

St Mary the Virgin, Haughton Green

Oldham & Ashton Deanery

Annual Report, Independent Examiner's Report
& Financial Statements
Of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Incumbent:

Rev Mark Glew



St Mary's Houghton Green

Annual Report for 2023

Background

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Rev Mark Glew, and churchwardens, Colin White & Keith Horsfield, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Building, Church Centre, and Churchyard.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

At the close of the year, the following members were serving as PCC members:

Rector Rev Mark Glew

Curate Rev Lydia Taylor

Wardens Colin White
Keith Horsfield

Representatives on Deanery Synod (until indicated)

Eric Bynon (also Diocesan Synod, 2026)
Jessica Pattison (2026)
Sheila Duffy (2026)

Elected Members (all elected until as indicated)

George Cope (2024) **Lic'd Reader**
Simon Hirst (2024)
Julie Cope (2025)
John Hulme (2026) **Treasurer**
Sandra Phoya (2026)
Pauline Lindsay (2026)
Brian Jeffries (2026)
Elizabeth Bowden (2026)

Committees

The PCC operates through several committees which meet between full meetings of the council.

Our mission is, *'to know Jesus and make him known'*, seeking to do the work that God has called us to do, making disciples of Jesus, in God's way (faithfully, prayerfully and in a godly way). We therefore organise ourselves into groups that help us make disciples of Jesus through 'Mission, Membership, Maturity, Ministry and Magnifying Jesus', ensuring that these groups share the values of Christ as they fulfil their duties. Please see the groups' reports for

annual reviews.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee met once in 2023.

Finance Committee

Oversees the general financial affairs of St Mary's; prepares and monitors an annual budget and assists the treasurer in his work.

Mission Beyond Committee

Encourages active and well-informed support of our own and link mission partners, and an understanding of what God is doing in all of His world.

Buildings Committee

Cares for and enhances the buildings and grounds of St Mary's Church, to be used for the mission of the church.

Care of Souls Committee

Seeks to advise the Rector on how to care spiritually for our church family and our community, bringing together several voices to develop a united ministry understanding and strategy that will encourage and equip us *'to know Jesus and make him known'*.

Cost of Living Crisis Committee

This group researched and coordinated our church family's response to the current cost of living crisis in our nation, how it has affected our church family and community, and how we can best help.

Financial Position

Donated income of £83,919 was received in 2023, which meant giving decreased by 5%. However, we remain grateful to God for the generosity of the church family, given the increase in living costs over the period. Tax recovered on Gift Aid was £13,577. Parish Share was paid in full.

Church Attendance

After a revision in 2023 there were 117 names on the Church Electoral Roll, with 38 living outside the parish. The average regular Sunday attendance, counted in October, was 70 adults plus 12 under-17 years old. We also had approximately 45 views on our YouTube channel for each service.

To God be the Glory!

St Mary's Haughton Green

PCC Review of 2023

We are grateful to God that the PCC was able to meet in full session four times during the year. This was less than usual as the Rector took a sabbatical during the year. Committees met between council meetings and reported back to PCC on their activities.

The PCC exists to co-operate with the Rector in sharing leadership of our parish, so that we may all play our part in:

- *knowing Jesus and making Him known* in Haughton Green,
- stewarding our buildings and churchyard for the furtherance of God's kingdom,
- contributing to the wider life of the Church of England and
- conducting ourselves in ways which fulfil best practice in safeguarding, finance, and employment.

Knowing Jesus...

As a PCC, meetings begin by reading a section of the Bible so that God's word shapes our discussions and decisions. We have continued reading, discussing, and praying through the apostle Paul's letters to Titus and 1 Timothy, encouraging him to continue to put the churches in Crete and Ephesus in order by teaching the gospel that leads to godliness and appointing godly elders to do so too. This is excellent and profitable for everyone, as Paul writes in Titus 3:8.

During the year, we preached **sermon series** on 'Prayer: Awe & Intimacy with God', 'Journeying with Jesus on the road to Discipleship' (from Luke's Gospel), 'God-glorifying Work', and the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel. The last sermon series was chosen to prayerfully help us grow as a Jesus-like church, with Jesus' values being our values.

Our **Life Groups & Women on Wednesday** studied a Bible Overview and Isaiah together. We also ran a Grow Course, for those who had recently become Christians or wanted a refresher, to help them know how to live the Christian life.

We also began a new monthly Sunday evening seminar on **Issues Facing Christians Today**,

as well as continuing with our **20s & 30s** monthly evening meeting.

Making Jesus Known...

The main way we have sought to make Jesus known over the past year is through **personal relationships, welcoming and discipling newcomers to church** (including those who have sought baptism for their children) and through events at Christmas and Easter (Messy church, school assemblies, carol services).

We were delighted to run a **Christianity Explored course** during the year, as well as celebrate two of our young people being **confirmed** in our first confirmation service since the lockdowns caused by Covid-19 (in partnership with two other local evangelical Anglican churches), and one young person being **baptised**. This reflects the prayerful work done by the leaders of '**Onside**' our youth group for older teenagers, as well as **Pathfinders**, which has seen a number of new members in the Autumn term.

Enquiries for **infant baptisms** have increased during the year also, and we ran preparation courses for the families, as well as have them join our church family. **Children's Church** and **Little Faith** continue to run every 3 weeks out of 4, allowing the children to grow in their faith in Jesus and their parents to do so without the distraction of having to care for their children during Sunday services.

Stewarding our Buildings & Churchyard

The PCC are grateful for the work of the Buildings Committee for their diligence in maintaining the buildings, in particular resolving a complex issue with our heating.

Contributing to the Wider Life of the Church

The PCC are committed to helping the mission of the Church, which we did by contributing to our Mission Community, Deanery Synod, and partnerships with local evangelical churches.

Fulfilling Best Practice

We are grateful for the help of our Safeguarding Officers and our Treasurer for their diligence in helping us keep to the safeguarding and financial regulations.

On behalf of your PCC,
Rev Mark Glew

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Haughton Green.

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Haughton Green for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As trustees for the charity, members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

1. Which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the members have not met the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounts records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met: or

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

Signed:

Name: Kenneth Mark Fendall, FCII

12 Wakeling Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 6ES

Date:

25/3/2024

Independent examiner's recommendation to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Haughton Green.

Recording of Foodbank expenditure has improved following my recommendation last year. As I understand it, the new arrangement for payments to be made by credit card is to be fully implemented from 1st January 2024. This will enable a more robust examination of income and expenditure relating to Foodbank.

Signed: 

Name: Kenneth Mark Fendall. FCII

12 Wakeling Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 6ES

Date: 25/3/2024

- Introduction

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	83,919	21,305	—	105,224	101,061
Income from charitable activities	5,015	29	—	5,044	4,793
Other trading activities	910	—	—	910	550
Investments	3,435	—	—	3,435	1,391
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	93,280	21,334	—	114,614	107,796
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	92,554	35,409	—	127,963	92,859
Total expenditure	92,554	35,409	—	127,963	92,859
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	725	(14,074)	—	(13,349)	14,936
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	7,373	—	7,373	5,944
Gross transfers between funds - out	(7,373)	—	—	(7,373)	(5,944)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(6,647)	(6,701)	—	(13,349)	14,936
Total funds brought forward	133,897	19,066	—	152,963	138,027
Total funds carried forward	127,250	12,364	—	139,614	152,963
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	127,250	—	—	127,250	133,897
Restricted					
FoodBank	—	12,365	—	12,365	19,066
Little Lambs	—	0	—	0	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
6501	Bank current account	31,916	47,281 ✓
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	110,640	107,204
6511	CBF CoE Investment Fund	—	—
6520	Missionary Account	—	—
	Total Current assets	142,557	154,486
Liabilities			

6699	Agency collections	2,942	1,522
	Total Liabilities	2,942	1,522
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	139,614	152,963
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(13,349)	14,936
Z01	Starting balances	152,963	138,027
	Total Reserves	139,614	152,963
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	127,250	133,897
	Designated	—	—
	Restricted	12,364	19,066
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	139,614	152,963

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account -	16,609	—	15,307	—	31,916	47,281
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	110,640	—	—	—	110,640	107,204
Totals	127,250	—	15,307	—	142,557	154,486
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	2,942	—	2,942	1,522
Totals	—	—	2,942	—	2,942	1,522
Grand total	127,250	—	12,364	—	139,614	152,963

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
FoodB - FoodBank							
Restricted	19,066	21,125	27,825	—	—	—	12,365
Sub-total for FoodB	19,066	21,125	27,825	—	—	—	12,365
Lambs - Little Lambs							
Restricted	—	209	7,583	7,373	—	—	0
Sub-total for Lambs	—	209	7,583	7,373	—	—	0
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	133,897	93,280	92,554	(7,373)	—	—	127,250
Sub-total for General	133,897	93,280	92,554	(7,373)	—	—	127,250
Grand total	152,963	114,614	127,963	—	—	—	139,614

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	51,451	—	230	—	51,681	54,836
0201 - Other planned giving	6,324	—	—	—	6,324	5,650
0301 - Loose plate collections	7,269	—	—	—	7,269	6,628
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0410 - Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,166	—	—	—	2,166	1,186
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	13,577	—	—	—	13,577	17,914
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	3,130	—	—	—	3,130	2,700
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	—
1330 - Food Bank	—	—	21,075	—	21,075	12,144
Total	83,919	—	21,305	—	105,224	101,061

Income from charitable activities

1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	2,465	—	—	—	2,465	3,205
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
1340 - Little Lambs	2,550	—	29	—	2,579	1,588
Total	5,015	—	29	—	5,044	4,793

Other trading activities

0910 - Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	910	—	—	—	910	550
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	910	—	—	—	910	550

Investments

1001 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Bank and building society interest	3,435	—	—	—	3,435	1,391
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,435	—	—	—	3,435	1,391

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
1350 - VAT Return	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
INCOME TOTAL	93,280	—	21,334	—	114,614	107,796

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	—
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	4,678	—	—	—	4,678	7,660
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	250	—	—	—	250	—
1850 - Home mission	4,130	—	—	—	4,130	430
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	44,085	—	—	—	44,085	37,664
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	6,686	—	—	—	6,686	6,419
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	5,683	—	—	—	5,683	3,125
2120 - Council tax	2,997	—	—	—	2,997	2,854
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	671	—	—	—	671	741
2145 - Parsonage - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	324
2201 - Parish training and mission	1,155	—	—	—	1,155	130
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,200	—	—	—	2,200	2,000
2310 - Church office - telephone	756	—	—	—	756	786
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2330 - Church maintenance	2,554	—	—	—	2,554	924
2331 - Cleaning	3,589	—	—	—	3,589	2,876
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,349	—	—	—	1,349	1,287
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	20	—	—	—	20	—
2360 - Administration	4,048	—	—	—	4,048	2,190
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Church running - electric	4,746	—	—	—	4,746	2,682
2410 - Church running - gas	378	—	—	—	378	144
2420 - Church running - water	400	—	—	—	400	548
2430 - Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2580 - Hall running - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—

2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	—
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
2940 - Nest Staff Pensions	—	—	—	—	—	—
2950 - Food Bank	—	—	27,825	—	27,825	12,499
2960 - Little Lambs	—	—	7,583	—	7,583	6,585
2970 - Catering supplies	—	—	—	—	—	—
2980 - Youth Services including Messy Church	2,172	—	—	—	2,172	981
Total	92,554	—	35,409	—	127,963	92,859
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	92,554	—	35,409	—	127,963	92,859
GRAND TOTAL	725	—	(14,074)	—	(13,349)	14,936

• Conclusion

This report dated: January 2024