance on a Sunday in terms of the Sunday count. However, online engagement remains high, around 140 views. Although this is down on last year.

Forest Church has been a new initiative this year. Meeting in our schools eco zone, this has been aimed at families and encouraged them to explore faith together.

Teaching Schedules have included:-
- A series on Ezra focusing on return and building
- A series on Ephesians
- A series on the 5 marks of mission
- A series on the lesser characters in the Acts of the Apostles with the focus on personal faith sharing

Around 100 people are attached to some form of smaller discipleship groups and these have continued to meet on Zoom and in person when restrictions were eased.

A new Pastoral Care team was formed during the year and continues to keep in touch with those who are isolating, practically support those that need it, and care for those in times of trouble. A particular focus has been to identify and then contact those who may have disengaged over the pandemic. We seek to check in with people rather than check up on them.

Outreach to our community has continued:
Little and Baby Fishes, a mums and tots group has expanded this year, not just in terms of numbers but in terms of faith sharing. Soul Food, a time to explore faith, has been built alongside this group and is slowly developing.
Our Youth provision in the community now includes a homework drop in club and a Friday evening youth club, both well attended. The Youth Minister now spends time each week in two local secondary schools.
We have built on our Christmas comfort and joy give away from last year and Church families distributed 1000 Christmas packs, containing a Christmas message a decoration and invitation to their neighbours and streets, followed up by a similar gift on Valentine's day celebrating God's love and will be followed up by a further distribution of boxes of living hope at Easter.

Our partnership with our primary school has continued although in a very different fashion this year.

Two alpha groups have taken place over zoom this year and these have been wonderfully effective.

We continue to partner mission at home and abroad with our mission tithe and our partnership with Kings Highway Church in Eldoret although curtailed has continued.

Our CAP centre manager continues to help clients who find themselves in debt. After a quiet year, we are now seeing more people get in contact and we now have a good number of trained and supported befrienders to come alongside those who contact us through CAP. The CAP money course continues to be of benefit and we took the youth version of the course into a local secondary school this year.

Current staff members employed directly by the PCC:-

Helen Potts	Full time Children and Family Worker

Naomi Lynas	Full time Operations Manager
Lucy Skelton	Full time Youth Minister
Graham Haldane	Part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager
Sue Clark	Part time Office Assistant
David	Part time Cleaner

FINANCIAL REVIEW
At the end of 2021 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £554,934, with a separate net gain on investments of £1,277. The principal sources of these funds are regular giving of £201,950 and fundraising of £160,610 from our members, and a legacy bequest of £72,813. Total expenditure was £302,999, leaving a net income surplus of £253,212.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £437,623 of which £204,447 are restricted funds and £233,176 are general funds.

There are no designated funds at the year end as the remaining balance of the Discretionary Fund has been released into the general fund.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES
The proposed budget for 2022 is a deficit budget, for a number of reasons, primarily:-
- The grant received for the Operations Manager post will end in March 2022
- The grant received for the Youth Minister was due to end in December 2021, but the PCC has been offered an additional £10,000 for 2 years to fund the Youth Minister role by the Lancaster Foundation
- The PCC has been given a £9,000 increase in it's Parish Share, which needs to be met. The biggest driving force in this is the Diocese's plan for growth; Blackburn is one of the few dioceses in the country which is expanding clergy numbers
- A 2.5% pay rise for all paid staff to offset against rising inflation rates was agreed by an independent sub-group of the PCC (Johnathan Frank, Debi Hardie, Mark Dowd and Mary Howarth)

The risk of lower income due to the Covid-19 pandemic and rising costs and a deficit budget is a decrease in the overall surplus, however reserves are high and there is no risk of not being a going concern for the future.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS
In terms of Capital Income, the PCC are moving towards using Legacies for Capital Projects such as the Oasis Room refurbishment. A legacy of £72,813 has been received in the year which will be tithed, and the remaining £65,532 will go towards Capital Projects, including the Oasis Room refurbishment.

The funds donated for Seedle's Yard are also ringfenced. The total funds available for Seedle's Yard stand at £197,625. This will almost exactly cover the purchase and the legal fees associated with this, two be expended in the coming year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees of the PCC are appointed and

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference:-

Vision and Alignment Team
- To have a big picture view of where God may be leading us
- To bring possible areas to develop to the Leadership Team
- To ensure that ministry aligns with the current vision

Leadership Team
- To ensure implementation of vision in each ministry area. (Including determining and modifying strategy)
- To set strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Church Administrator and Development Officer in the carrying out of work to the building
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including the envelope scheme, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Teaching Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 5 times during the year and mostly on Zoom. Minutes or written or verbal reports of meetings or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
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Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. New members are trained for the position by outgoing Trustee and currently elected members, or are already highly skilled with several years experience.

Incumbent	Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC during the year:-

Wardens	K Potts (Resigned 31.03.2021) M Howarth A Stevens (Appointed 01.04.2021)
Deanery Synod	R Haldane (ALM)
Elected members	J White D Pickett (Resigned 31.03.2021) M Dyer (Resigned 31.03.2021) J Pellet (Resigned 31.03.2021) R Haldane (Resigned 31.03.2021) H Potts G Haldane E Wood N Shelley S Clark J Frank (hon. Treasurer) N Allen M Dowd N Lynas (Appointed 01.04.2021) L Skelton (Appointed 01.04.2021) A Groves (Appointed 01.04.2021) P Williams (Appointed 01.04.2021) D Hardie (Appointed 01.04.2021)
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 20 Merrion Way Leeds West Yorkshire LS2 8NZ
Investment Advisers	The Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Diocesan Offices Clayton House Walker Office Park Blackburn BB1 2QE
Solicitors	Houldsworth Solicitors 4 Duck Street Clitheroe BB7 1LP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 Apr 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev'd M Pickett - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Alice Mary Smith
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Date: 27/09/2022

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	330,979	35,093	366,072	243,064
Charitable activities	4				
Directly relating to the work of the church		4,008	160,610	164,618	12,795
Grant		-	23,112	23,112	24,000
Investment income	3	1,132	-	1,132	1,452
Total		336,119	218,815	554,934	281,311
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Directly relating to the work of the church		277,087	25,912	302,999	282,808
Net gains on investments		1,277	-	1,277	1,906
NET INCOME		60,309	192,903	253,212	409
Transfers between funds	13	(11,544)	11,544	-	-
Net movement in funds		48,765	204,447	253,212	409
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		184,411	-	184,411	184,002
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		233,176	204,447	437,623	184,411

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	20,678	1,420	22,098	33,577
Investments	9	41,322	-	41,322	39,818
		62,000	1,420	63,420	73,395
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	15,556	-	15,556	18,294
Cash at bank		207,868	203,027	410,895	160,189
		223,424	203,027	426,451	178,483
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(11,825)	-	(11,825)	(10,305)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		211,599	203,027	414,626	168,178
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		273,599	204,447	478,046	241,573
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	12	(40,423)	-	(40,423)	(57,162)
NET ASSETS		233,176	204,447	437,623	184,411
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				233,176	184,411
Restricted funds				204,447	-
TOTAL FUNDS				437,623	184,411

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ....24/04/2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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M Pickett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	251,221	(9,176)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		251,221	(9,176)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,420)	(1,060)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(227)	(274)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	1,415
Interest received		28	240
Dividends received		1,104	1,212
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(515)	1,533
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		250,706	(7,643)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		160,189	167,832
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		410,895	160,189

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	253,212	409
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,899	13,547
Gain on investments	(1,277)	(1,906)
Interest received	(28)	(240)
Dividends received	(1,104)	(1,212)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(16,739)	(8,574)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,738	(3,133)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,520	(8,067)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	251,221	(9,176)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	160,189	250,706	410,895
	160,189	250,706	410,895
Total	160,189	250,706	410,895

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Covenanted Gifts	201,950	181,622
Other Donations	13,573	16,223
Bequests	72,813	-
Income Tax Recoverable	77,736	45,219
	366,072	243,064

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,104	1,212
Deposit account interest	28	240
	1,132	1,452

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Fees	Directly relating to the work of the church	423	430
Pastoral centre	Directly relating to the work of the church	2,978	980
Sundry income	Directly relating to the work of the church	161,217	11,385
Sundry income	Grant	612	-
Grants	Grant	22,500	24,000
		187,730	36,795

Government Grants

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants totalling £612 were received from the government in the year ending 31st December 2021. This was claimed to cover the wages of the PCC employed Cleaner during the Coronavirus lock down period.

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £
Directly relating to the work of the church	302,999

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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Three Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £23,455 in the year 2021. This included pension contributions of £1,876. Pension contributions by the PCC were £3,049.

Graham Haldane - Employed as a part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £8,270 in the year 2021.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £2,808 in the year 2020. This included pension contributions of £114.60. Pension contributions by the PCC were £200.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2021 as follows.

	£
Gifts	385
Heating Allowance	1,000
Phone/Broadband	970
Activities/Refreshments for Children	5,554
Payments to KHC	2,808
Books, Postage & Stationary	1,248
Mileage	1,027
Service Expenses	271
Repairs and Renewable Resources	743
Training & Development	399
Staff Catering	135
Other	555
	15,095

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	240,564	2,500	243,064
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	11,832	963	12,795
Grant	-	24,000	24,000
Investment income	1,452	-	1,452
Total	253,848	27,463	281,311
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	255,345	27,463	282,808
Net gains on investments	1,906	-	1,906

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	409	-	409
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	184,002	-	184,002
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	184,411	-	184,411

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2021	-	80,650	99,625	18,776	199,051
Additions	1,420	-	-	-	1,420
At 31 December 2021	1,420	80,650	99,625	18,776	200,471
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2021	-	80,649	67,110	17,715	165,474
Charge for year	-	-	12,379	520	12,899
At 31 December 2021	-	80,649	79,489	18,235	178,373
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2021	1,420	1	20,136	541	22,098
At 31 December 2020	-	1	32,515	1,061	33,577

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2021	39,818
Additions	227
Revaluations	1,277
At 31 December 2021	41,322
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2021	41,322
At 31 December 2020	39,818

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2021 is represented by:

	Unlisted investments
	£
Valuation in 2019 and prior years	11,375
Valuation in 2020	1,906
Valuation in 2021	1,278
Cost	26,763
	41,322

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	7,764	7,583
Prepayments	7,792	10,711
	15,556	18,294

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Other creditors	11,825	10,305

12. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Provisions	40,423	57,162

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12. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Quinennial	£
At 1 January 2020	28,219
Installation of Windows	(1,590)
Replacement of Steps & Ramp	(24,610)
Replace Carpet	(320)
Provision Expenditure	2,501
At 31 December 2021	4,200

Mission Payment	£
At 1 January 2020	19,751
TLG Monthly Donation	(900)
TLG Additional Donation	(400)
Giving from Mission tithe	(15,198)
Returned Gift	550
KHC Wifi donations	(840)
Mission Tithe Provision Expenditure	25,475
At 31 December 2021	28,439

Provision for CAP	£
At 1 January 2020	7,770
CAP Monthly Contribution	(4,080)
St Barth. PCC	(3,690)
CAP Provision Expenditure	7,700
At 31 December 2021	7,770

Provision for KHC	£
At 1 January 2020	1,422
KCH Expenses	1,408
At 31 December 2021	14

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated funds included in unrestricted funds are made up as follows -

Discretionary Fund	£
At 1 January 2020	4,819
Discretionary fund expenditure 2021	(1,160)
Release of designated funds to general funds	(3,659)
At 31 December 2021	0

Restricted Fund	
CAP Worker Donations	£
Lancaster Federation - CAP Worker	2,500
Paid as wages to CAP worker	(2,500)
Government Grants	
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - Cleaner	612.08
Paid as wages to Cleaner	(612.08)
Grants	
Lancaster Foundation - Youth Minister	15,000
Paid as wages to Youth Minister	(15,000)
Blackburn Diocesan - Operations Manager	7,500
Paid as wages to Operations Manager	(7,500)
	0

Government Grants, Grants and Donations received have all been raised for the assistance of paying staff wages and have been expended as such in the year, leaving no surplus restricted funds from these income streams in the year.

Capital Projects Fundraising	
2020 Income reclassified as restricted	5,294
Capital Projects Fundraising	107
Seedles Yard Fundraising	
2020 income reclassified as restricted	6,250
Seedles Yard Fundraising Gift Aid	32,593
Seedles Yard Fundraising	160,503
Seedles Yard Purchase advice	(300)
Seedles Yard Architectural Plans	(1,420)
Capitalisation of Architectural Plans	1,420
	204,447

Fundraising for the purposes of future general Capital expenditure projects, and for the purchase of land titled "Seedles Yard", with the intent of building a new community centre, have been undertaken in the year. £5,294 of fundraising from 2020 has been reclassified as being restricted for general Capital expenditure and £6,250 for the purchase of land.

A fee of £195,000 has been agreed for the purchase of the land and these funds are probable be expended in the next financial year.

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	201,950	181,622
Other Donations	13,573	16,223
Bequests	72,813	-
Income Tax Recoverable	77,736	45,219
	366,072	243,064
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,104	1,212
Deposit account interest	28	240
	1,132	1,452
Charitable activities		
Fees	423	430
Pastoral centre	2,978	980
Sundry income	161,829	11,385
Grants	22,500	24,000
	187,730	36,795
Total incoming resources	554,934	281,311
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	46,594	41,043
Insurance	2,633	2,643
Church maintenance	1,681	948
Upkeep of services	1,344	1,133
Diocesan quota	81,401	79,019
Clergy expenses	3,964	3,890
Administrator	3,049	2,857
Support costs	5,910	5,266
Youth & childrens workers	57,400	52,659
Operations Manager	27,817	28,302
Quinquennial	2,501	5,000
Mission	25,475	18,390
Youth ministry	4,822	2,406
Children's ministry	6,576	4,791
Discretionary	1,160	765
CAP Workers	8,270	8,108
CAP ministry	8,519	8,957
Seedles Yard Purchase Expenses	300	-
Motor Expenses	-	855
Carried forward	289,416	267,032

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	289,416	267,032
Clitheroe Pioneer Ministries	2,266	2,880
Catering	859	280
Discipleship	859	278
Administration Costs	6,994	9,929
Subscriptions	1,945	1,729
Independent Examiners Fee	660	680
	302,999	282,808
Total resources expended	302,999	282,808
Net income/(expenditure)	251,935	(1,497)

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES', CLITHEROE

England & Wales - Charity number 1131419

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131419

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

for

The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

Bennett Kirkhope Smith
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The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Background

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Rev'd Mark Pickett in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St James', St James' Street, Clitheroe. It has responsibility in the employment of an Operations Manager, Youth Minister, a Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager, a Children's and Family Minister and a part-time administrator. Finally, it has an important role to play in the support of St James C of E Primary School.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church Attendance

At the AGM in 2020 the electoral roll membership stood at 192.

We have adopted Church Suite as our church based management system and we have 317 on that system with another 100 children.

Much has changed this year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.
-PCC's have met on Zoom all year
-Church Services were suspended in March 2020, opened with social distancing from June to Sept, suspended again in October, opened over the Christmas period and suspended from Jan 11 to 14 March when we reopened with social distancing measures in place.
-Our 2020 AGM was postponed until the end of September.
-The annual October count was suspended.
-There has been no "normal" Sunday on which to base attendance figures.
-Sunday Services and some mid-week services have either been recorded and available on YouTube or live streamed from church.
-Viewing figures have remained high and stable during the year averaging around 250.

All charitable activities that have taken place have been for the benefit of the public and the wider community as a whole in conjunction with the Charity Commission's guidance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Charitable activities
Review of the Year

A full review of all the activities at St James' can be found in the Annual Reports to the APCM

Teaching Schedules have included
A series on calling
Studies in the Epistle of James
Two terms exploring the theme of Kingdom in Matthews Gospel

Small groups have continued to meet on Zoom and in person when restrictions were eased.

Outreach to our community has continued and we have made creative use of the ability to meet in bubbles or support groups in working with children, families and youth.

A priority this year has been pastoral care of those who had to isolate. A pastoral care team took responsibility for supporting around 70 more elderly in our congregation. This has included regular phone calls the giving out of around 60 plants over Christmas and members of the congregation writing and distributing cards for 5 weeks during the new year.

We have engaged in two new outreach initiatives this year. First in distributing over a thousand boxes of comfort and joy to those we live amongst. These contained a decoration, a Christian message and a Christingle kit. They were well received and were followed up by a similar gift on Valentines day celebrating God's love and will be followed up by a further distribution of boxes of living hope at Easter. This year has seen growth in outreach, engagement and care of our community.

Our partnership with our primary school has continued although in a very different fashion this year.

Three alpha groups have taken place over zoom this year and these have been wonderfully effective.

We continue to partner mission at home and abroad with our mission tithe and our partnership with Kings Highway Church in Eldoret although curtailed has continued.

Our CAP centre manager continues to help clients who find themselves in debt but there has not been much uptake for this during the year. Although there has been good and wide engagement with the CAP money courses that we have run. We have run two CAP money courses this year for members of the community.

Current staff members employed directly by the PCC

Helen Potts	full time Children and Family Minister
Naomi Lynas	full time Operations Manager
Lucy Skelton	full time Youth Minister
Graham Haldane	part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager
Sue Clark	part time Office Assistant
David	part time Cleaner

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of 2020 the total income received for the year into the PCC account was £281,311, with a separate net gain on investments of £1,906. Total expenditure was £282,808, leaving a net income surplus of £409.

The total reserves held in the surplus account at the end of the reporting period is £184,411 of which there are no restricted funds, but there are designated funds of £4,819 which have been separated for the purposes of the Discretionary Fund.

Reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate as an entity and meet any liabilities it may have, and to allow the PCC to continue in it's ongoing activities in spreading faith and worship within the local and wider community.

The PCC is being managed and administered as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The PCC operates through one committee with a number of teams that meet between full meetings of the PCC.

The Standing Committee, the only committee required by law has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

In order for the PCC to carry out its function of leadership, development and decision making a number of teams have been set up with the following terms of reference

Leadership Team
- To receive vision - directly from God and via others
- To distil and clarify vision
- To communicate vision so as to inspire others
-To ensure implementation of vision (Including determining and modifying strategy). Setting strategic, measurable and time quantifiable goals, and then monitoring progress

Fabric Team
- To oversee the day to day maintenance of the church buildings
- To work closely with the Operations Manager in the carrying out of work to the building.
- To ensure the work from the Quinquennial Inspection is carried out.
- To report to the PCC work needed, planned and completed.

Finance Team
- To oversee the finances of the church.
- To support the Treasurer in the setting of yearly budgets.
- To ensure the church is kept informed about Christian Stewardship including the envelope scheme, direct debit giving, legacies etc.
- To bring a financial report to each PCC meeting

Ministry Team
- To oversee the Worship Services at St James
- To monitor and evaluate the needs of the worshipping community
- To produce a termly teaching programme

Each team reports to the PCC where decisions are made.
The PCC has met 5 times but on Zoom during the year. Minutes or written or verbal reports of meetings or groups were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1131419

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Principal address
St James Church
St James Street
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 1HH

Trustees
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Incumbent Rev'd Mark Pickett Chairman

The following people have served on the PCC from April 2020

Wardens K Potts
M Howarth

Deanery Synod R Haldane

Elected members J White
D Pickett
M Dyer
J Pellet
R Haldane
H Potts
G Haldane
E Wood
N Shelley
S Clark
J Frank
N Allen
M Dowd

Independent Examiner
Alice Mary Smith
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd M Pickett - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parish Church of St James Clitheroe (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Alice Mary Smith
FCCA
Bennett Kirkhope Smith
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: 21 May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		240,564	2,500	243,064	315,786
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		11,832	963	12,795	7,741
Grant		-	24,000	24,000	6,750
Investment income	2	1,452	-	1,452	1,725
Total		253,848	27,463	281,311	332,002
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Directly relating to the work of the church		255,345	27,463	282,808	285,584
Net gains on investments		1,906	-	1,906	3,176
NET INCOME		409	-	409	49,594
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		184,002	-	184,002	134,408
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		184,411	-	184,411	184,002

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	33,577	-	33,577	47,479
Investments	6	39,818	-	39,818	37,638
		73,395	-	73,395	85,117
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	18,294	-	18,294	15,161
Cash at bank		160,189	-	160,189	167,832
		178,483	-	178,483	182,993
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(10,305)	-	(10,305)	(18,372)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		168,178	-	168,178	164,621
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		241,573	-	241,573	249,738
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	9	(57,162)	-	(57,162)	(65,736)
NET ASSETS		184,411	-	184,411	184,002
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				184,411	184,002
TOTAL FUNDS				184,411	184,002

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Pickett - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Church Equipment	-	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	15% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	Straight line over 3 years

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Geneal funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of the Church members.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,212	1,316
Deposit account interest	240	409
	1,452	1,725

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Three Trustees have been employed by the PCC within the year.

Helen Potts - Employed as a full time Children and Family Minister and was remunerated with a gross salary of £22,995 in the year 2020. This included pension contributions of £1,895.

Graham Haldane - Employed as a part time Christian Against Poverty Centre Manager and was remunerated with a gross salary of £8,108 in the year 2020.

Sue Clarke - Employed as a part time Office Assistant and was remunerated with a gross salary of £2,808 in the year 2020. This included pension contributions of £66.

Trustees' expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2020 as follows.

Gifts	182
Heating Allowance	1,000
Phone/Broadband	1,077
Activities/refreshments for children	2,546
Payments to KHC	26,121
Books, Postage & Stationary	589
Direct Travel Expenses	604
Other	777
	32,896

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	315,786	-	315,786
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	7,741	-	7,741
Grant	-	6,750	6,750
Investment income	1,725	-	1,725
Total	325,252	6,750	332,002

EXPENDITURE ON

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Directly relating to the work of the church	278,834	6,750	285,584
Net gains on investments	3,176	-	3,176
NET INCOME	49,594	-	49,594
Transfers between funds	13,164	(13,164)	-
Net movement in funds	62,758	(13,164)	49,594
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	121,244	13,164	134,408
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	184,002	-	184,002

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Church Equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2020	80,650	99,625	10,600	17,716	208,591
Additions	-	-	-	1,060	1,060
Disposals	-	-	(10,600)	-	(10,600)
At 31 December 2020	80,650	99,625	-	18,776	199,051
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2020	80,649	54,041	9,185	17,237	161,112
Charge for year	-	13,069	-	478	13,547
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(9,185)	-	(9,185)
At 31 December 2020	80,649	67,110	-	17,715	165,474
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2020	1	32,515	-	1,061	33,577
At 31 December 2019	1	45,584	1,415	479	47,479

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2020	37,638
Additions	274
Revaluations	1,906
At 31 December 2020	39,818
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	39,818
At 31 December 2019	37,638

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Income tax recoverable	7,583	4,714
Prepayments	10,711	10,447
	18,294	15,161

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Other creditors	10,305	18,372

9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Provisions	57,162	65,736

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	184,002	409	184,411
TOTAL FUNDS	184,002	409	184,411

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	253,848	(255,345)	1,906	409
Restricted funds				
Restricted	27,463	(27,463)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	281,311	(282,808)	1,906	409

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	121,244	49,594	13,164	184,002
Restricted funds				
Restricted	13,164	-	(13,164)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	134,408	49,594	-	184,002

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	325,252	(278,834)	3,176	49,594
Restricted funds				
Restricted	6,750	(6,750)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	332,002	(285,584)	3,176	49,594

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	121,244	50,003	13,164	184,411
Restricted funds				
Restricted	13,164	-	(13,164)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	134,408	50,003	-	184,411

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	579,100	(534,179)	5,082	50,003
Restricted funds				
Restricted	34,213	(34,213)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	613,313	(568,392)	5,082	50,003

Designated funds included in unrestricted funds are made up as follows -

	£
Discretionary fund 2019	5,584
Youth Ministry fund	1,577
Children's Ministry fund	1,180
Pioneer Ministry fund	4,823
Discretionary fund expenditure 2020	(765)
Youth Ministry fund undesignated	(1,577)
Children's Ministry fund undesignated	(1,180)
Pioneer Ministry fund undesignated	(7,823)
	4,819

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Covenanted Gifts	181,622	176,427
Other Donations	16,223	24,378
Bequests	-	70,050
Income Tax Recoverable	45,219	44,931
	243,064	315,786
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,212	1,316
Deposit account interest	240	409
	1,452	1,725
Charitable activities		
Fees	430	1,396
Pastoral centre	980	5,265
Sundry income	11,385	609
Minibus hire	-	471
Grants	24,000	6,750
	36,795	14,491
Total incoming resources	281,311	332,002
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Church running expenses	41,043	40,108
Insurance	2,643	2,700
Church maintenance	948	1,766
Upkeep of services	1,133	4,396
Diocesan quota	79,019	76,451
Clergy expenses	3,890	4,022
Administrator	2,857	342
Support costs	5,266	4,888
Youth & childrens workers	52,659	34,569
Operations Manager	28,302	25,173
Quinquennial	5,000	5,000
Mission	18,390	31,618
Youth ministry	2,406	2,288
Children's ministry	4,791	7,361
Discretionary	765	1,190
CAP Workers	8,108	8,108
CAP ministry	8,957	10,845
Carried forward	266,177	260,825

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	266,177	260,825
Motor Expenses	855	2,232
Clitheroe Pioneer Ministries	2,880	2,753
Catering	280	1,639
Discipleship	278	1,117
Administration Costs	9,929	14,349
Subscriptions	1,729	1,683
Independent Examiners Fee	680	986
	282,808	285,584
Total resources expended	282,808	285,584
Net (expenditure)/income	(1,497)	46,418

2020

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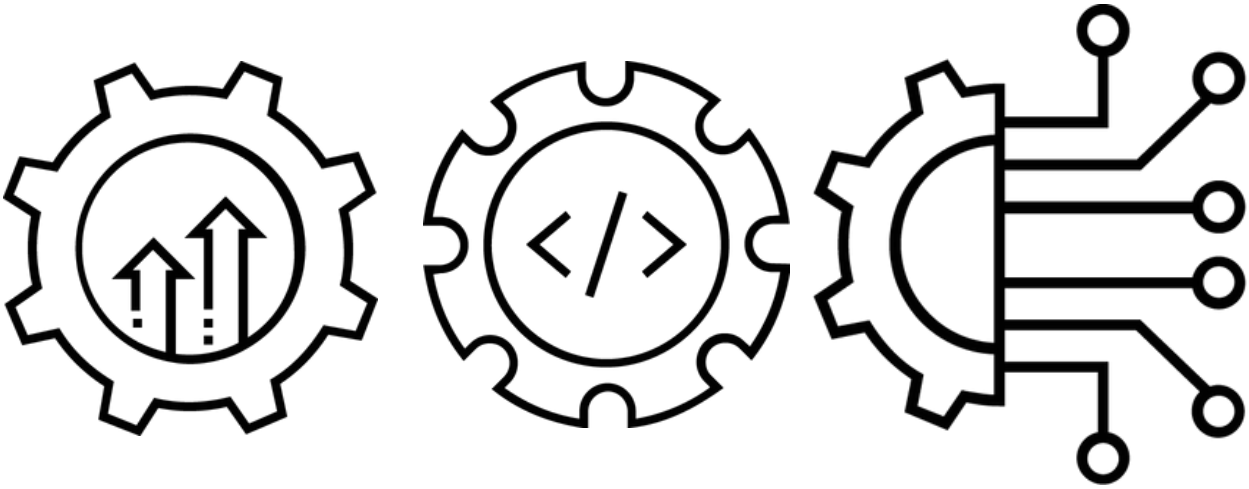

Foreword

2020 was certainly a year we'll never forget. As the building was closed for worship for the first time in hundreds of years, 'pivot' became a huge part of our vocabulary. Worship, teaching and fellowship moved online, and we all became familiar with YouTube and Zoom.

The year was not easy, but God has been faithful. In this annual report, we see again and again, stories and testimonies of God's faithfulness. We see how God has surprised us, encouraged us and strengthened us in this year of challenge. We see both the care and the creativity of the church family, and we sense God's hand upon us, shaping us through this unforgettable year.

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- Curate's Report
- Operations and Finance Report
- Children and Families
- Youth
- CAP
- Pastoral Care
- Small Groups
- AV Report

Rector's Report

Mark Pickett

Looking back on the last 8 months, three words spring to my mind.
The first is Generosity. In October, we communicated the need to raise our regular giving in order to continue on going ministry and your response was amazing. So much so that we were able to set a break even budget for 2021. Thank you so much. As if that wasn't enough, in January we shared the possibility of buying the builders yard next door to the church and have raised £175 K in additional funds for this. As we go to press with these reports I have arranged a further discussion with the vendor and will keep you posted on the outcome.
The second is Care. Throughout the pandemic a group of people have faithfully kept in contact with around 60 people that we identified as vulnerable and having to isolate.

In November we distributed a cream tea to every one of these 60 and then early this year we distributed plants followed later by cards written by another band of volunteers in the church. I know that this has been so appreciated and folk have often mentioned how it has made them still feel part of the church family. So again a massive thank you to everyone involved.

The third word is Mission. Ian has commented elsewhere that this pandemic has forced us to look outwards in mission. It has given us the opportunity to go out to others because we cannot ask them to come to us! This is always the way it should be. Our services are watched by people as far away as South Africa and Ian has written elsewhere how we are building our digital presence for mssion and discipleship.

I think we are on our fourth alpha group now. However, more exciting has been the way individuals have reached out to their local neighbourhood using the boxes of comfort and joy at Christmas, the valentine's chocolates and Easter cards. This easier way of giving opportunity for us to connect, build relationships and care for those we know will continue so that we will be ready to "give a reason for the hope that is in us."

But there is also a fourth word and that is Gratitude. I give thanks for our amazing, dedicated, creative staff team. I am honoured to work with our faithful, prayerful PCC. I am in awe of and grateful for all those who have sacrificially served in our tech team, worship groups and teaching team. I am immensely grateful to each and every one of you, who though different, have a common desire to know Jesus and make Him known. Finally I continue to thank God for calling me to this place and for His continued call to connect to Him, be changed by Him and to transform the community for Him.

Wardens Report

Mary Haworth

This past year for me has seen many changes - both physically and mentally. Isolation for 12+ months - no hugs, no meeting with people - and little connection with church - in other words, a new way of live and new challenges. I am sure it is the same for many of you.

However, God does not change. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever, and throughout this time, I have seen and felt his presence is different ways: a new hope to trust him for the future, to meet the challenges in different ways, and most of all, not to give up, because in the sadness, there have been many blessings.

I have seen massive changes in our church life. Who would have thought that in 12 months, most of us are worshipping through the Live Stream, meeting through Zoom, and keeping contact in other ways. Although I personally struggle with technology etc, I have been greatly blessed by our Sunday Services, as I know most of our congregation have been. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

As a church, we are moving forward, going deeper with God, being more dependent on him, and I want to encourage you all to be the person God wants you to be. Be who you are. Build your life on prayer, come to know God as your personal friend and saviour. Thank him for words of wisdom, for strength to face each new day, and for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Take time to be with God, praise him and give thanks. Time to be still and know that he is God. This is what matters: not the building, where we meet - yes we need to keep it in good repair, but God sees what is on our hearts, and calls us to follow him and have a relationship with him.

A massive 'Thank you' to everyone involved in St James: Leading, Preaching, Worship Groups, Small Groups, Teaching, Pastoral Care, Finance, DIY, Cleaning and maintaining the building.

To Naomi and the staff team, Mark, Ian and the lay ministers, the youth and children's

work team (you all know who you are), Graham and the CAP work, and a special thanks to the tech team for keeping us connected.

I'm really encouraged by our Youth Team getting more involved in general, through the technology, the worship band and sharing testimonies about what God is doing in their lives. Well done all of you, keep it coming!

Finally, a very special thank you to Keith Potts for all his hard work over the past 8 years. Thank you for your understanding, your wisdom and your spiritual support.

Many thanks to you all for the love, prayers and support you have given to Keith and myself over the past year. We could not have done it without you. We are family, working together.

As I rejoice and give thanks for all of you, let us encourage each other, as we prepare for the next chapter with great joy and excitement. God holds the keys to the future and he will show us which door to push. The foundation has been laid and is ready to build upon. This is a new start for his new people. Go forth with joy in your heats, giving thanks to him and being obedient to him. We have a great future ahead. I'm so excited!

Curate's Report

Ian Sarginson

The last 12 months of my curacy has been very different to how I imagined it. During my training there was no module on 'ministry in a global pandemic', but as challenging as it has been at times, it has been a time of great learning, that I am sure will help shape my ministry going forward.

As part of that learning and as a someone that is serving in an area of leadership, I was involved in forming the response to Covid-19 and the restrictions that it brought.

Due to safety and restrictions there have been various changes to how we worship and serve during the last year. One of the main ways that this has happened was in the suspension or restriction of 'in person' services.

When this happened we noticed that often more people were watching online than we were having in person. This will have been for a variety of reasons.

As a team we felt that it was important to respond to this and identified this and that there were many people engaging with our services, many of who we didn't know.

We decided to be intentional with our online presence and content to engage with people as much as possible. We sought to make our social media more interactive and create a variety of content to engage and inform as well as our worship services and content from individual minsitries.

We have done that through interviews, videos, questions, polls, short thoughts etc.

There has been an increase in engagement online and we have also got to know the identity of more of these previously 'hidden' congregation members.

It is our intention to continue to develop this area of our ministry, both in the current context and beyond.

Operations

Naomi Lynas

Like many of you, 2020 wasn't the easiest year. We started the year with big plans: at the end of February, I remember standing at the front of church talking about our financial challenges as we considered both the cost of the upgrades to the Oasis Room and the challenge of raising our regular income to cover our regular expenditure.

Then, Covid: school closures and lockdown. Those months homeschooling and trying to work full time were not easy! However, we saw our church family mobilised into action - ringing around, moving small groups to Zoom and embracing technology along with the rest of the world.

In many ways, coming out of the building has helped us to focus on what is important: keeping connected through relationship; deepening our understanding of God through discipleship; and looking at how we serve the needs of our community. Fully embracing digital church has made us more creative (and tested my video editing skills) and given us clarity around how we communicate. For me personally, leading an Alpha group was a huge highlight.

As we opened up the church building over the Summer, the words 'Risk Assessment' have been my most used phrase. Every time the legislation has updated, our procedures and risk assessments have to change as well.

In October, we had our month of prayer and fasting, which we called 'Beyond 2020.' This led into three focuses: a plan to increase regular giving by 20%; a plan to raise funds to purchase Seedle's Yard; and a review of our Leadership structure. Over November and December, we saw God's provision through his people as many in the congregation increased or started regular giving. In addition, we received notice in November of a legacy which would cover the proposed developments to the Oasis Room. Despite all the difficulties of this past year, we have seen that God is more than enough to supply all of our needs.

Finances Report

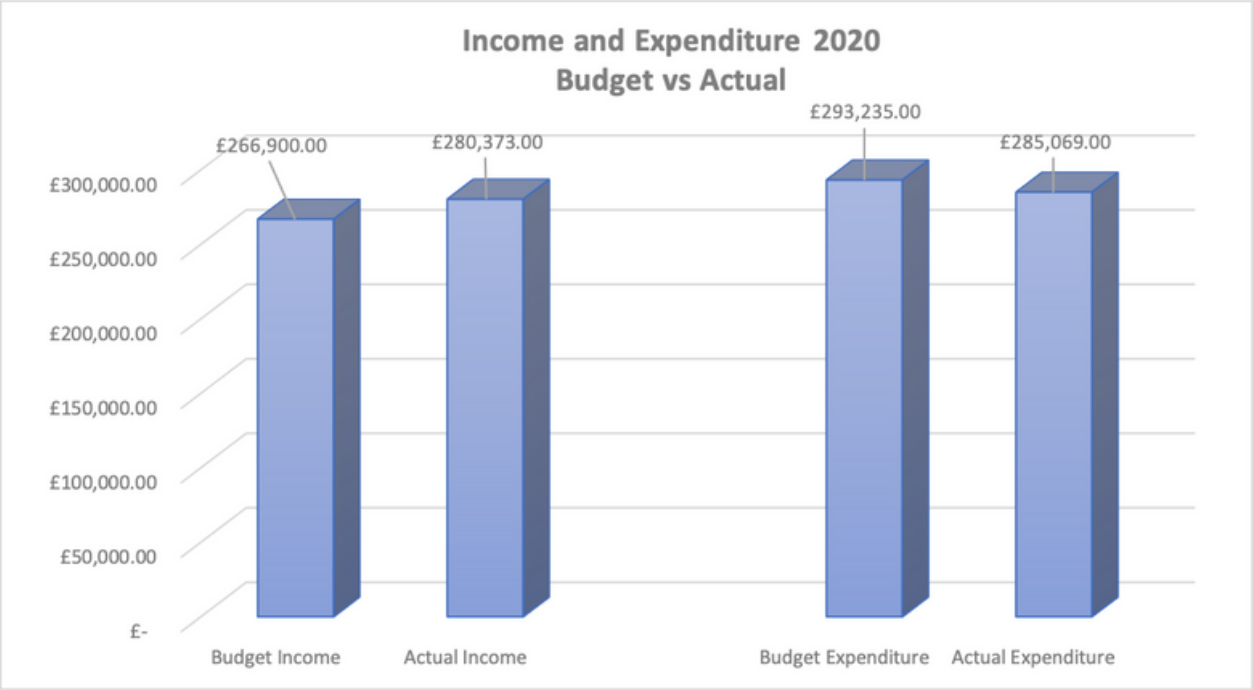
Naomi Lynas

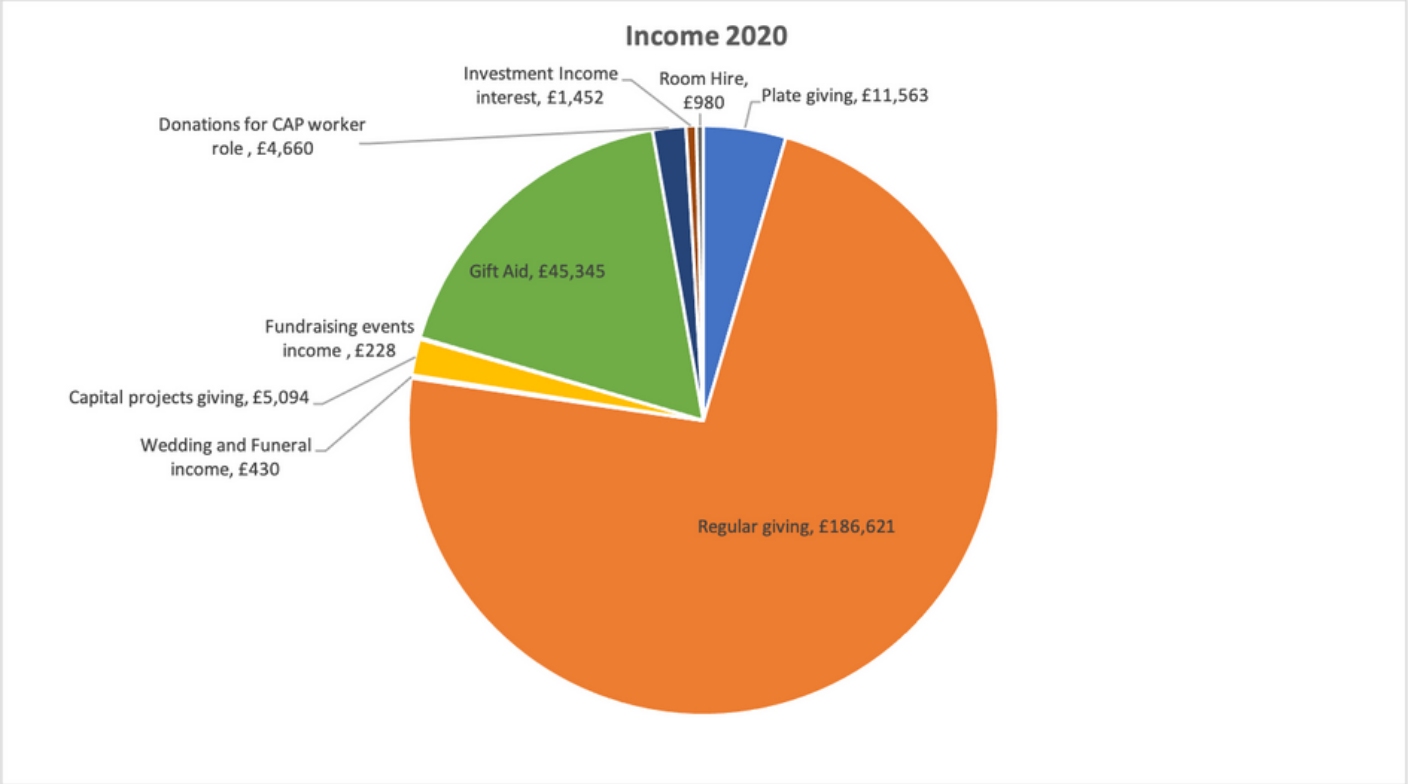
Like many organisations, we had no idea how the pandemic would affect our finances. We had some significant financial challenges at the beginning of 2020 and went into the year with a deficit budget, praying for God's provision.

Our regular giving stayed remarkably stable for the majority of the year, which was wonderful, and allowed us to continue employing staff while other churches were having to use the furlough system. Our plate giving and our room hire decreased, as our building was closed and services moved online.

As may be expected, some of our spending decreased: the obvious areas of savings were in catering and some events which couldn't go ahead, such as Mega Mondays, Love Clitheroe and Prayer Weeks. We did also furlough our cleaner, although we ensured that we 'topped up' his furlough pay so that he was always receiving his full salary despite being unable to work.

Some of the savings were re-allocated: Helen was able to purchase additional resources to help her set up Forest Church, and Lucy was able to use the underspend in the Youth Budget to give the Youth Room a make over and purchase resources for Youth Club. Nevertheless, our expenditure came in under budget.

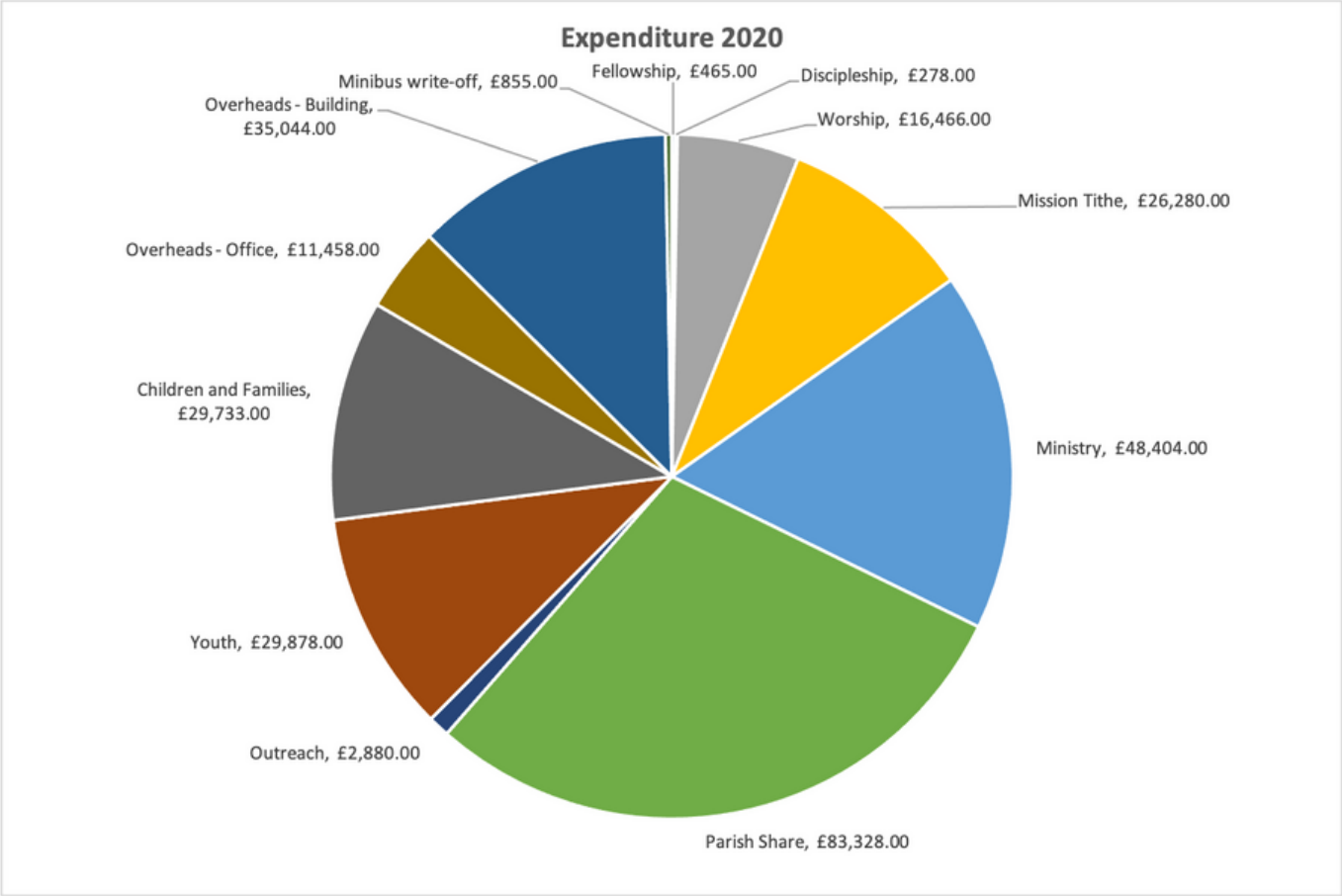




At the beginning of the year (pre-Covid), we set up a 'Capital Projects' cost centre. This was specifically for money given for capital projects such as the Oasis Room refurbishment. Following the Beyond 2020 month of prayer and fasting, we shared again our budget deficit and the need to increase our regular income by 20%. The congregation responded to this and regular giving did increase.

Our total income in 2020 was £280,373, against a budget of £266,900. You can see from the pie chart above that Regular Giving (annual total £186,621) and Gift Aid (£45,345) are our biggest sources of income, and this indicates a fairly healthy church, financially. £5,094 was given towards Capital Projects and this will be spent over 2021 on the refurbishment of the Oasis Room and the purchase of Seedle's Yard.

So despite the decrease in income from room hire, plate giving and events, we have seen an increase in regular giving which is wonderful.



Our expenditure (£285,069) was under budget, for the reasons explained above, and this led to a significantly reduced deficit: from a forecast deficit of £26,000, our actual deficit was £4,696. While this is great, in other ways, a deficit is still a deficit, and we aim to have a break-even budget for 2021.

Managing the budget, book keeping and reporting to the PCC every few months is a huge task, and this year, Jonathan Frank has come on board in the role of Treasurer. He brings real clarity and a sense of reassurance in his reports to the PCC. Sue Clark does the book keeping and the real leg-work of inputting all income and expenditure into Xero which takes several hours a week, and we are all incredibly grateful for the work of both Jonathan and Sue on the finance team.

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Children and Families

Helen Potts

It's been quite a year! A year full of challenges. Yet we know that challenges help us grow, help us rely on God more than ever and it certainly feels that this is the story of this last year. A year when everything has changed and nothing has stayed the same, yet a year full of God's generosity and blessing. In a year dominated by restrictions, it doesn't feel that this has stunted or stopped ministry, but rather it has created growth in many areas of this ministry.

Little Fishes could not meet until September, so connections were maintained with doorstep chats, where craft bags or blessing bags were delivered each week, in the summer there were a few picnics and then in September we were able to come back in the building in restricted numbers. This has led to the growth of the group to three sessions to allow as many as possible to come and so we find ourselves with 45 families coming along each week, instead of 20. We are always full and could fill another session. Families are so appreciative of the support and kindness shown, especially the new mum's who have given birth during lockdown. But now the challenge of how to

share the good news of Jesus, how to provide opportunities to ask faith questions and have faith conversations. We are hoping to start a morning mums group where this can happen. connecting with God.

Kingdom Kids and Families have not met in the building, but family faith has blossomed and grown. Early on the online services had many families doing faith together as they contributed to the online services. From last July we started meeting as Forest Church in the school eco zone, a congregation of families using God's creation to connect with God. This has supported and encouraged family faith as families talk about faith together, as they lead activities together.

Forest Church will hopefully develop into an outreach congregation for community families, where families can introduce other families to God.

Rockin has developed. The Rockin team are a stronger team than ever before, taking turns to lead activities and the essential bubbles creating teams where children feel supported and known. Team leaders doing a great job each week answering questions and praying with the children. Being Jesus models to the children. Over the last Lockdown leaders have all delivered weekly challenge bags to children and had doorstep chats to check on families. An amazing team.

School. Our connection has kept going, changing, but continuing. Although school has not had whole school assemblies, I have still had an amazing opportunity to produce a video assembly each week. It is obviously so much nicer to be in the hall with the wonderful children of St. James' school, but even so what an amazing opportunity, I have been wonderfully surprised by the number of parents who have watched these assemblies and enjoyed them!

TLG has continued with a couple of children, Jean French has been amazing coaching each week over the phone, building a wonderful relationship with one child and their family.

We were unable to put together an indoor prayer room at Easter, so we moved outside and created an outdoor sensory Eater prayer trail, that each class followed. We hope to repeat this for 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The wonderful thing was to know the children were using the prayer stations during playtimes.

Friday superheroes continued via video until July, but has not met back in the building. Friendships are maintained as most families connect with Rockin, or Little Fishes. At Christmas we dropped craft bags off to many of the families. Many joined in with The Mega Mondays Summer Challenge, following the treasure hunts each week.

As we move on, the question I keep asking God is, what do you want me to hold onto from this challenging time and what do you want me to let go of? Which strands shall I pick back up again and what do you want me to leave behind.

St James School Governors

Mark Clayton, Chair of Governors

I am sure every section in this year's church annual report will identify many challenges that that group has faced and that is certainly true of our amazing school. The staff have continued to work tirelessly both in school and at home to ensure the children are educated, developed, cared for and supported. They have cared for and supported children who have lost loved ones to this pandemic, who have seen parents lose jobs or face economic hardships, who have suffered periods of absence from their friends and school, who have struggled to learn and have had to adapt to new styles of learning, who have felt anxious and worried at times and who have, most heartbreakingly, lost a fellow pupil recently.

I have been lucky enough to be on the playground at the start or end of the day a few times recently and see smiling faces on the children, on the staff and (I think) under the masks of the parents and carers. I hope some of you saw the lovely story and photo of all the teddies in the school hall, lined up to greet and be given to each child on the reopening of school after the latest lockdown. The simple yet poignant message on the bears read St. James' School – Stronger Together.

St James Youth

Lucy Skelton

It has been a strange first year in post, not only have I had to work through all the normal things that come with starting a new one but of course in addition I have had the covid restrictions on top.

First half 2020:

We did two youth zooms weekly (one for younger youth and one for older youth), I also produced a video and downloadable content for the young people to use at home. We then discussed the content at our zoom groups. At first this was quite popular but as time went on the novelty began to wear off and the young people began to feel tired from home schooling. We moved to one zoom a week and continued to create videos and downloadable resources.

As summer approached the youth band were asked to record worship for a Sunday morning. This was a huge task, not only because a multi-track audio and video recording is a big job but also because some of the young people in the youth band I had not actually ever met! However, as they always do, the young people did a great job! This was the start of the youth band becoming a big part of the youth ministry at the church.

Over the summer the youth band were allowed to practise at church and they spent lots of time playing music together, learning new songs and developing their skills. We were also able to do outdoor youth work. So we arranged youth work sessions in the castle park. It was really nice to finally connect with the young people I had never met and those I had not had any contact with since my initial few weeks. Those young people who had continued with the zoom meetings also felt a great sense of joy being able to see each other in the flesh.

Second Half 2020:
Face to face youth work was allowed at the church. So Tuesday and Wednesday evening discipleship groups began. Unfortunately, Sunday morning youth group has not been able to happen since lockdown 1. Youth band has continued to grow. Meeting weekly for 2 hours. They learn to set up and pack down, techy things like cameras, easy worship, sound and lights. They also have time to practise songs for leading on a Sunday morning. It is a time of great encouragement and mostly a time for them to worship together.
In November in partnership with Chris Meyer, we started a cross-town/inter-church youth project called RVY. RVY is aimed at creating community with young people currently in churches and be a light in the wider community. RVY has a monthly live stream where we talk about Jesus and the difference he makes in our lives, we also host a weekly online gaming evening. Find out more at www.rvyouth.org
With the second lockdown just before Christmas the youth were once again not able to meet, however rehearsals and recording could happen. So, together with the children of the church, the youth put together a Christmas Extravaganza – which you can still watch on YouTube. During the writing, rehearsing and recording the young people grew in their confidence, some of them were involved with the band, some with recording. Some choreographed a dance for the children to learn and one wrote, performed and edited her own spoken word about Bethlehem.
I give thanks and praise to God who has made it all possible, He has kept the youth going over this difficult year and has given the team and myself the inspiration, energy and motivation to keep on going. We look forward to what He has in store for us over 2021 and beyond!

CAP

Graham Haldane

The ninth year of our CAP debt centre saw lots of changes having to take place. With just a few days warning, the office was transferred from The Grand to Graham's home, and online models then had to be developed for both client appointments and the running of CAP Money courses. The shift to online working has not suited all potential clients, due either to limited IT facilities or more importantly to adding just one more pressure to the issues people have faced during lockdown.

Nationally, CAP and other debt charities have all expected a tsunami of people seeking help with unmanageable debts, but have found that this has not yet materialised; the normal 'bury one's head in the sand' response has been exacerbated by additional mental health stresses, home schooling, and just the need to 'survive' lockdown.

Despite the limitations above, we saw 10 new clients in 2020, and have already met another 4 in 2021. It was great to see 5 clients go debt free during the year, even if we couldn't celebrate that with our normal 'Mexican waves'! Graham and Will ran two online CAP Money courses, and Graham additionally ran some for The 180 Project and Recycling Lives.

In the spirit of our 'resource church' role, Graham was instrumental in setting up 'Keep Calm and Carry Online', a training session to encourage CAP Money coaches to run the online version of the course; 4 sessions were run, with 85 people attending.

As of April 2021, we've just started being able to meet clients face-to-face again, and have CAP Money courses planned for May and October. We're hoping that we will be able to pick up some financial education work in schools again in the 2021/22 academic year. With some of our befrienders and volunteers having decided to retire/discontinue following the break of the last year, we will be looking to re-launch and re-envision our volunteer team once a group training event is possible. Prayers for the work of CAP and all the vulnerable but amazing clients we meet are always appreciated.

Pastoral Care

Peter Williams

Jesus was The Good Shepherd, or the Good Pastor – and when he told the story of the Lost Sheep, searching out and caring for the sheep who went astray, he also made sure that the 99 who stayed in the fold were secure. He knew where they were. He knew the difficulties that faced them. He could provide care for them too, and when necessary bring in outside help.

Over the past year, the core of our pastoral work during these difficult times (knowing how individuals are, the difficulties they face, and supporting with care in both actual and spiritual ways) continues to be through small groups, where members know each other well and care for each other in an excellent way: thanks to all who ensured this continued over the last 18 months.

Thanks also to the team who provide additional pastoral care to many in the church family – ranging from anything between providing lifts to appointments, telephoning regularly to ensure those who are likely to be alone or feel isolated, shopping for those self-isolating, through doorstep visits delivering small presents and cards to the older part of the church family, to prayer-texting or phone-praying with those who have particular concerns or referring onward those who need specialist help (plus a great number of unseen but vital acts of love) – there has been a great bunch of disciples doing these brilliant jobs. It's Jesus The Good Shepherd's love in action; thank you all!

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Small Groups

Ali Groves: Small Group Co-ordinator

Well, here we are another year down the line.

For our small groups this year has posed a mass of new challenges. Who knew that so many of us would find that we could rise to the challenge of meeting remotely and master technology that previously we would probably have avoided like the plague?

I know that, as in all things, there have been as many different experiences as there are groups and people in them. For the leaders keeping their group together, fresh and meaningful has been an ongoing challenge and I, on behalf of all our small group members would like to thank the leaders for their love, dedication, creativity and resourcefulness as they have continued to seek to maintain community and grow relationships with God and with each other.

Some of the ways groups have stayed connected are that: they have WhatsApp groups keeping them connected between meetings, with prayer requests, encouragement and silly nonsense flowing freely to keep people encouraged and feeling linked in; they have played games, had quizzes, eaten 'together' and had parties; and another excellent solution has been to create mini groups to help build and deepen relationship in a smaller setting.

Not all groups have found it possible to meet on zoom but have spent time calling each other or meeting at a distance to make sure their members are doing ok.

As always, the commitment to community and encouragement of relationship with each other and God stands out in this report! Proud to co-ordinate this bunch!

Audio Visual

Mark Clayton, Chair of Governors

Who would have thought that our investment in our streaming hardware and training of people would have become so crucial so quickly?

The system we have in place has enabled us to stream services of a higher quality to all our church family and hopefully new people in our local and church community as well.

We have been challenged by various 'tech' issues throughout the year and have worked hard to overcome these. We now stream both the Sunday 10.30am and Wednesday morning services fairly reliably each week. We have also been able to support families by streaming funerals which could only be attended in person by limited numbers of people.

Our screen presentations in church have also developed and you'll now see camera shots as well as still images and videos on the large screen throughout the service.

I need to thank all the amazing operators who are committing more time to preparing resources and attending rehearsals to ensure that the presentations in church and the streaming online is of a high standard that aids worship.

We continue to look at training of both existing and new operators and it is inspiring that we have young people acting as operators especially when our youth worship group is leading. We are also looking at ways to enhance and develop our hardware systems.

We have been truly blessed in this area which has allowed our church family to stay in touch with our worship throughout the pandemic. I am sure we will continue to have a significant impact with people online even when the church is fully reopened.

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