

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, ROBY

England & Wales · Charity number 1131572

## Details

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**Other names** ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PCC ROBY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-09-10

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

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Regular public worship open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer; pastoral work including the visiting of the sick and bereaved. Teaching the Christianity through sermons, courses and groups, taking assemblies, providing Christian youth groups, promoting the Christian faith through events, meetings and literature, supporting other charities at home and overseas.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £100,289 | £109,439    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £92,730  | £101,670    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £109,736 | £111,302    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £132,316 | £104,835    | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £140,118 | £138,711    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                              | Role  | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Rev Kate Elizabeth Wharton</b> | Chair | 2017-09-25 |
| Christopher Edwin Gerard Rodgers  |       | 2023-05-25 |
| Claire Louise Macit               |       | 2025-05-19 |
| Craig Peter Reardon               |       | 2023-05-25 |
| David Keith Barker                |       | 2025-05-19 |
| Elizabeth Newton                  |       | 2022-05-09 |
| Gillian Murphy                    |       | 2022-05-09 |
| Glenys Margaret Barker            |       | 2023-05-25 |
| Keith Edward Radcliffe            |       | 2024-05-20 |
| LYNN STANDISH                     |       | 2016-03-27 |
| Lynn Kelly                        |       | 2024-05-20 |
| PATRICIA ANNE VERRYCKE            |       | 2025-05-19 |
| Rachel Smith                      |       | 2022-05-09 |
| Rosalind Deyes                    |       | 2022-05-09 |
| Sian Barker                       |       | 2019-09-01 |
| Stacey Armstrong                  |       | 2014-04-28 |
| Stephen Richard Enescott          |       | 2019-04-08 |

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# Accounts

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# 2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby

## Aim and purposes:

St. Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Kate Wharton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Church Road, Roby.

## Objectives and activities:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Bartholomew's. Our Mission Statement is "Grow, Serve, Give" and it is our desire to see our church family:

- Grow in numbers and in their own individual walk with God.
- Serve God as they feel called, serve each other both practically and spiritually, and serve our community.
- Give of themselves both financially and physically to maintain the structure of the church and the body of Christ, the worshipping community.

**GROW** – We want to be people, and a church, which grows. Individually we are seeking to grow in our own faith, in our walk with God. We want to become more like Jesus and more like the people he created us to be. We encourage church members to be part of a Connect group where they can be accountable and where they can learn and grow alongside a few others. Corporately we are seeking to grow in the depth of our spiritual life as we seek God together. We expect that when we come together as church we will be transformed as we meet with God through worship, teaching and ministry. We are also seeking to grow numerically – to be, in the words of our diocesan strategy "a bigger church which makes a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world."

**SERVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which serves. We want our communities of Roby and Page Moss to be better because we as a church are here than they would be if we were not. We encourage church members to consider how they might serve both within the church, in one or more of our ministry areas, and outside the church, within the community. We want to be a place which is known within our community for being a place of welcome, and support, and blessing.

**GIVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which gives. We aim to give generously of our money, our resources, our time and our talents. We encourage church members to give financially to God's work and mission within St. Bart's and also to whatever other good causes God prompts them to support. As a church we give away a proportion of our income to good causes around the world, and our Missions committee ensures we keep in touch with where our money is going.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we take into consideration the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; hearing the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building. To this end we are continuing our Generosity Challenge to raise funds for the repair and continuing maintenance of the church building.

## **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Services at St Bartholomew's generally follow the pattern below in addition to services for special occasions and church festivals:

- Sunday morning 9am – this is our more traditional service which is generally Holy Communion from Common Worship with hymns played on an organ. The second Sunday of each month is Morning Prayer.
- Sunday morning 11am – contemporary worship with music led by a worship band. This service also has activities for younger members of the congregation with Tots' Church for pre-school age children and Kids' Church for primary age children during the service on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays, and all age worship on the first and third Sundays.
- Sunday afternoon 1pm – occasionally we hold baptism services at 1pm.

In all services there is an opportunity to receive prayer ministry.

The activities detailed below demonstrate how St. Bartholomew's Church has been following its Mission Statement, which is to "Grow, Serve, Give".

February:

- A service for Ash Wednesday was held in church.
- We also began our Lent Course, which we followed weekly through the Lent period.

March:

- We hosted a Safe Families volunteer event in church.
- We were invited into one of our local nursing homes, Whitestone Lodge, to take a service of holy communion.
- We held our first Finance Forum, an open event for us to update the congregation on our financial situation and answer people's questions.
- We kept church open for the afternoon of Mothering Sunday so that people visiting the graveyard could call in and talk to church volunteers and have refreshments.
- Roby Park School came into church for a visit to learn about how we celebrate Easter.
- Huyton with Roby School held their Easter service in church.
- We came together as a church over Eastertide to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection, with services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

April:

- St. Bart's Court Nursing Home held a memorial service in church in memory of residents who had died in the previous year.

- Our Curate, Claire, and her family left us this month to move to Croxteth. Claire was appointed Team Vicar in Christ Our Hope Liverpool.

#### May:

- We held what has become our yearly Plant and Cake Sale. This is a way for us to invite the local community into church, to provide an event to socialise with the church family and the local community, and also provides an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the church. This was well attended and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.
- We held a prayer breakfast as part of the international Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement.
- Our ordinand Emma Stonier and her husband left us this month to move to Warrington and Emma was ordained in June to serve her curacy in Warrington.

#### June:

- Alongside our monthly prayer meetings for parents and staff held at Huyton with Roby School, we launched an after school event for families called Crafty Church.

#### July:

- We held a church Book Club event.
- Huyton with Roby School held their end of year service in church.

#### September:

- We launched a new service called Worship for Everyone, which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. This is an all age service which finishes with us all sharing lunch together.

#### October

- We held the 321 Course in church.
- We celebrated Harvest with all non-perishable food donations being given to the Micah Foodbank.

#### November:

- Our PCC held an away day, with a speaker from the Diocese coming to share with us.
- We held a memorial service to which we invited all those people who had held a funeral for their loved one over the past year.

#### December:

- We began December by holding our Christmas Fair. Unfortunately, the weather on the day was extremely poor, but despite this, the event was well attended and was very successful.
- We also held our annual Toy and Gift service with all donations being distributed to local families supported by Safe Families.
- Park View School visited church to learn about how we celebrate Christmas.
- Huyton with Roby School held their Christmas service in church.
- During the Christmas season we ran our yearly Big Christmas Card appeal, with donations going to Claire House.
- Alongside this we also requested donations of warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves which were donated to refugees through the Lauda Foundation.
- As a church we met to celebrate the Christmas season at services including Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Communion services.
- A group of church members also visited Whitestone Lodge Nursing Home & St. Bart's Court Nursing Home to carol sing for and with the residents.

Throughout the year our I Am service has continued to be livestreamed on YouTube, with good numbers of people continuing to join us in worship this way, either watching live, or catching up later.

Our monthly prayer gathering Hungry continues to take place on the last Wednesday of each month.

Our Youth Group, which is run jointly with our neighbouring church St. Luke's and St. Jude's, runs every Sunday evening in term time, for young people in school years 7-10.

Once a month a team from church goes into one of our local nursing homes, St. Bart's Court, to lead a service, which is well attended and much appreciated. We also go in at other times to visit residents. Our Boys Brigade Group continues to meet weekly at Roby Park School.

We are delighted to have an excellent relationship (jointly with St. Michael's Church) with our local church school, Huyton with Roby CE Primary School. Revd. Canon Kate leads Collective Worship weekly, as well as regularly taking part in RE lessons. We also welcome Key Stage 2 to church at the end of each term for their special services. We hold regular prayer meetings for parents and staff and, as mentioned above, we also launched Crafty Church this year.

All are welcome to attend our regular services, whether in person or online. At present there are 209 Parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 98 of whom are resident within the parish and 111 live outside the parish boundary. The average weekly attendance across both services is 95 adults and 22 children. We also estimate that around 60 households watch our livestream each week. We are delighted to welcome new people to our church and there are now 259 people in our worshipping community.

As well as regular services, we are blessed to be able to meet with our community to celebrate and thank God at all milestones of life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and welcome the children to the church community. Through marriage public vows are exchanged with the blessing of God. Through funerals we are able to celebrate the life of those who have passed and mourn with and support their families to express their grief and commend the deceased to God's keeping. In 2024 we were honoured to be able to hold 20 baptisms, 3 weddings, and 24 funerals.

## Deanery Synod

This year we have had three of our quota of five elected members from the PCC sitting on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Deanery, and the Diocese, and the Church of England. In addition, we have a lay member of the church elected to the Diocesan Synod, and our Vicar is elected to the General Synod.

## Use of the church building

The church building is now 174 years old and was re-ordered in the 1980's which enabled the building to be split into three distinct areas, the main church, a multipurpose area to the rear of the church building and a hall upstairs. We continue to be grateful for the space we have and always aim to make the best possible use of the building.

Our Church building now requires considerable repair to be able to continue for a further 170+ years. Major plans are in place via our Generosity Challenge appeal to try to raise funds to carry out the necessary repairs and maintenance.

The following groups meet regularly in the church building:

|         |                  |                                                  |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Monday  | 1.30pm – 4.00pm  | Indoor Bowls                                     |
|         | 5.30pm – 6.30pm  | Ladies' Keep Fit                                 |
| Tuesday | 9.30am – 11.30pm | Tiddlywinks (toddler group meeting in term time) |
|         | 1.30pm – 3.30pm  | STAR (fortnightly)                               |

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 2:00pm – 4:00pm<br>4.45pm – 5.45pm<br>6.00pm – 7.00pm<br>8.00pm – 9.00pm | Woolly Warriors (fortnightly)<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Roby Rainbows<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Roby Brownies<br>Hungry (monthly)    |
| Thursday  | 10:00am – 12:00pm<br>12.00pm – 2.00pm                                    | Coffee Sanctuary (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday alternate months)<br>Lunch Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday alternate months) |
| Friday    | 9:30am-10:30am                                                           | Morning Prayer                                                                                                         |
| Saturday  | 9.00am – 11.00am<br>9.00am – 12.00pm                                     | Cleaning Team<br>Grounds' Team                                                                                         |

## Pastoral Care

Some members of our church are unable to attend church due to illness, infirmity or age. Revd. Canon Kate, and the members of the Pastoral Care Team, visit those church members who have requested a visit, and at festivals they also celebrate communion with them. The Pastoral Care Team is made up of volunteers who maintain contact with all those who are sick, in nursing homes or housebound for any reason and keep them in touch with church life.

We can continue to call upon our Pastoral Team members, but appreciate that many others also do this work informally throughout the church in many ways, not just from the team, and it is of vital importance to ensure people know they are loved and cared about. The team always like to know of anyone who may need a visit, a card from church or a phone call. We can only do this with the help of the wider church in letting us know when they hear of someone who is struggling, lonely or unwell.

## Safeguarding

As a church we are committed to safeguarding. We have a Safeguarding Team who regularly meet with the Vicar and support the Vicar in overseeing this important area of church life. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every PCC meeting, the PCC having due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding policy and practice guidance. The policy statements on Adults at Risk and Children and Young Persons for the Church of St Bartholomew's Roby can be found below. The policies are read out at each APCM and are signed by all members of the PCC.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and adults at risk within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

We will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train, and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the church.
- Display in church premises and on the church website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, and when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures, and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, procedures and practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

These two strands associated with coming to faith and growing in faith help influence the church's activities. The church has continued its focus on helping those within as well as beyond the parish boundaries by making donations to support individuals and organisations that we have had long lasting relationships with.

Information about these partner links is regularly shared with the PCC (via email) and congregation at large through updates to one of the noticeboards in church. Periodically there have been items in the Sunday services giving an update on one of our partners.

We also pray for our partners regularly both in our services and in the meetings of the Mission Group. Information about the schedule for the Mission Group meetings can be obtained from the Mission Coordinator.

For the calendar year 2024 the total planned Mission Giving (generally paid quarterly in arrears) was allocated to our partners as follows:

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Testimony Faith Homes in Kenya | £2,507.23 |
| Scripture Union New Zealand    | £300.87   |
| Tearfund                       | £2,507.23 |
| YWAM Constanta, Romania        | £1,103.18 |
| Relief work in Malawi          | £501.45   |
| CPAS                           | £501.45   |
| New Wine                       | £501.45   |
| Liverpool Youth for Christ     | £501.45   |
| SHARe                          | £1,103.18 |
| Together for the Harvest       | £120.00   |

A further one-off donation of £381.45 was also made to the Church of the Good Shepherd (within the parish of Christ our Hope Liverpool) where Revd. Claire Aldridge is now ministering; Claire was our curate until the spring of 2024.

The church also acts as a collection point for items for the Micah Foodbank and the Big Help project which incorporates both the Knowsley Food Bank and Baby Basics. In addition, our Harvest Gifts of food this year were given to the Micah Foodbank.

Looking forward to 2025 the circumstances of some of our partners have changed and there will be adjustments made to take this into account. As a consequence, we will be ceasing to support the work in New Zealand and Malawi and increasing our support to YWAM and SHARe.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

We have close links with our sister church in Trinity Page Moss which is an Anglican/Methodist Church, with whom we are in a Local Ecumenical Partnership. Revd. Canon Kate and our Lay Readers take services at Trinity approximately once a month. Kate is also invited to attend their Church Council meetings, and does so whenever she can. Kate keeps in close contact with their minister Revd. Clement Matarirano and they meet regularly.

## **Parish Events**

Grounds working groups meet regularly to maintain the church grounds. The cleaning team also meets on a weekly basis to maintain the cleanliness of the inside of the church building. The flowers team works hard to decorate the church with flowers every week throughout the year.

We continue to maintain our links with the local councillors and our local MP, and they have supported us in further activity days in the church grounds and surrounding area.

## **Associated Groups**

We are pleased to maintain our close links with the uniformed organisations including Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Rainbows, and Brownies, and continue to hold Church Parade services on the first Sunday of each month at 11am.

## Financial Review 2024

The deficit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was £988. This is divided into a deficit of £6,950 for unrestricted funds and a surplus of £5,962 for restricted funds. In comparison, the previous year saw an overall surplus of £11,227. The year-end financial statements continue to be prepared on a cash basis.

Total income for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, was £118,048, compared to £121,264 in 2023, reflecting a decrease of £3,216 (2.7%) from the previous year.

Unrestricted income increased by £9,759 (10.5%) compared to the previous year, driven by the following factors: a £2,415 (4.1%) rise in donations through the Parish Giving Scheme, a £1,801 (48%) increase in income from weddings and funerals, and an £4,858 (83%) boost from ad-hoc and one-off donations. In contrast, restricted income declined by £13,816 (47%) due to a drop in Generosity Challenge (Building Fund) donations and the absence of restricted grants received in the prior year for heating and curate costs.

Total expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, amounted to £119,035, marking an increase of £8,999 (8.2%) from the previous year's total of £110,036.

Unrestricted expenditure rose by £7,769 (7.6%) compared to the previous year, largely due to an increase in Mission Giving, which St. Bartholomew's maintains at 10% of total unrestricted income. Mission Giving increased by £5,712 to £11,742, reflecting 'catch-up' payments after only two quarterly contributions were made in the previous year. Restricted expenditure increased by £1,115 (13.2%) to £9,482, including Building Fund expenditure of £6,133, primarily covering architects' professional fees and the installation of a new tower door. Parish Share payments remained consistent at £66,720, in line with the prior year's total of £67,718.

The total funds carried forward amounted to £271,319, comprising £187,718 in unrestricted funds and £83,600 in restricted funds. Excluding designated funds, the balance of general unrestricted funds carried forward was £6,454. This is, obviously, a very low figure indeed, and means that we must urgently continue to work on increasing our general funds as well as on fundraising for the Generosity Challenge. We will do this by writing to all church members asking whether they would consider increasing their regular giving. We will also need to try to find other ways to increase our unrestricted funds.

The Generosity Challenge (Building Fund) closed at £89,507, comprising £70,583 in restricted funds and £18,924 in unrestricted designated funds. The unrestricted portion stems from a legacy designated by the PCC for the Building Fund in 2022. During the year, donations totalling £12,812 were received for the Generosity Challenge, now in its fourth year. Expenditure amounted to £6,133, for which details can be found above.

During the year, the charity reimbursed Trustees for expenses incurred in furtherance of charitable activities. Total reimbursements amounted to £2,756.

The church aims to maintain a prudent level of reserves to ensure financial stability and support the delivery of charitable objectives. Decisions regarding the use of reserves will be made by the trustees and documented in accordance with governance procedures.

The 2024 financial statements mark the second year of using My Fund Accounting Online, a significant shift from the previous reliance on Microsoft Excel for financial reporting. This transition has improved accuracy and streamlined both daily accounting operations and year-end statutory reporting processes.

## Optional Information

### Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to mention especially our Church Warden Keith Radcliffe who has worked hard on our behalf, Craig Reardon our Treasurer, and the Finance Team, who have supported us with the church's accounts and its finances.

### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Bartholomew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Vicar), Church Wardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met seven times during the calendar year 2024, including one short, extraordinary meeting immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There was also an away day held in November, and an extraordinary meeting held afterwards. There is very good average attendance at PCC meetings. There is also a smaller Standing Committee, which meets regularly and functions as an executive committee of the PCC.

### Administrative information

Registered Charity Name:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Roby

Charity Commission Number: 1131572

St. Bartholomew's Church is situated in Church Road, Roby. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Church Road, Roby, L36 9TL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006).

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Reverend Canon Kate Wharton, Chair

Wardens:

- Mrs Lynn Standish (to 20.05.24)
- Mr Keith Radcliffe (from 20.05.24)

Elected members:

- Mrs Stacey Armstrong, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Lorraine Sheehan
- Mr Stephen Enescott
- Ms Natalie McDonald (to July 2024)

- Mr Jaime Salcido (to 24.12.24)
- Miss Elizabeth Newton, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Gill Murphy
- Miss Rachel Smith, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mr Craig Reardon
- Mr Chris Rodgers
- Miss Glenys Barker
- Mrs Sian Barker
- Ms Ros Deyes
- Ms Lynn Standish
- Ms Lynn Kelly

Officers:

Treasurer: Mr Craig Reardon

Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Newton

Approved by the PCC on 24.4.25 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Canon Kate Wharton (Incumbent).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Wharton', is written on a light blue rectangular background.

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

| <b>Class and nominal code</b>                   | <b>General (Unrestricted)</b> | <b>Designated</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Endowment</b> | <b>Total</b>      | <b>Last year</b>  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets</b>            |                               |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |
| 6421: House (Western Avenue)                    | -                             | 160,000.00        | -                 | -                | 160,000.00        | 160,000.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>-</b>                      | <b>160,000.00</b> | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>         | <b>160,000.00</b> | <b>160,000.00</b> |
| <b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b> |                               |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |
| 6501: NatWest current account (887)             | 6,454.57                      | 21,264.19         | 84,972.97         | -                | 112,691.73        | 114,372.46        |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>6,454.57</b>               | <b>21,264.19</b>  | <b>84,972.97</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>112,691.73</b> | <b>114,372.46</b> |
| <b>Liability - Agency Accounts</b>              |                               |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |
| 6699: Agency collections                        | -                             | -                 | 1,372.00          | -                | 1,372.00          | 2,065.50          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>          | <b>1,372.00</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>1,372.00</b>   | <b>2,065.50</b>   |
| <b>Net total assets</b>                         | <b>6,454.57</b>               | <b>181,264.19</b> | <b>83,600.97</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>271,319.73</b> | <b>272,306.96</b> |
| <b>Represented by</b>                           |                               |                   |                   |                  |                   |                   |
| General (Unrestricted)                          | 6,454.57                      | -                 | -                 | -                | 6,454.57          | 15,604.51         |
| Designated - BuildingFund                       | -                             | 18,924.19         | -                 | -                | 18,924.19         | 18,924.19         |
| Designated - EcoChurch                          | -                             | 140.00            | -                 | -                | 140.00            | 140.00            |
| Designated - FixedAssets                        | -                             | 160,000.00        | -                 | -                | 160,000.00        | 160,000.00        |
| Designated - Western Av. Rental Income          | -                             | 2,200.00          | -                 | -                | 2,200.00          | -                 |
| Restricted - BuildingFund                       | -                             | -                 | 70,583.76         | -                | 70,583.76         | 63,905.27         |
| Restricted - Chairs                             | -                             | -                 | -                 | -                | -                 | 649.76            |
| Restricted - Choir                              | -                             | -                 | 316.50            | -                | 316.50            | 316.50            |
| Restricted - Curate                             | -                             | -                 | 3,255.12          | -                | 3,255.12          | 5,785.37          |
| Restricted - DMGF                               | -                             | -                 | 2,000.00          | -                | 2,000.00          | -                 |
| Restricted - Infinite                           | -                             | -                 | 3,874.27          | -                | 3,874.27          | 3,910.04          |
| Restricted - LunchClub                          | -                             | -                 | 26.68             | -                | 26.68             | 26.68             |
| Restricted - WoollyWarriors                     | -                             | -                 | 56.00             | -                | 56.00             | 56.00             |
| Restricted - YouthGroup                         | -                             | -                 | 500.00            | -                | 500.00            | -                 |
| Restricted - YouthWorker                        | -                             | -                 | 2,988.64          | -                | 2,988.64          | 2,988.64          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>6,454.57</b>               | <b>181,264.19</b> | <b>83,600.97</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>271,319.73</b> | <b>272,306.96</b> |

**Roby, St Bartholomew (Charity Reg. 1131572)**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

|                                                                  | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds  | Restricted funds | Total funds       | Prior year total funds |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                  |                    |                   |                  |                   |                        |
| Donations and legacies                                           | 93,099.89          | -                 | 14,854.95        | 107,954.84        | 115,855.85             |
| Income from charitable activities                                | 5,753.77           | -                 | -                | 5,753.77          | 3,898.64               |
| Other trading activities                                         | 1,435.44           | -                 | 703.95           | 2,139.39          | 2,350.05               |
| Investments                                                      | -                  | 2,200.00          | -                | 2,200.00          | -                      |
| Other income                                                     | -                  | -                 | -                | -                 | (840.00)               |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                                            | <b>100,289.10</b>  | <b>2,200.00</b>   | <b>15,558.90</b> | <b>118,048.00</b> | <b>121,264.54</b>      |
| <b>Payments</b>                                                  |                    |                   |                  |                   |                        |
| Raising funds                                                    | 308.90             | -                 | 113.41           | 422.31            | 127.99                 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities                             | 109,130.14         | -                 | 9,482.78         | 118,612.92        | 109,908.70             |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                                            | <b>109,439.04</b>  | <b>-</b>          | <b>9,596.19</b>  | <b>119,035.23</b> | <b>110,036.69</b>      |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>          | <b>(9,149.94)</b>  | <b>2,200.00</b>   | <b>5,962.71</b>  | <b>(987.23)</b>   | <b>11,227.85</b>       |
| <b>Transfers:</b>                                                |                    |                   |                  |                   |                        |
| Gross transfers between funds - in                               | -                  | -                 | -                | -                 | 14,264.62              |
| Gross transfers between funds - out                              | -                  | -                 | -                | -                 | (14,264.62)            |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>       | <b>(9,149.94)</b>  | <b>2,200.00</b>   | <b>5,962.71</b>  | <b>(987.23)</b>   | <b>11,227.85</b>       |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                     | <b>(9,149.94)</b>  | <b>2,200.00</b>   | <b>5,962.71</b>  | <b>(987.23)</b>   | <b>11,227.85</b>       |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>                                   |                    |                   |                  |                   |                        |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b> | <b>15,604.51</b>   | <b>179,064.19</b> | <b>77,638.26</b> | <b>272,306.96</b> | <b>261,079.11</b>      |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>             | <b>6,454.57</b>    | <b>181,264.19</b> | <b>83,600.97</b> | <b>271,319.73</b> | <b>272,306.96</b>      |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1131572

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

*Rodd*

Date:

25/04/25

Name:

Liverpool Business School Accounting Clinic

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

Address:

Redmond Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG

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

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# Accounts

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# 2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby

## ***Aim and purposes:***

St. Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Kate Wharton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Church Road, Roby.

## ***Objectives and activities:***

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Bartholomew's. Our Mission Statement is "Grow, Serve, Give" and it is our desire to see our church family:

- ☐ Grow in numbers and in their own individual walk with God.
- ☐ Serve God as they feel called, serve each other both practically and spiritually, and serve our community.
- ☐ Give of themselves both financially and physically to maintain the structure of the church and the body of Christ, the worshipping community.

**GROW** – We want to be people, and a church, which grows. Individually we are seeking to grow in our own faith, in our walk with God. We want to become more like Jesus and more like the people he created us to be. We encourage church members to be part of a Connect group where they can be accountable and where they can learn and grow alongside a few others. Corporately we are seeking to grow in the depth of our spiritual life as we seek God together. We expect that when we come together as church we will be transformed as we meet with God through worship, teaching and ministry. We are also seeking to grow numerically – to be, in the words of our diocesan strategy "a bigger church which makes a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world."

**SERVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which serves. We want our communities of Roby and Page Moss to be better because we as a church are here than they would be if we were not. We encourage church members to consider how they might serve both within the church, in one or more of our ministry areas, and outside the church, within the community. We want to be a place which is known within our community for being a place of welcome, and support, and blessing.

**GIVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which gives. We aim to give generously of our money, our resources, our time and our talents. We encourage church members to give financially to God's work and mission within St. Bart's and also to whatever

other good causes God prompts them to support. As a church we give away a proportion of our income to good causes around the world, and our Missions committee ensures we keep in touch with where our money is going.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we take into consideration the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; hearing the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building.

## **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Services at St Bartholomew's generally follow the pattern below in addition to services for special occasions and church festivals:

- Sunday morning 9am – this is our most traditional service which is mostly Holy Communion from Common Worship with an organist. The second Sunday of each month is Morning Prayer.
- Sunday morning 11am – contemporary worship with music led by a worship band. This service also has facilities for younger members of the congregation with Tots' Church for pre-school age children and Kids' Church for primary age children during the service on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays, and all age worship on the first and third Sundays.
- Sunday evening – Youth Group for children in school years 7-10 (from May 2022).

In all services and activities there is an opportunity for prayer ministry.

The activities detailed below demonstrate how St. Bartholomew's Church has been following its Mission Statement, which is to "Grow, Serve, Give".

During 2022, the Coronavirus pandemic continued to affect the church albeit to a lesser degree, and during the year we were pleased to be able to offer an increasing number of activities and were blessed that we could continue to meet in church on a regular basis.

In March a service for Ash Wednesday was held in church and commencing from the following Sunday the church family were invited to partake in the Lent Course (The Bible Course) each Sunday evening leading up to Easter.

In April we came together as a church over Eastertide to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection, with services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and a scavenger hunt for people of all ages on Holy Saturday.

A Community Choir was launched in May but sadly had to close in September due to insufficient numbers.

In May we held a plant and cake sale, both as a fundraising and a social activity. It was well attended and a good day for the church and community.

From Ascension Day to Pentecost, the period called 'Thy Kingdom Come' within the church calendar, a number of us took part in daily prayer walks around the parish each evening. We distributed church flyers to every house in the parish, and also crocheted crosses to all the houses on the new housing estates.

In June, along with much of the country, we enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We held an afternoon tea in the church grounds, with lots of cake. The weather was beautiful and lots of people came along.

In August we held an Eco Week, as part of our intention to become an Eco Church. We are currently working towards our bronze award. Each day there was a different activity, such as a spring clean and a clothes swap, and there were also a number of eco-themed prayer stations.

In September, having been using alternative facilities, we were pleased to welcome the Bowls Group back to using the church building. It was also good to welcome back our Keep Fit Group.

In September we joined with people around the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty. Church was open for people to pay their respects, and we also held a Special Commemoration Service.

During October we celebrated Harvest with all non-perishable food donations being given to the Big Help Project and SHARe.

We began December by holding our Christmas Fair which was very successful. We also held our annual Toy and Gift service with all donations being distributed to those in need by the Big Help Project. During the Christmas season we ran our yearly Big Christmas Card and alongside this we also requested donations of warm coats, hats, gloves and scarfs which were donated to Roma families in need through the Lauda Project – an outreach ministry of St. Luke in the City and Liverpool Parish Church. As a church we also met to celebrate the Christmas season at services including Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Communion services. A group of church members visited Whitestone Lodge Nursing Home to carol sing for and with the residents.

Throughout the year our 11am service has continued to be livestreamed on YouTube, with good numbers of people continuing to join us in worship this way, and our

monthly prayer gathering Hungry continues to take place on the last Wednesday of each month in church.

Our prayer ministry team also continue to be available for prayer after each service.

We are continuing our three-year Generosity Challenge to raise funds for the repair and continuing maintenance of the church building.

Our Boys Brigade Group continues to meet in person at Roby Park School where there is more space including outdoor space which can be used.

We are delighted to have an excellent relationship (jointly with St. Michael's Church) with our local church school, Huyton with Roby CE Primary School. Reverend Kate Wharton and Reverend Claire Aldridge lead Collective Worship weekly, as well as regularly taking part in RE lessons. We also welcome Key Stage 2 to church at the end of each term for their special service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services, whether in person or online. At present there are 206 Parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 95 of whom are resident within the parish and 111 live outside the parish boundary. The average weekly attendance across both services is 102 adults and 25 children. We also estimate that around 60 households watch our livestream each week. We are delighted to welcome new people to our church and there are now 281 people in our worshipping community.

As well as regular services, we are blessed to be able to meet with our community to celebrate and thank God at all milestones of life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and welcome the children to the church community. Through marriage public vows are exchanged with the blessing of God. Through funerals we are able to celebrate the life of those who have passed and mourn with and support their families to express their grief and commend the deceased to God's keeping. In 2022 we were honoured to be able to hold 24 baptisms, 1 wedding and 20 funerals.

## **Deanery Synod**

This year we have had three of our quota of four elected members from the PCC sitting on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Deanery, and Diocese, and the Church of England. In addition we have a lay member of the church elected to the Diocesan Synod.

## **Cathedral Reps**

The Church has representatives who attend meetings at the Cathedral on behalf of St. Bartholomew's and act as a channel of communication between the Church and the Cathedral.

## **Use of the church building**

The church building is now over 170 years old and was re-ordered in the 1980's which enabled the building to be split into three distinct areas, the main church, a multipurpose area to the rear of the church building and a hall upstairs. We continue

to be grateful for the space we have and always aim to make the best possible use of the building. The following groups meet regularly in the church building:

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 1.30pm – 4.00pm Indoor Bowls<br>5.30pm – 6.30pm Ladies' Keep Fit                                                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday   | 9.30am – 11.30pm Tiddlywinks<br>1.30pm – 3.30pm STAR (fortnightly)                                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday | 2:00pm – 4:00pm Woolly Warriors (fortnightly)<br>4.45pm – 5.45pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Roby Rainbows<br>6.00pm – 7.00pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Roby Brownies<br>8.00pm – 9.00pm Hungry (monthly)                      |
| Thursday  | 10:00am – 12:00pm Coffee Sanctuary (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday alternate months)<br>12.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday alternate months)<br>7.00pm – 8.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Roby Guides |
| Friday    | 9:00am – 10:00am Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Saturday  | 9.00am – 11.00am Cleaning Team<br>9.00am – 12.00pm Grounds' Team                                                                                                                                         |

## Pastoral Care

Some members of our church are unable to attend church due to illness, infirmity or age. Reverend Kate Wharton, Reverend Claire Aldridge, and the members of the Pastoral Care Team visit those church members who have requested a visit, and at festivals they also celebrate communion with them. The Pastoral Care Team is made up of volunteers who maintain contact with all those who are sick, in nursing homes or housebound for any reason and keep them in touch with church life.

## Safeguarding

As a church we are committed to safeguarding. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every PCC meeting, the PCC having due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding policy and practice guidance. The policy statements on Adults at Risk and Children and Young Persons for the Church of St Bartholomew's Roby can be found below. The policies are read out at each APCM and are signed by all members of the PCC.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- ☐ Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- ☐ Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and adults at risk within the church.
- ☐ Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.

- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

We will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train, and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the church.
- Display in church premises and on the church website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, and when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures, and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, procedures and practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

These two strands associated with coming to faith and growing in faith help influence the church's activities. The church has continued its focus on helping those within as well as beyond the parish boundaries by making donations to support individuals and organisations that we have had long lasting relationships with.

Examples of continued long standing links are Testimony Faith Homes, SHARe, Scripture Union New Zealand. We also have in recent years formed new relationships and now support Tearfund, YWAM Constanta in Romania, and Chira Fund in Malawi.

The Missions Group meets monthly to pray for our mission partners and to ensure that good links are maintained.

For the calendar year 2022 the planned Mission Giving was allocated to the following charities:

Testimony Faith Homes  
Scripture Union New Zealand  
Tearfund  
SHARe  
CPAS  
Liverpool Youth for Christ  
Together for the Harvest  
New Wine

The church is involved with the Big Help project which incorporates both the Knowsley Food Bank and Baby Basics. The Big Help Project was also the focus for our Harvest Gifts of food this year.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

We have close links with our sister church in Trinity Page Moss which is an Anglican/Methodist Church, with whom we are in a Local Ecumenical Partnership. Reverend Kate Wharton, Reverend Claire Aldridge, and our Lay Readers take services at Trinity approximately once a month. Reverend Kate has been invited to attend their Church Council meetings.

## **Parish Events**

Grounds working groups have been meeting regularly to maintain the church grounds. The cleaning team also meet on a weekly basis to maintain the cleanliness of the inside of the church building.

We also continue to maintain our links with the local councillors and they have supported us in further activity days in the church grounds and surrounding area.

We were able to hold our Christmas Fair this year and were delighted it was a success and a wonderful opportunity to reach the local community.

## **Associated Groups**

We are pleased to maintain our close links with the uniformed organisations including Boys' Brigade, Rainbow, Brownies, and Guides, and continue to hold Church Parade services on the first Sunday of each month at 11am. There was a Girls' Football team which used to meet weekly but stopped meeting at the end of 2022.

## **Financial Review 2022**

For the Year 2022, the total receipts on unrestricted funds were £114,600.07, of which

£72,866.83 related to unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £17,122.01 was from Gift Aid. The unrestricted funds were inflated slightly due to a refund of £2,809.70 from the water company for overcharging us based on their incorrect meter reading.

There was an insignificant difference between planned giving in 2022 and that in 2021; however the donations given through the Parish Giving Scheme in 2022 increased by 4%.

Direct donations to the Generosity Challenge achieved £19,965.88 in 2022, meaning we reached 67% of our £30,000 target for the second year of the challenge. Particular thanks to all those who have donated and those who have increased awareness of the challenge during the year, especially David Barker for his continued hard work on this project.

During 2022 we were granted a Parish Share credit of £4,750; however we still paid more in Parish Share during 2022 than in 2021. In 2022 we paid £67,276.02, an increase from the £62,774 in 2021 of just over 7%.

We continued to benefit from not being charged Council Tax for the Vicarage during 2022, which has been very beneficial to our finances by reducing our expenditure. Thanks go again to the Area Dean, Canon Malcom Rogers, for negotiating this continuation with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

We received £4000 from New Wine for part of 2022, but going forward will not receive the payment of c.£10,000 pa, now that Kate no longer works part time for them.

St Bartholomew's is committed to maintaining Mission Giving at 10% of its total unrestricted receipts for 2022. All payments have now moved from cheques to bank transfers, with all payments being made before the end of the year. Taking into account the adjustment for the over inflated figure caused by the water refund, the 10% aim was achieved. A number of payments were also able to move to quarterly to allow us to spread our giving and provide more stability to our mission partners.

We continue to receive a grant of £4,500 per annum from the Diocese towards the running costs of the Curate's property.

During 2022 we received Community Champion grants totalling £2,300: £1,000 for Lunch Club and Coffee Sanctuary, £1,000 for the Community Choir and £300 for Woolly Warriors. Many thanks go to Julie McLennan for applying for these grants and all those who are involved in these groups.

For the majority of 2022 our unrestricted expenditure has been greater than our unrestricted income. This has meant that we have spent some of our reserves and have relied on the generous grants that we have received.

Unfortunately, as a nation we are currently going through a cost-of-living crisis, and so our thanks go to the Diocese for the heating grant of £3,000 we received towards the end of 2022 to support us with our increasing gas and electricity costs.

At the end of 2022 we were able to enjoy a Christmas Fair for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic. Many thanks to Sue Hopper and all those who were involved in making the event so enjoyable. This event brought in a very welcome £1,648.73.

The balance of unrestricted funds carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 totalled £25,649.27. This includes designated funds of £12,562.09, leaving totally unrestricted funds of £13,087.18 in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Restricted bank balances totalled £58,606.06. £45,723.38 of this related to giving towards the Generosity Challenge, and £3,378.00 remained from a Diocesan grant for use towards the running costs of the Curate's property. Additionally, £18,924.19 from a legacy was designated by the PCC for the Building Fund.

During 2022, with a lot of work from Claire, the Finance Team was formed. This allowed our finances to be handled by a cohesive team with a variety of skills and experience. My thanks go to Lorraine and Graham for their continued support, Glenys for greatly improving how we communicate our finances, as well as to Claire and Lynn for their consistent knowledge, encouragement, and support.

### ***Optional Information:***

#### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to mention especially our Church Wardens Mrs Barker and Ms Standish who have worked hard on our behalf, and Mrs Worsell (to 13.01.23) and Mr Reardon (since 27.02.23) our Treasurers who have supported us with the church's accounts and its finances.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Bartholomew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met seven times during the calendar year 2022, including one short, extraordinary meeting immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There was also an away day held in November. There is very good average attendance at PCC meetings. There is also a smaller, Standing Committee, which meets regularly and functions as an executive committee of the PCC.

### ***Administrative information:***

Registered Charity Name:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Roby.

Charity Commission Number: 1131572

St. Bartholomew's Church is situated in Church Road, Roby. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Church Road, Roby, L36 9TL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006).

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- ☐ Incumbent: Reverend Kate Wharton, Chair
- ☐ Curate: Reverend Claire Aldridge
- ☐ Ordinand: Mrs Emma Stonier

Wardens:

- ☐ Mrs Sian Barker
- ☐ Ms Lynn Standish

Elected members:

- ☐ Mrs Stacey Armstrong, representative on Deanery Synod
- ☐ Mr Andrew Cook, representative on Deanery Synod (to 08.05.23)
- ☐ Mr Terence Burke, representative on Deanery Synod
- ☐ Mr Graham Fuller (elected Lay Reader representative) (to 09.05.22)
- ☐ Ms Ros Deyes (elected Lay Reader representative) (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Ann Murphy (to 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Karen Smith (to 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Leah Daly
- ☐ Mr Stephen Enescott
- ☐ Mrs Susan McCrudden
- ☐ Ms Natalie McDonald
- ☐ Mrs Susan Page
- ☐ Mr Jaime Salcido
- ☐ Mrs Lorraine Sheehan
- ☐ Mrs Patricia Verrycke
- ☐ Mrs Gill Murphy (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Miss Elizabeth Newton (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Miss Rachel Smith (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Sarah Worsell (to 13.01.23)

Co-opted:

- Miss Glenys Barker (from 09.11.22)
- Mr Craig Reardon (from 27.02.23)

Officers:

- Treasurer: Mrs Sarah Worsell (to 13.01.23); Mr Craig Reardon (from 27.02.23)
- Secretary: Mrs Susan Page (to 09.05.22); Miss Elizabeth Newton (from 09.05.22)

Approved by the PCC on 10.5.23 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Kate Wharton (Incumbent)

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the Accounts Summary following, Note 7 says:

|                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>7 - Cash in bank as at 31 Dec</b>                                |  |  |  |  |
| This shows the movement of the Legacy from designated to restricted |  |  |  |  |

In fact, the legacy is not restricted (as PCCs cannot restrict donations made to them), but designated, as indicated in the relevant PCC minutes. This is explained in the paragraph 14 in the Financial Review above. This category error in the notes does not affect the substantive status of the accounts and has been logged with the Diocese, who are content with this explanatory note.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Building Fund\* under Restricted Reserves – not all of the 2022 money is restricted, as the remainder of the legacy money is merely designated.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There are within the accounts summary that follows a small number of recording errors. These relate solely to issues of presentation, and not to the workings themselves. The independent examiner, and the diocesan finance team, are aware of these, and are still happy to approve the accounts. The issues have already been corrected in the working documents going forward into 2023.

# St Bartholomew's Roby Accounts Summary 2022

## Including Independent Examiners Report

| Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts and Payments Accounts                           |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |
|                                                          | Note | Unrestricted Fund | Designated Fund           | Restricted Fund | Total 2022        | Total 2021        |
|                                                          |      | £                 | £                         | £               | £                 | £                 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                          |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Voluntary receipts:</b>                               |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |
| Planned giving                                           |      | 72,000            |                           |                 | <b>72,000</b>     | <b>66,575</b>     |
| Collections at services                                  |      | 867               |                           |                 | <b>867</b>        | <b>1,762</b>      |
| All other giving                                         | 1    | 10,850            | 140                       | 20,278          | <b>31,268</b>     | <b>46,021</b>     |
| Gift Aid recovered                                       | 2    | 17,122            |                           | 1,251           | <b>18,373</b>     | <b>16,215</b>     |
|                                                          |      | 100,839           | 140                       | 21,530          | <b>122,508</b>    | <b>130,572</b>    |
| <b>Activities for generating funds</b>                   |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Fund Raising</b>                                      |      | 1,660             |                           | -               | <b>1,660</b>      | -                 |
| <b>Investment income</b>                                 | 3    | 15                |                           | -               | <b>15</b>         | -                 |
| <b>Church activities</b>                                 | 4    | 4,413             |                           | -               | <b>4,413</b>      | <b>6,021</b>      |
| <b>Grants received</b>                                   | 5    | -                 | 4,167                     | 9,800           | <b>13,967</b>     | <b>13,000</b>     |
| <b>Other receipts</b>                                    | 6    | 2,810             |                           | -               | <b>2,810</b>      | <b>5,336</b>      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                                    |      | <b>109,736</b>    | <b>4,307</b>              | <b>31,330</b>   | <b>145,372</b>    | <b>154,929</b>    |
| <b>Payments</b>                                          |      | Unrestricted Fund | Unrestricted - designated | Restricted Fund | <b>Total 2022</b> | <b>Total 2021</b> |
|                                                          |      | £                 | £                         | £               | £                 | £                 |
| <b>Church activities:</b>                                |      |                   |                           |                 |                   |                   |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| Parish share                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   | (67,276)  | -       |         | (67,276)  | (62,774)  |
| Clergy and staffing costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                |   | (1,664)   |         | -       | (1,664)   | (4,928)   |
| Church running expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   | (18,652)  | (1,620) | (3,762) | (24,033)  | (20,417)  |
| Church repairs and maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   | (11,979)  |         |         | (11,979)  | (3,256)   |
| Curate's house running costs                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |           | -       | (3,062) | (3,062)   | (1,226)   |
| Fund raising activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   | (295)     |         |         | (295)     | -         |
| Mission giving and donations                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   | (11,370)  |         |         | (11,370)  | (7,560)   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   | (111,236) | (1,620) | (6,824) | (119,680) | (100,161) |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>Cost of generating funds</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   | -         |         |         | -         | -         |
| <b>Governance Costs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   | (66)      | (125)   |         | (191)     |           |
| <b>Other payments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | -         |         |         | -         | (5,789)   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   | (111,302) | (1,745) | (6,824) | (119,871) | (105,950) |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   | (1,567)   | 2,562   | 24,505  | 25,501    | 48,979    |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   | 50,725    |         | 33,862  | 84,587    | 31,585    |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7 | 25,649.27 |         | 77,530  | 103,180   | 80,565    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>Notes to the accounts:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>1 - All other giving</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| Unrestricted - Designated relates to the money remaining after Eco church ended. Restricted relates to both the money received for the Generosity challenge and the money received from Groups specifically towards heating and lighting |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>2 - Gift Aid Recovered</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| The income in the Restricted Funds relates to the Generosity challenge                                                                                                                                                                   |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>3 - Investment Income</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| This income represented income from Common Wealth War Graves                                                                                                                                                                             |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| <b>4 - Church Activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |           |         |         |           |           |
| This income represents all income earned from funeral and wedding fees, fundraising activities and all sales income (e.g. Bookstall, refreshments etc) excluding agent income and expenditure.                                           |   |           |         |         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |           |         |         |           |           |

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| <b>5 - Grants Received</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| The Unrestricted - designated funds represent the New Wine grant received to compensate for Kate's time and the Restricted funds represents grant received for the Curate's property, Choir, Woolly warriors and Lunch club & Coffee sanctuary. As well as a grant received from the Diocese. |  |             |             |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| <b>6 - Other Receipts</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| The income in Unrestricted relates to the refund from the Water company after an error on their side                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |             |             |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| <b>7 - Cash in bank as at 31 Dec</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| This shows the movement of the Legacy from designated to restricted                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |             |             |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |             |             |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |             |             |  |  |  |
| <b>Agent income and expenditure not included within the Church Accounts:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |             |             |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |  |  |  |
| LDBF funeral and wedding fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | 3,102       | 5,536       |  |  |  |
| Licenced reader and vergers funeral and wedding fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | 1,335       | 1,650       |  |  |  |
| CD Lane books                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | 43          |             |  |  |  |
| Gravedigger                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | 300         |             |  |  |  |
| Organist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 85          |             |  |  |  |

| <b>Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022</b> |       |                    |                 |                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>                      |       |                    |                 |                 |                   |                   |
|                                                                 | Not e | Unrestrict ed Fund | Restricted Fund | Endowme nt Fund | <b>Total 2022</b> | <b>Total 2021</b> |
|                                                                 |       | £                  | £               | £               | £                 | £                 |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                           |       |                    |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                                               |       |                    |                 |                 |                   |                   |
| Bank Current Accounts                                           |       | 25,649             | 77,530          | -               | <b>103,180</b>    | <b>84,587</b>     |
| Reserve C of E                                                  |       | -                  | -               | -               | -                 | -                 |
| CCLA Fabric Fund                                                |       | -                  | -               | -               | -                 | -                 |
| Cash                                                            |       |                    | -               | -               | -                 | -                 |

|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash Funds Total</b>                                |   | <b>25,649</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>77,530</b>      | <b>-</b>   | <b>103,180</b> | <b>84,587</b>   |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Debtors</b>                                         | 1 | <b>617</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>   | <b>617</b>     | <b>3,148</b>    |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                     | 2 | <b>(3,557)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>   | <b>(3,557)</b> | <b>(10,954)</b> |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Total Net Current Assets</b>                        |   | <b>22,709</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>77,530</b>      | <b>-</b>   | <b>100,239</b> | <b>76,781</b>   |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>                             |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Other Monetary Assets</b>                           |   | <b>-</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>        |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Investment Assets</b>                               |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| Investment Fund                                        |   | <b>-</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>840</b> | <b>840</b>     | <b>840</b>      |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Assets retained for Church use (Western Avenue)</b> |   | <b>160,000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>   | <b>160,000</b> | <b>160,000</b>  |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                              |   | <b>160,000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>-</b>           | <b>840</b> | <b>160,840</b> | <b>160,840</b>  |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| <b>Restricted Reserves:</b>                            |   | <b><u>2022</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                            | <b><u>2021</u></b> |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   | <b>£</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>£</b>           |            |                |                 |
| Building Fund*                                         |   | 64,647.57                                                                                                                                                                                     | 24,506.25          |            |                |                 |
| Choir                                                  |   | 316.50                                                                                                                                                                                        | 316.50             |            |                |                 |
| Grant for Curate property                              |   | 3,378.00                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1,940.31           |            |                |                 |
| Lunch club and Coffee Sanctuary                        |   | 955.51                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |            |                |                 |
| Community choir                                        |   | 700.00                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |            |                |                 |
| Woolly Warriors                                        |   | 300.00                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |            |                |                 |
| Grants for Infinite                                    |   | 4,110.03                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4,110.03           |            |                |                 |
| Grants for Youth Worker                                |   | 2,988.64                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2,988.64           |            |                |                 |
| Lauda Christmas Card                                   |   | 134.00                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   | <b>77,530.25</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>33,861.73</b>   |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
|                                                        |   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
| Note                                                   | 1 | This represents money owed by Funeral Directors                                                                                                                                               |                    |            |                |                 |
|                                                        | 2 | This includes money given for Lauda Christmas card 2022 but not yet paid, Expenses owed to both Vicar and Curate for December 2022, Organist payment for December 2022 and LDBF Fees for 2022 |                    |            |                |                 |





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE  
ECCLESIASTICAL  
PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, ROBY

On accounts for the  
year

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity  
no (if  
any)

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional  
sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the  
above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022.

Responsibilities  
basis of report

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

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

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

Address:

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and

guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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# Accounts

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# 2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby

## Aim and purposes

St. Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Kate Wharton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Church Road, Roby.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Bartholomew's. Our Mission Statement is "Grow, Serve, Give" and it is our desire to see our church family:

- ☐ Grow in numbers and in their own individual walk with God
- ☐ Serve God as they feel called, serve each other both practically and spiritually and serve our community
- ☐ Give of themselves both financially and physically to maintain the structure of the church and the body of Christ, the worshipping community

**GROW** – We want to be people, and a church, which grows. Individually we are seeking to grow in our own faith, in our walk with God. We want to become more like Jesus and more like the people he created us to be. We encourage church members to be part of a Connect group where they can be accountable and where they can learn and grow alongside a few others. Corporately we are seeking to grow in the depth of our spiritual life as we seek God together. We expect that when we come together as church we will be transformed as we meet with God through worship, teaching and ministry. We are also seeking to grow numerically – to be, in the words of our diocesan strategy "a bigger church which makes a bigger difference, as we see more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world."

**SERVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which serves. We want our communities of Roby and Page Moss to be better because we as a church are here than they would be if we were not. We encourage church members to consider how they might serve both within the church, in one or more of our ministry areas, and outside the church, within the community. We want to be a place which is known within our community for being a place of welcome, and support, and blessing.

**GIVE** – We want to be people, and a church, which gives. We aim to give generously of our money, our resources, our time and our talents. We encourage church members to give financially to God's work and mission within St. Bart's and also to whatever other good causes God prompts them to support. As a church we give away a proportion of our income to good

causes around the world, and our Missions committee ensures we keep in touch with where our money is going.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Bartholomew.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Services at St Bartholomew's generally follow the pattern as described in previous reports, namely:

- The early service on a Sunday morning (9 am) - this is our more traditional service, Common Worship Holy Communion every week except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday which is Morning Prayer. This service also has an organist.
- The later Sunday morning service (11 am) - this is all age focussed and is led by a worship band. Tots' Church (for pre-school children) and Kids' Church (for primary school children) run during this service.
- The evening service, Infinite (6:00pm) - this is more contemporary and informal in style.

In all three Sunday services there is an opportunity for prayer ministry.

The activities detailed below demonstrate how St. Bartholomew's Church has been following it's Mission Statement, which is to "grow, serve and give".

During 2020, the arrival of the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent national lockdowns affected how we met together as a church, and this continued throughout 2021 to various degrees. At the beginning of January 2021, after enjoying some onsite services towards the end of 2020, the PCC once again had to suspend onsite services due to the announcement of a further national lockdown. Reverend Kate reminded us again that Church is not closed, only the building is closed, and we were encouraged to remain connected as we worshipped together on Zoom and You Tube, by praying for each other and by being in contact with each other to show support.

People were encouraged to use the "help" email to request help or offer help to others. Telephone volunteers, shoppers and deliverers came forward to serve others in their time of

need. There were also Connect Groups available to join which met via Zoom or WhatsApp, enabling small groups to meet for prayer, worship and Bible study.

Throughout January, February and most of March 2021 our 11 am Morning Worship “Gather Round” continued to be livestreamed on You Tube. Following this, people had the opportunity to meet on Zoom for tea and coffee, a time to catch up with each other. After this, the Prayer Ministry team were available to pray with people who had specific prayer requests.

In addition, Infinite Live (an informal service) was held on Zoom on the first Sunday of the month, with Infinite Moments (short blog posts with a ‘thought for the day’) shared by members of the church on our Facebook page on the Sundays in between.

Our monthly worship and prayer gathering, “Hungry” continued to take place on Zoom on the last Wednesday of the month during the lockdown period.

Our Boys’ Brigade group began meeting up on Zoom each Tuesday and spaces were available for new members to get involved. When they began to meet once more in person, they met at Roby Park School, as there was more space available, and they could meet outside when the weather permitted.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 saw the launch of our 3 year fundraising appeal, the Generosity Challenge. This was postponed from the previous year when the church celebrated its 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A pizza party was held on Zoom and the church family heard how they could all be involved in raising the substantial sum of money needed specifically for our building fund to cover the cost of vital repairs to the church building. Also in January, we hosted a special Zoom chat for Home-schooling parents – a chance to chat, share, laugh, cry, encourage, scream and pray together. At the end of January, a New Wine Celebration evening was livestreamed from St Bartholomew’s church.

It was recognised that those who work for the NHS in any capacity are currently having a stressful time due to the extra work created by the Pandemic and also more recently, the roll out of the newly approved Covid Vaccination Programme. Reverend Kate invited those in our church family who work for the NHS to send her a photograph along with their name and job title which she made into a prayer card. This was shared with the wider church family enabling them to pray in a more focussed and informed way. Following the success of this, a second prayer card was circulated featuring those working in education. A free counselling service “Listening Ear” was made available through the Huyton Deanery to anyone interested.

To round off January 2021, Reverend Kate shared with us an excellent resource from CPAS. It was a verse of praise for every single day of the month, a way to help us all to continue to praise God for his goodness and his faithfulness even when times are hard.

February saw the continuation of a series of meetings with an invited special guest. “An evening with ...” has been much appreciated and well attended on Zoom by church members.

In February we were encouraged to spend some time thinking about how we might mark the season of Lent and use it to grow closer to God. On Ash Wednesday, Lent began with a short service on Zoom. The Prayer Course 2 ran each Tuesday throughout Lent on Zoom. Lent prayer resources and resources for families with children were made available for the church family to use. People were also encouraged to download the Lectio 365 daily Bible reading App covering similar themes to the Prayer Course 2.

At the end of February 2021, the government unveiled its “roadmap” to help us to move out of the pandemic. With this in mind, the PCC decided at its meeting in March to re commence

onsite services from Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. The previous format was resumed, with services at 9.00 am and 11.00 am. The 6pm service didn't restart online at that point. The 11.00am service continued to be livestreamed as a maximum of 40 people were permitted to attend in person. A telephone booking system was used and this worked well. Stewards continued to ensure that standards were adhered to and it was mandatory for all attendees to wear a face covering. No social contact between family bubbles was allowed and sadly people attending in person were still not able to sing. The Zoom tea/coffee/chat/prayer ministry was discontinued once the onsite services resumed.

The church family were invited to participate in several events throughout March. A free New Wine celebration was held on You Tube to mark the start of the Leadership Conference and was open for all to attend. A virtual "Experience Easter" called The B Tales was available on You Tube for children, created by some children's workers in the Diocese and the Methodist Circuit. A National Day of Reflection was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, exactly 1 year since the first lockdown started. Reverend Kate sent out a short service in her weekly email for people to follow at some point during the day and there were two national times of remembrance – a moment of silence at 12pm and the shining of a light at 8pm. Palm crosses were available for people to collect on Palm Sunday as a visual reminder of the events of Holy Week. The children were encouraged to make Easter cards which could be sent out to older members of the church.

April began with our services for Easter. A short service for Maundy Thursday was available for people to use at home, alone or with others and on Good Friday there was a Zoom service for all to join. A Walk Through Easter event was held in church for children and families on Holy Saturday.

In May, we were encouraged to get involved in the global 11 day prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come", beginning with a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom. We also joined up with other churches in the Deanery for a prayer walk during this time. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held in May on Zoom. Our Eco Church team invited new members to join them as they were thinking and planning how we could do better as a church in becoming more eco aware and friendly in all that we do as we work towards our Eco Church award. At the end of May, another New Wine Celebration evening was livestreamed from St Bartholomew's church. Also at the end of May, we said goodbye to our Ordinand of three years as she left to take up a new position as Curate in another church.

In June, a Living in Love & Faith information evening was held on Zoom, hosted by Reverend Kate. As the weather began to improve, our Grounds Team volunteers got to work cutting the grass and trimming the hedges. Different members of the congregation adopted borders and provided and planted bedding plants to make the church look beautiful throughout the summer as we looked forward to being able to celebrate weddings once more. The outside church notice boards were looking bare following the extensive periods of lockdown, so the children and youth were invited to enter a competition to design a bright and colourful poster with the theme "This is our Church". The two winning designs were made into banners and displayed on the notice boards to add to the bright and cheerful feel of the grounds. At the end of June, we welcomed our new Curate and her family following her ordination at Liverpool Cathedral.

July saw the lifting of all remaining restrictions by the Government which meant that by the end of July it was no longer necessary to book in advance to attend church on Sundays as numbers were no longer restricted to 40 attendees. However, the 11am service continued to be livestreamed on You Tube and a number of people continued to engage with the service in

this way. People watching from home were able to be involved by texting in to the church phone number. A leaflet and a video were produced by Reverend Kate to explain the changes following the removal of mandatory restrictions. The video was posted on social media and the leaflet was sent either by email or by post to all members of the congregation. Church members were also sent some resources prepared by CPAS to help them think about the past year and reflect, with God, on some of their experiences during the pandemic either as individuals or families. Face to face pastoral visits and conversations were able to take place once more. Baptisms continued to be held in the afternoons both to deal with the backlog and to reduce the pressure on numbers at the 11am service. Members of the church were also encouraged to join in the online New Wine event “United Breaks Out”, with free bible teaching, celebration talks and events for children and young people.

August began with the New Wine “United Breaks Out” Sunday morning livestream from London, followed by a picnic in the Vicarage garden. The 9am and the 11am services continued in their revised format throughout August.

In September, we were delighted that Emma and Isaac Stonier could stay with us as Emma began her ordination training at Emmanuel and started her placement at St Bartholomew’s. Kids Church, Tots Church and communion (bread only) started up again at the 11am service. We were able to have our live worship band and people were allowed to sing again. Refreshments were available once more after the service enabling people to stay and chat with each other if they wanted to. We were also able to re-start some of the church groups that take place mid-week, such as STAR and Tiddlywinks and some of the uniformed organisations were also making plans to re-commence. Our “Hungry” evening of prayer and worship took place at the end of September onsite in church. Our yearly “Alpha” course took place on Zoom, starting at the end of September and was a great success. St Bartholomew’s registered for the “Welcome Churches” scheme, which aims to help churches be ready to welcome refugees who may move into the area and need support.

In October, we held our Harvest Festival where food donations were given to the Big Help Project (Knowsley Foodbank).

In November, members of the congregation were invited to contribute to the process of finding the next Bishop of Liverpool by completing an online survey as the current Bishop of Liverpool had announced that he would be retiring in February 2022. We were able to hold two memorial services in November for families who had experienced bereavement during 2020 and 2021 and these were well attended and much appreciated.

At the beginning of December we held our annual Toy & Gift Service. Donated toys were distributed to local families by The Big Help Project and gifts of toiletries, hats, scarves & gloves were given to SHARe for distribution at a party for asylum seekers and refugees. In the light of the new Omicron variant of Covid, the government updated its guidance making the wearing of face masks mandatory again in church. We held a Christmas Tree Carol Service, Carols by Candlelight (which was also livestreamed), Longest Night service, Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Christmas Day all age service with Communion. The St. Bart’s Kids’ Nativity filmed in 2020 was also re-launched on YouTube and some people gathered in church to watch it together.

Throughout the year, Reverend Kate has continued to send the congregation a weekly email with words of encouragement and links to keep people connected. There has also been regular contact by post and telephone with those people who are not online.

Due to the pandemic, the uniformed organisations associated with the church (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Boys Brigade) have been unable to meet for much of the year and Church Parade services usually held on the first Sunday of each month have not taken place.

The monthly Wednesday morning Holy Communion service has also been suspended during the pandemic, as have our monthly visits into St. Bart's Court nursing home.

All are welcome to attend our regular services, whether they are held in person or online. At present there are 209 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 96 of whom are resident within the parish and 113 live outside the parish boundary. This year there have been some changes - 9 names were added during the year and 7 names have been removed. The average weekly attendance across the two morning services counted during October 2021 was 141 adults and 38 children. We also estimate that on average 60 people (or households) watch our livestream each week. We are delighted that despite the pandemic and not being able to meet up in person for long periods of the year, 27 new people have started to attend regularly during 2021. There are now 325 people in our worshipping community.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 13 baptisms in our church this year. There were 37 funerals in total in church and at the cemetery or crematorium. 4 weddings took place in 2021.

## **Deanery Synod**

This year we have had our full quota of elected members from the PCC sitting on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Diocese and the Church of England. In addition, a lay member of the church was elected to Diocesan Synod.

## **Cathedral Reps**

The church has three representatives who attend meetings at the cathedral on the church's behalf and act as a communications channel between the church and the cathedral (two of these positions are currently vacant).

## **Use of the Church Building**

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the Coronavirus pandemic which caused a national lockdown from March 2020, the church building was closed to the public for much of that year, and for most of 2021 church was open only for services on Sunday and for events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Therefore the groups outlined below were only able to start meeting up again from September 2021.

The church building was re-ordered many years ago which enabled it to be split into three main areas, an area for worship and a multipurpose area (both on the ground floor) and a hall upstairs. We continue to be grateful for this and endeavour to make good use of the whole building when able. To this end the following groups made use of the building from September 2021:

|         |                  |                                       |
|---------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday  | 1.30pm - 4:00pm  | Indoor Bowls                          |
|         | 5:30pm - 6:30pm  | Ladies Keep Fit                       |
| Tuesday | 9:30am - 11.30am | Tiddlywinks (carer and toddler group) |

1:30pm - 3:30pm STAR Fellowship (every 2 weeks)

Wednesday 4:45pm - 5:45pm Rainbows (6th Roby)

6:00pm - 7:00pm Brownies (6th Roby)

8.00pm - 9.00pm Hungry - creative prayer & worship (monthly)

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm Roby Lunch Club (bi-monthly: 1st Thursday)

7:00pm - 8.30pm Guides (3rd Roby)

Friday

Saturday 9.00am - 11.00am Cleaning Group

9:00am - 12:00pm Grounds Team

9:00am - 11:00am Fairtrade Breakfast (monthly) - not yet re-commenced

9:30am-11:00am Women's breakfast (termly) - not yet re-commenced

## Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, infirmity or age. Reverend Kate and other members of the Pastoral Care Team would usually visit all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. Unfortunately home and hospital visiting has not been possible since March 2020 due to the pandemic. However, the volunteers that constitute the Pastoral Care Team have continued to maintain telephone contact with all who are sick, in nursing homes or unable to get out for any reason to keep them in touch with church life.

## Safeguarding

As a church, we are very committed to safeguarding. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every PCC meeting. The PCC has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. The Policy Statements on Adults at Risk and Children and Young People for the Church of St Bartholomew's Roby can be seen below. These are read out each year at the APCM and are signed by the members of the PCC.

- ☐ As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially adults at risk, children and young people.
- ☐ It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse of adults at risk, children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- ☐ We recognise that our work with adults at risk, children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- ☐ Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with adults at risk, children and young people, and to providing them with supervision.
- ☐ Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese.
- ☐ Our church will adopt good practice guidelines.
- ☐ Each worker with adults at risk, children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

- As part of our commitment to adults at risk, the PCC has appointed David Bradbury to be the church's Safeguarding Adults at Risk Co-ordinator.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed Sian Barker to be the church's Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator.
- Children and young people are an important part of our church today.
  - o They have much to give as well as to receive.
  - o We will listen to them.
  - o As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect their wishes and feelings.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

These two strands associated with coming to faith and growing in faith helped influence the church's activities. The church has continued its focus on helping those within and particularly beyond the parish boundaries by making donations to support individuals and organisations that we have had long lasting relationships with.

Examples of continuing long-standing links are Testimony Faith Homes, SHARe and Scripture Union, New Zealand. Three newer links have been initiated in recent years. We now support Tearfund, the work of YWAM Constanta Romania and the Chira Fund Malawi.

For the calendar year 2021 the planned Mission Giving was allocated as follows:

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Testimony Faith Homes (Eldoret, Kenya) | £3,600 |
| Scripture Union (New Zealand)          | £500   |
| Tear Fund                              | £3,600 |
| SHARe                                  | £1,200 |
| YWAM Constanta Romania                 | £1,200 |
| New Wine                               | £600   |
| Chira Fund Malawi                      | £600   |
| CPAS                                   | £600   |
| Liverpool Youth for Christ             | £600   |
| Together for the Harvest               | £120   |

The church is involved with the Big Help project which incorporates both the Knowsley food bank and Baby Basics. During the pandemic, church members have been reminded through weekly emails to make their donations to the food bank and Baby Basics directly as the collection box in church could not be accessed. The Big Help Project was also the focus for our Harvest gifts of food this year and for the toys donated at our toy service in December.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

We have close links with our sister church, Trinity Page Moss Anglican/Methodist Church, with whom we are in a Local Ecumenical Partnership. Prior to the pandemic, a member of the St Bartholomew's clergy or a Lay Reader took the service at Trinity on average once a month. This has not been possible to maintain during the pandemic but restarted from autumn 2021 as onsite services recommenced. Trinity welcomed a new minister in September 2020. Reverend Kate has been in regular contact with him, and we look forward to meeting him and welcoming him to preach at St Bartholomew's in the near future.

## Parish Events

Due to the pandemic, we have been unable to open church to the public for large gatherings during 2021 and therefore events such as Summer and Christmas Fairs were unable to go ahead.

Socially distanced small grounds working groups have been held regularly throughout spring, summer and autumn to maintain the area around the church. Once the pandemic is over, we hope to re-establish our links with the local council who have supported us in the past by facilitating joint activity days focussed on improving the grounds and planting new trees.

Despite the lockdown some social events have taken place, including:

- ☐ Pizza Party on Zoom (January)
- ☐ Easter cards made by the children and sent to older members of the congregation (March)
- ☐ Picnic in the vicarage garden (August)
- ☐ Design a Poster competition (June)

## Associated Groups

The St Bart's Junior Girls FC is run by members of the church and whilst it does not meet in the church building the leaders and many members of the team worship regularly at St. Bart's. Prior to the pandemic the club trained locally each week and played in a league. However, the group activity is suspended at the moment.

Due to the pandemic, the uniformed organisations associated with the church (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Boys Brigade) have been unable to meet and Church Parade services usually held on the first Sunday of each month have not taken place.

## Financial Review

For the Year 2021 the total receipts on unrestricted funds were £98,706, of which £72,582 related to unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £16,215 was from Gift Aid.

Planned giving to the unrestricted fund dropped by over 6% in 2021, this could be in part due to further lockdowns, financial difficulties of the congregation due to the impact of Covid19, or it could relate to a change of priorities of those giving, to favour the Generosity Challenge.

Building Fund monies, carried forward from 2020, were transferred to Generosity Challenge funds during 2021. Direct donations to the Generosity Challenge fund achieved £19,287 in 2021, meaning we reached 64% of our £30,000 target for the first year. Particular thanks to all those who launched & increased awareness of the challenge during the year, especially David Barker for his continued hard work on this project.

During 2021 we received a legacy payment of £19,163 due to the generosity of the late Eileen Bryant to whom we are extremely grateful.

We continue to be grateful for the annual donation of £9,999.96 from New Wine during their own period of financial difficulty.

During 2021 we benefited from a reduction in Parish Share, due to the new way in which it is calculated. We paid £62,774, down from £74,528 in 2020, a decrease of almost 16% which has positively impacted our financial position.

We continued to benefit from not being charged Council Tax for the Vicarage during 2021, which has been very beneficial to our finances by reducing our expenditure. Thanks go again

to the Area Dean, Canon Malcom Rogers, for negotiating this continuation with Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

As a result of the impact of the Covid19 Pandemic, a reduction was made to Readers Fees for 2021, which were charged at 50% of the usual rate, following no fees requested for 2020.

In 2021, St Bartholomew's met its commitment to maintain Mission Giving at 10% of its total receipts. All cheques for this were sent out before the end of the year. Some cheques were not cashed until 2022 and, therefore, carried over as creditors. Once all cheques were cashed this meant that the 10% aim was achieved.

During 2021 the Curate's house at Old Dover Road was sold and a new, more appropriate property, purchased in Western Avenue. There was a deficit, between the sale, purchase & fees payable to agents & solicitors, of £788.84, which was covered from General funds. In addition, a grant of £4,500 per annum was obtained from the Diocese towards the running costs of the property, which was apportioned in 2021 due to the new Curate taking up residence part way through the year. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to help in this process & to Reverend Kate for assisting in the application for the Diocesan Grant towards running costs.

The balance of Unrestricted funds carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 totalled £47,255.33, this includes designated funds of £28,465, leaving totally unrestricted funds of £18,790 in hand at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Restricted bank balances totalled £33,356, which includes funds that have been set aside for building and maintenance of the church. £24,180.25 of this related to the Generosity Challenge and £1,940.31 remaining from 2021 for use towards the running costs of the Curate's property.

## **Optional Information**

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to mention especially our churchwardens Mrs Barker and Ms Standish who have worked hard on our behalf, and Mrs Smith (to April 2021), Mrs Worsell (from April 2021) and Mrs Sheehan our treasurers who have supported us with the church's accounts and its finances.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Bartholomew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met seven times during the calendar year 2021 (five of these meetings were held on Zoom), including one short, extraordinary meeting immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There is very good average attendance at PCC meetings. There is also a smaller, Standing Committee, which meets regularly on Zoom or in person and functions as an executive committee of the PCC.

## Administrative information

Registered Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Roby

Charity Commission Number: 1131572

St. Bartholomew's Church is situated in Church Road, Roby. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Church Road, Roby, L36 9TL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006).

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- ☐ Incumbent: Reverend Kate Wharton, Chairman
- ☐ Curate: Reverend Claire Aldridge (from 27.06.21)

Wardens:

- ☐ Mrs Sian Barker
- ☐ Ms Lynn Standish

Elected members:

- ☐ Mrs Stacey Armstrong, representative on Deanery Synod
- ☐ Mr David Barker, representative on Deanery Synod (to 17.05.21)
- ☐ Mrs Susan Hopper, representative on Deanery Synod (to 26.08.21)
- ☐ Mr Andrew Cook, representative on Deanery Synod
- ☐ Mrs Valerie Boyes, representative on Deanery Synod (from 17.05.21 to 30.12.21)
- ☐ Mr Terence Burke representative on Deanery Synod (from 17.05.21, on PCC from 18.10.2020)
- ☐ Mrs Susan McCrudden
- ☐ Mrs Patricia Verrycke
- ☐ Mr Graham Fuller
- ☐ Mrs Ann Murphy (to 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Susan Page
- ☐ Mrs Karen Smith (to 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Eileen Longman (to 17.05.21)
- ☐ Mrs Lorraine Sheehan
- ☐ Mr Stephen Enescott
- ☐ Mrs Emma Stonier (to 20.11.21)
- ☐ Ms Natalie Mc Donald
- ☐ Mr Stephen Ellis-Menton (to 10.11.21)
- ☐ Mrs Sarah Worsell (from 17.05.21)
- ☐ Mrs Leah Daly (from 17.05.21)
- ☐ Mr Jaime Salcido (from 17.05.21)
- ☐ Miss Elizabeth Newton (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Mrs Gill Murphy (from 09.05.22)
- ☐ Miss Rachel Smith (from 09.05.22)

Officers:

Treasurer Mrs Karen Smith (to 17.05.21), Mrs Sarah Worsell (from 17.05.21)  
Secretary Mrs Susan Page (to 09.05.22), Miss Elizabeth Newton (from 09.05.22)

Approved by the PCC on 4.5.22 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Kate Wharton (Incumbent)

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

|                            | Not<br>e | Unrestricte<br>d Fund<br>£ | Unrestricte<br>d -<br>designated<br>£ | Restrict<br>ed Fund<br>£ | <b>Total<br/>2021<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2020<br/>£</b> |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>            |          |                            |                                       |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Voluntary receipts:</b> |          |                            |                                       |                          |                             |                             |
| Planned giving             |          | 66,575                     |                                       |                          | <b>66,575</b>               | <b>71,007</b>               |
| Collections at services    |          | 1,762                      |                                       |                          | <b>1,762</b>                | <b>2,689</b>                |
| All other giving           | 1        | 7,245                      | 19,163                                | 19,287                   | <b>45,695</b>               | <b>11,103</b>               |
| Gift Aid recovered         | 2        | 16,215                     |                                       | -                        | <b>16,215</b>               | <b>15,040</b>               |
|                            |          | 91,797                     | 19,163                                | 19,287                   | <b>130,246</b>              | <b>99,839</b>               |

**Activities for generating funds**

|                          |   |               |               |                |                |                |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fund Raising</b>      | 3 | -             |               |                | -              | -              |
| <b>Investment income</b> | 4 | -             |               |                | -              | -              |
| <b>Church activities</b> | 5 | 6,573         |               |                | <b>6,573</b>   | <b>3,688</b>   |
| <b>Grants received</b>   | 6 | -             | 10,000        | 3,000          | <b>13,000</b>  | <b>22,000</b>  |
| <b>Other receipts</b>    | 7 | 336           |               | 161,200        | <b>161,536</b> | <b>14,591</b>  |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>    |   | <b>98,706</b> | <b>29,163</b> | <b>183,486</b> | <b>311,355</b> | <b>140,118</b> |

| <b>Payments</b>                         |   | Unrestricted Fund<br>£ | Unrestricted - designated<br>£ | Restricted Fund<br>£ | <b>Total 2021<br/>£</b> | <b>Total 2020<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Church activities:</b>               |   |                        |                                |                      |                         |                         |
| Parish share                            |   | (62,774)               | -                              |                      | <b>(62,774)</b>         | <b>(91,528)</b>         |
| Clergy and staffing costs               |   | (4,914)                |                                | (13)                 | <b>(4,928)</b>          | <b>(11,647)</b>         |
| Church running expenses                 |   | (19,678)               | (698)                          | (42)                 | <b>(20,417)</b>         | <b>(21,900)</b>         |
| Church repairs and maintenance          |   | (3,256)                |                                |                      | <b>(3,256)</b>          | <b>(1,043)</b>          |
| Curate's House running costs            |   | (167)                  |                                | (1,060)              | <b>(1,226)</b>          | <b>(678)</b>            |
| Fund raising activities                 |   | -                      |                                |                      | -                       | -                       |
| Mission giving and donations            |   | (7,560)                |                                |                      | <b>(7,560)</b>          | <b>(11,915)</b>         |
|                                         |   | <b>(98,348)</b>        | <b>(698)</b>                   | <b>(1,115)</b>       | <b>(100,161)</b>        | <b>(138,711)</b>        |
| <b>Cost of generating funds</b>         |   | -                      |                                |                      | -                       | -                       |
| <b>Governance Costs</b>                 |   | -                      |                                |                      | -                       | -                       |
| <b>Other payments</b>                   | 7 | (789)                  |                                | (161,200)            | <b>(161,988)</b>        | -                       |
| <b>Total payments</b>                   |   | <b>(99,137)</b>        | <b>(698)</b>                   | <b>(162,315)</b>     | <b>(262,149)</b>        | <b>(138,711)</b>        |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments</b> |   | <b>(431)</b>           | <b>28,465</b>                  | <b>21,172</b>        | <b>49,206</b>           | <b>1,407</b>            |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan       |   | 19,221                 |                                | 12,364               | <b>31,585</b>           | <b>23,710</b>           |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec      |   | 47,255.33              |                                | 33,536               | <b>80,791.06</b>        | <b>25,116</b>           |

## Notes to the accounts:

### 1 - All Other Giving

In Unrestricted Funds this income represents a contribution from Trinity Church of £3,000 towards the parish share fee (including amounts for previous years) and

miscellaneous donations. The income in the Restricted Funds is to the Building Fund and includes gift aid from Just giving. The income in designated funds is related to legacy money received from Eileen Bryant's estate.

## 2 - Gift Aid Recovered

This income relates to Gift aid on PGS and HMRC gift aid on donations

## 3 - Fund Raising

There were no events this year for Fund Raising due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## 4 - Investment Income

In previous years this income represented income from Common Wealth War Graves and interest on investments.

## 5 - Church Activities

This income represents all income earned from funeral and wedding fees, fundraising activities and all sales income (e.g. Bookstall, refreshments etc).

## 6 - Grants Received

The Unrestricted - designated funds represent the New Wine grant received to compensate for Reverend Kate's time. The Restricted funds represent the grant received towards the curate's property.

## 7 - Other Receipts and Other Payments

The income and expenditure in Restricted funds relates to the sale of ODR Curate's house and purchase of Western Avenue Curate's house

## Agent income and expenditure not included within the Church Accounts:

|                                                      | 2021  | 2020  |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| LDBF funeral and wedding fees                        | 5,025 | 3,501 |
| Licenced reader and vergers funeral and wedding fees | 1,934 | 1,294 |
| Ministry book income and expenditure                 | -     | -     |
| Choir expenditure                                    | -     | -     |

## Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

|                       | Not e | Unrestricte d Fund | Restrict e d Fund | Endowme nt Fund | Total 2021    | Total 2020 |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|
|                       |       | £                  | £                 | £               | £             | £          |
| <b>Current Assets</b> |       |                    |                   |                 |               |            |
| <b>Cash funds</b>     |       |                    |                   |                 |               |            |
| Bank Current Accounts |       | 47,764             | 33,536            | -               | <b>81,300</b> | 25,116     |
| Reserve C of E        |       | -                  | -                 | -               | -             | -          |

|                         |               |               |          |               |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| CCLA Fabric Fund        | -             | -             | -        | -             | -             |
| Cash                    |               | -             | -        | -             | 150           |
| <b>Cash Funds Total</b> | <b>47,764</b> | <b>33,536</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>81,300</b> | <b>25,266</b> |

|                |   |              |   |   |              |       |
|----------------|---|--------------|---|---|--------------|-------|
| <b>Debtors</b> | 1 | <b>3,148</b> | - | - | <b>3,148</b> | 2,000 |
|----------------|---|--------------|---|---|--------------|-------|

|                    |   |                 |   |   |                 |         |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|---------|
| <b>Liabilities</b> | 2 | <b>(10,386)</b> | - | - | <b>(10,386)</b> | (5,163) |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|---------|

|                                 |  |               |               |          |               |               |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Net Current Assets</b> |  | <b>40,527</b> | <b>33,536</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>74,063</b> | <b>22,103</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|

### Fixed Assets

|                              |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Other Monetary Assets</b> |  | - | - | - | - | - |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|

### **Investment Assets**

|                 |  |   |   |     |            |     |
|-----------------|--|---|---|-----|------------|-----|
| Investment Fund |  | - | - | 840 | <b>840</b> | 840 |
|-----------------|--|---|---|-----|------------|-----|

|                                                        |  |         |   |   |                |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|---------|---|---|----------------|---------|
| <b>Assets retained for Church use (Western Avenue)</b> |  | 160,000 | - | - | <b>160,000</b> | 160,000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|---------|---|---|----------------|---------|

|                           |  |                |          |            |                |         |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b> |  | <b>160,000</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>840</b> | <b>160,840</b> | 160,840 |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|---------|

### **Restricted Reserves:**

|                           | <u>2021</u>   | <u>2020</u>   |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | £             | £             |
| Building Fund             | 24,180.25     | 4,893.62      |
| Choir                     | 316.50        | 316.50        |
| Grant for Curate property | 1,940.31      | -             |
| Grants for Infinite       | 4,110.03      | 4,151.89      |
| Grants for Youth Worker   | 2,988.64      | 3,002.04      |
|                           | <b>33,536</b> | <b>12,364</b> |

- Note 1 This represents funds from Trinity towards 2021 Parish Share as well as money to be paid into the bank towards the Big Christmas card donation.
- 2 This includes Mission giving donations for: Share, New Wine, Tearfund, CPAS, LYFC, Together for the Harvest, YWAM Constanta/Romania, Scripture Union and Global Partnership Challenge. It also includes LDBF fees for 2021, the big Christmas card donation for 2021, Readers fees for 2021, Organist fees for December 2021, John Crawford's fees for November 2021, and reimbursing Jack Andrews for the LCN Domain name.



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# Accounts

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# 2020 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby

## Aim and purposes

St. Bartholomew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Kate Wharton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Church Road, Roby.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Bartholomew's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Bartholomew.

## Achievements and Performance

### Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For most of the first quarter of the year, services at St Bartholomew's followed the pattern as described in previous reports, namely:

- The early service on a Sunday morning (9 am) - this is the most structured and follows closely the format of common worship and most weeks includes Holy Communion. This service also has a choir and the organ is used for the music.
- The later Sunday morning service (11 am) - this is the most family focussed and is led by a band made up of adults and young people. Tots' Church, Kids' Church and Youth Church (serving children and young people 0-16) run during this service.
- The evening service, Infinite (6:00pm) - this is more contemporary and informal in style.

In all three Sunday services there are opportunities for new people of any age to join in the music/choir, as well as the opportunity for prayer ministry. We are very fortunate to have an organist who plays for us at most 9 am services, as well as at some funerals and weddings.

During March 2020, the arrival of the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent national lockdown affected how we met together as a church since the church building had to remain closed. On 20<sup>th</sup> March, Reverend Kate sent the first of her weekly emails to the congregation telling them that for the foreseeable future, "in person" meetings would not be possible, but that church wasn't cancelled. We just had to be creative in finding ways to stay connected with each other.

Worship resources, videos for adults and children and links to external resources were made available on the church website. Printed materials were also available for those who were unable to access online resources. The church Facebook page, You Tube channel and Instagram account all started to be used in an effort to keep people connected in some way. A new "help" email address was set up to enable people to request or offer help to others. Telephone volunteers, shoppers and deliverers came forward to serve others in their time of need.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, Gather Round #1 was launched and this was the format that "church" took on for the next 4 months. A series of videos were made during the week and these were put on the church website each Sunday for people to view at their leisure. Facebook watch parties were also set up whereby people could watch the videos together at the normal meeting time of 11.00 am on Sunday mornings, with the added benefit of being able to make comments during the course of the meeting.

The video conferencing platform "Zoom" was pressed into use from early April giving church members the opportunity to meet up after "Gather Round" for virtual refreshments and a chat. This has been an invaluable way of keeping in touch with each other.

From mid-April, our monthly worship and prayer gathering, "Hungry" began to take place on Zoom. Between April and July, Reverend Kate led morning prayers weekly every Thursday morning on Zoom.

May saw the start of a regular series of meetings with an invited special guest. "An evening with ..." is now firmly fixed in the church calendar and has been much appreciated and well attended on Zoom by church members.

In June we had a "Connect online" Zoom meeting where small groups were able to meet together and support each other. After that, a number of Connect groups found new ways to meet together and stay in touch, via Zoom or WhatsApp.

By July 2020, the first national lockdown was beginning to lift and although we could still not meet in person for church services, a small number of people were able to go into the church building. As a consequence, our Sunday "Gather Round" meetings switched from being Facebook watch parties to being livestreamed from inside the church building using the St Bartholomew's Roby You Tube channel. Also in July, "Infinite Instagram Live" began to take place every Thursday evening.

During the lockdown period, a dedicated group was set up to assess what needed to be done to enable us to meet together safely once in person meetings were allowed to re-commence. A comprehensive risk assessment was carried out during this time and is reviewed regularly.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September, church re-opened for in person services at 9.00 am and 11.00 am. The 11.00 service continued to be livestreamed as a maximum of 40 people were permitted to attend in person. A telephone booking system was put in place and this worked well. Stewards were appointed to ensure that standards were adhered to and it was mandatory for all attendees to wear a face covering. No social contact between family bubbles was allowed and sadly people attending in person were not able to sing. At the end of September, the "Hungry" worship and prayer gathering took place on Zoom.

Our yearly "Alpha" course took place on Zoom, starting mid-September and was a great success.

In October, we held our Harvest Festival where food donations were given to the Big Help Project (Knowsley Foodbank), and monetary gifts were given to SHARE. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was also held in October on Zoom – this was postponed from April due to the pandemic.

A decision was made by the PCC to suspend in person services once again from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 due to the high number of COVID cases in Knowsley. This was followed by a second national lockdown in November 2020. There were no in person services during this time.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, prayer ministry began on Zoom following the livestreamed service each Sunday. On the same date, Infinite live started on Sunday evenings via Zoom and is planned for the first Sunday each month. Infinite moments are shared by different members of the congregation on the Sundays in between. At the end of November, a New Wine Celebration evening was livestreamed from St Bartholomew's church.

In person services re-commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> December (following 6 weeks closure) once the second national lockdown was lifted. This was our annual Toy Service and donated toys were distributed to local families by The Big Help Project.

On 19<sup>th</sup> December, a "Walk through Christmas" event was held in church - this had to be booked in advance. This provided a wonderful opportunity for families to walk through the events of the Christmas story being both creative and reflective on the way.

In person services were held during Christmas week, including Communion & Carols, Longest Night service, Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Christmas Day all age service with Communion, all pre-bookable. In addition, some of the adults produced a Nativity shown on Gather Round entitled "No Zoom at the Inn", whilst the children also filmed a version of the Nativity in their own homes which was edited together and shown on the church Facebook page. One of our church members told a Christmas bedtime story which was shared on the church's YouTube channel on Christmas Eve. Two people wrote songs for Christmas which were also available to watch on social media and we were given the link to watch a carol concert by a virtual choir led by our organist.

Throughout the year, Reverend Kate has continued to send the congregation a weekly email with words of encouragement and links to keep people connected.

Due to the pandemic, the uniformed organisations associated with the church (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Boys Brigade) have been unable to meet and Church Parade services usually held on the first Sunday of each month have not taken place.

The monthly Wednesday morning Holy Communion service has also been suspended during the pandemic.

All are welcome to attend our regular services, whether they are held in person or online. At present there are 207 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 95 of whom are resident within the parish and 112 live outside the parish boundary. This year there have been some changes - 4 names were added during the year and 4 names have been removed. The average weekly attendance at services counted during October 2020 was 27 (with a recognition that this is not a true reflection of attendance because we didn't have services every week, and even when we did, numbers were limited.)

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We usually have an annual memorial service in November which provides an opportunity to remember those who have died in the past year or longer ago. This service allows for names of the departed to be read out and this is often a comfort to the bereaved. This

wasn't able to happen in November 2020, but we hope to be able to hold a number of memorial services once it's possible to do so again. We have celebrated 14 baptisms in our church this year. There were 21 funerals in total in church and at the cemetery or crematorium. No weddings took place in 2020 due to Coronavirus restrictions.

### Deanery Synod

This year we have had 4 out of our quota of 5 elected members from the PCC sitting on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Diocese and the Church of England. In addition, a lay member of the church is elected to Diocesan Synod.

### Cathedral Reps

The church has three representatives who attend meetings at the cathedral on the church's behalf and act as a communications channel between the church and the cathedral (these positions are currently vacant).

### Use of the Church Building

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the Coronavirus pandemic which caused a national lockdown from March 2020, the church building has been closed to the public for much of the year, and therefore the groups outlined below were only able to meet during January to mid-March. All group meetings have been suspended since the first national lockdown.

The church building was re-ordered many years ago which enabled it to be split into three main areas, an area for worship and a multipurpose area (both on the ground floor) and a hall upstairs. We continue to be grateful for this and endeavour to make good use of the whole building when able. To this end the following groups made use of the building most weeks prior to the national lockdown unless specified otherwise:

|           |                  |                                                          |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 1.30pm – 4:00pm  | Indoor Bowls                                             |
|           | 6:00pm – 7:00pm  | Ladies Keep Fit                                          |
|           | 7.00pm – 9.00pm  | Beta connect group (monthly)                             |
| Tuesday   | 9:30am - 11.30am | Tiddlywinks (carer and toddler group)                    |
|           | 1:30pm - 3:30pm  | STAR Fellowship (every 2 weeks)                          |
|           | 6:00pm – 7:00pm  | Anchor Boys                                              |
|           | 7:00pm - 9.15pm  | Boys' Brigade                                            |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm – 7:00pm  | Rainbows (6th Roby)                                      |
|           | 6:00pm - 7.30pm  | Brownies (6th Roby)                                      |
|           | 7.30pm – 10:00pm | Indoor Bowls                                             |
|           | 8.00pm – 9.00pm  | Hungry – creative prayer & worship (monthly)             |
| Thursday  | 12:00pm – 2:00pm | Roby Lunch Club (bi-monthly: 1st Thursday)               |
|           | 7:00pm - 8.30pm  | Guides (3rd Roby)                                        |
|           | 7:00pm - 8pm     | Office Hour (for baptism, wedding and general enquiries) |
|           | 8:00pm - 9.30pm  | Band practice                                            |
| Friday    | 8:00am – 10:00am | Cleaning Team                                            |
|           | 6:45pm-8:00pm    | Youth Fridays (open youth club school years 5 to 8)      |
| Saturday  | 8:00am – 9:00am  | Children's & Young Peoples' Prayer Group (monthly)       |
|           | 9:00am – 11:00am | Fairtrade Breakfast (monthly)                            |
|           | 9:30am-11:00am   | Women's breakfast (termly)                               |

## Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness, infirmity or age. Reverend Kate Wharton and other members of the Pastoral Care Team would usually visit all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. Unfortunately home and hospital visiting has not been possible since March 2020 due to the pandemic. However, the volunteers that constitute the Pastoral Care Team have continued to maintain telephone contact with all who are sick, in nursing homes or unable to get out for any reason to keep them in touch with church life.

## Mission and Evangelism

These two strands associated with coming to faith and growing in faith helped influence the church's activities. The church has continued its focus on helping those within and particularly beyond the parish boundaries by making donations to support individuals and organisations that we have had long lasting relationships with.

Examples of continuing long-standing links are Testimony Faith Homes, SHARe and Andy Banks (Scripture Union, New Zealand). Two newer links have been initiated in recent years. We now support Tearfund and the work of YWAM Constanta Romania.

For the calendar year 2020 the planned Mission Giving was allocated as follows:

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Testimony Faith Homes (Eldoret, Kenya)    | £3,600 |
| Andy Banks, Scripture Union (New Zealand) | £500   |
| Tear Fund                                 | £3,600 |
| SHARe                                     | £1,200 |
| YWAM Romania Dana Diaconu                 | £800   |
| YWAM Romania Brent & Nora Allen           | £400   |
| New Wine                                  | £600   |
| CPAS                                      | £600   |
| Liverpool Youth for Christ                | £600   |
| Together for the Harvest                  | £120   |

The church is involved with the Big Help project which incorporates both the Knowsley food bank and Baby Basics. During the pandemic, church members have been reminded through weekly emails to make their donations to the food bank and Baby Basics directly as the collection box in church cannot be accessed at present. The Big Help Project was also the focus for our Harvest gifts of food this year and for the toys donated at our toy service in December.

The parish magazine started in 2016 has been maintained as a regular quarterly update on activities that have recently happened and pointing to those coming up in the near future. A growing number of members of the congregation have now contributed to this much appreciated publication. A summer 2020 online version of the magazine can be found on the church website.

During our Hungry prayer gatherings, we have been thinking about and praying for some friends of Reverend Kate who are doctors working at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi. In June 2020, the church joined together in a fundraiser "Walk to Malawi" whereby people could register the miles they had walked weekly, the aim being to walk the distance from St. Bartholomew's Roby to Malawi, a total of 5,284 miles. Money was donated to the Chira Fund via a social media giving page set up for this purpose and the target was achieved by the

end of August. Just over £1,000 was raised in total to help the hospital as they too deal with the COVID pandemic. This fundraising was done by church members, but all monies were paid direct to the Chira Fund Just Giving Page and did not go through the church accounts.

### **Ecumenical Relationships**

We have close links with our sister church, Trinity Page Moss Anglican/Methodist Church, with whom we are in a Local Ecumenical Partnership. Prior to the pandemic, a member of the St Bartholomew's clergy or a Lay Reader took the service at Trinity on average once a month. This has not been possible to maintain during the pandemic. Trinity welcomed a new minister in September 2020 and we look forward to working with him.

### **Parish Events**

Due to the pandemic, we have been unable to open church to the public during 2020 and therefore events such as Summer and Christmas Fairs were unable to go ahead.

Socially distanced small grounds working groups have been held regularly throughout spring, summer and autumn to maintain the area around the church. Once the pandemic is over, we hope to re-establish our links with the local council who have supported us in the past by facilitating joint activity days focussed on improving the grounds and planting new trees.

Despite the lockdown social events have taken place, many of them using the video conferencing platform Zoom. These included:

- Kid's scavenger hunt on Good Friday (April)
- Easter egg decorating competition (April)
- Easter cards made by the children and sent to older members of the congregation (April)
- Quiz night (April)
- Countdown evening (May)
- Games night (June)
- Pudding & social night (July)
- Farewell Zoom party for the Curate and his family (August)
- Zoom fun & Games, farewell to our Youth Worker (October)
- Light celebrations with goody bags for the children (October)
- Streets of light, windows decorated (October)
- Delivery of food packs to local people on behalf of the Lunch Club (December)
- All children received a Christmas goody/activity pack from Reverend Kate (December)
- Everyone not online received a booklet with Advent reflections to do at home (December)
- Christmas cards made by the children and sent to older members of the congregation (December)

### **Associated Groups**

The St Bart's Junior Girls FC is run by members of the church and whilst it does not meet in the church building the leaders and many members of the team worship regularly at St. Bart's. Prior to the pandemic the club trained locally each week and played in a league. However, the group activity is suspended at the moment.

Due to the pandemic, the uniformed organisations associated with the church (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Boys Brigade) have been unable to meet and Church Parade services usually held on the first Sunday of each month have not taken place.

## Financial Review

For the Year 2020 Total Receipts on unrestricted funds were £99112 of which £78203 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £14846 was from Gift Aid.

The planned giving overall increased by 5% compared with the previous year and this is mainly due to the increase of giving through the Parish Giving Scheme. A huge thanks needs to be given to Rev Kate Wharton for contacting parishioners asking them to use the Parish Giving Scheme and promoting this on her weekly emails. Due to the covid pandemic and the church premises being closed for a large part of the year this has ensured that there has been funds available each month to pay the Parish Share, invoices, and regular monthly outgoings.

A Just Giving Page was launched via the Diocesan website and a total of £1760 was received during the year.

At the beginning of the year the Church notified the Deanery Mission and Growth Fund that the Church would struggle to pay the £91527.60 Parish Share for 2020 and requested that help would be required. In advance of a change in parish share allocation a grant was given from the Deanery Mission and Growth Fund to St. Bartholomew's of £17,000 which was very much appreciated.

The way in which the Parish Share is calculated changed in 2020 as each Deanery was given the opportunity to decide how the Parish Share should be calculated. Two of our PCC members went to four meetings in 2019 but no definite outcome was reached, so a new committee was formed and again, two PCC members represented us. The final outcome was that the Parish Share for St. Bartholomew's will decrease for 2021.

St Bartholomew's has an aim to maintain Mission Giving at 10% of its Total Receipts and this was achieved as £12035 was given as per the details on page 5.

Tim Coates applied for a grant in 2019 from the Joshua Centre and £6000 was received in 2019 and a grant of £5000 was received in 2020. This will continue for four years decreasing by £1000 each year. The monies are being used for the Sunday evening Infinite Services.

Arthur Franklin continued to work as Youth Worker till October 2020 when he secured a new post in St. Helens. His wages and expenses were paid with the Youth Worker grant of £12500 that was received in 2019.

Revd. Tim Coates left the curate's house in Old Dover Road when he moved to his new post in St. Helens and the house was put up for sale.

Area Dean, Canon Malcolm Rogers, helped by negotiating with Knowsley Council and Knowsley Council agreed not to charge the 2020/21 Council Tax Bill for the Vicarage so this helped our finances a lot and a special thanks much be given to him and Knowsley Council.

Due to the church building being closed for a large part of the year some of the bills were reduced e.g. gas and electricity and overall total expenses reduced by £5000 from 2019.

The balance brought forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December on unrestricted funds totalled £12752. Restricted bank balances totalled £12364 which includes funds that have been set aside for building and maintenance of the church.

## Optional Information

### Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to mention especially our churchwardens Mrs Fuller (to Oct 2020), Mrs Barker and Ms Standish (from Oct 2020) who have worked hard on our behalf, and Mrs Smith and Mrs Sheehan our treasurers who have supported us with the church's accounts and its finances.

### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Bartholomew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The full PCC met eight times during the calendar year 2020 (six of these meetings were held on Zoom), including one short extraordinary meeting immediately following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. There is very good average attendance at PCC meetings. There is also a smaller, Standing Committee, which meets regularly on Zoom at present and functions as an executive committee of the PCC.

### Administrative information

Registered Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Roby

Charity Commission Number: 1131572

St. Bartholomew's Church is situated in Church Road, Roby. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Church Road, Roby, L36 9TL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006).

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Kate Wharton, Chairman

Wardens:

- Mrs Heather Fuller (to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Mrs Sian Barker
- Ms Lynn Standish (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)

Elected members:

- Mr Norman Hulse, representative on Deanery Synod (to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Mrs Stacey Armstrong, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mr David Barker, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mrs Susan Hopper, representative on Deanery Synod
- Mr Andrew Cook, representative on Deanery Synod (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, on PCC from April 2019)
- Mr John Jones (to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Mrs Susan McCrudden
- Mrs Patricia Verrycke

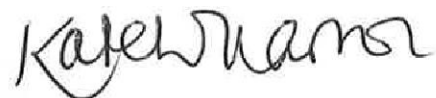
- Mr Graham Fuller
- Mrs Ann Murphy
- Mrs Susan Page
- Mrs Karen Smith
- Mrs Eileen Longman
- Mrs Lorraine Sheehan
- Mr Stephen Enescott
- Mrs Emma Stonier (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Ms Natalie Mc Donald (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Mr Terrence Burke (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)
- Mr Stephen Ellis-Menton (from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020)

Officers:

Treasurer Mrs Karen Smith

Secretary Mrs Susan Page

Approved by the PCC on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Kate Wharton (Incumbent)

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Receipts and Payments Accounts

|                                    | Note | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>designated<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                    |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
| Voluntary receipts:                |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
| Planned giving                     |      | 71,007                    |                                 |                         | 71,007             | 67,533             |
| Collections at services            |      | 2,689                     |                                 |                         | 2,689              | 3,693              |
| All other giving                   | 1    | 10,570                    |                                 | 534                     | 11,103             | 8,658              |
| Gift Aid recovered                 | 2    | 14,846                    |                                 | 194                     | 15,040             | 15,279             |
|                                    |      | 99,112                    | -                               | 727                     | 99,839             | 95,163             |
| Activities for generating funds    |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
| Fund Raising                       | 3    | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | 1,382              |
| Investment income                  | 4    | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | 78                 |
| Church activities                  | 5    | 3,688                     |                                 |                         | 3,688              | 6,801              |
| Grants received                    | 6    | -                         | 17,000                          | 5,000                   | 22,000             | 30,698             |
| Other receipts                     |      | 14,591                    |                                 |                         | 14,591             | 7,501              |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>              |      | <b>117,391</b>            | <b>17,000</b>                   | <b>5,727</b>            | <b>140,118</b>     | <b>141,624</b>     |
| <b>Payments</b>                    |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
| Church activities:                 |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
| Parish share                       |      | (74,528)                  | (17,000)                        |                         | (91,528)           | (88,972)           |
| Clergy and staffing costs          |      | (4,235)                   |                                 | (7,413)                 | (11,647)           | (12,533)           |
| Church running expenses            |      | (18,849)                  |                                 | (3,051)                 | (21,900)           | (28,103)           |
| Church repairs and maintenance     |      | (1,043)                   |                                 |                         | (1,043)            | (1,112)            |
| Old Dover Road running costs       |      | (678)                     |                                 |                         | (678)              | (359)              |
| Fund raising activities            |      | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | -                  |
| Mission giving and donations       |      | (11,915)                  |                                 |                         | (11,915)           | (12,392)           |
|                                    |      | (111,248)                 | (17,000)                        | (10,464)                | (138,711)          | (143,472)          |
| Cost of generating funds           |      |                           |                                 |                         |                    |                    |
|                                    |      | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | -                  |
| Governance Costs                   |      | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | -                  |
| Other payments                     |      | -                         |                                 |                         | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Total payments</b>              |      | <b>(111,248)</b>          | <b>(17,000)</b>                 | <b>(10,464)</b>         | <b>(138,711)</b>   | <b>(143,472)</b>   |
| Excess of receipts over payments   |      | 6,143                     | -                               | (4,736)                 | 1,407              | (1,848)            |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan  |      | 6,609                     |                                 | 17,100                  | 23,710             | 25,558             |
| Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec |      | <b>12,752</b>             |                                 | <b>12,364</b>           | <b>25,116</b>      | <b>23,710</b>      |

Notes to the accounts:

1 - All Other Giving

In Unrestricted Funds this income represents a contribution from Trinity Church of £8,000 towards the parish share fee (including amounts for previous years) and miscellaneous donations. The income in the Restricted Funds is to the Building Fund.

2 - Gift Aid Recovered

The income in the Restricted Funds relates to the Building Fund.

3 - Fund Raising

There were no Fund-Raising events this year for the church due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There was an event for church members to raise funds for a hospital in Malawi, but all monies were paid direct to the Chira Fund Just Giving Page and did not go through the church accounts.

4 - Investment Income

In previous years this income represented income from Common Wealth War Graves and interest on investments.

5 - Church Activities

This income represents all income earned from funeral and wedding fees, fundraising activities and all sales income (e.g. Bookstall, refreshments etc).

6 - Grants Received

The Unrestricted - designated funds represent a grant to help offset the Parish Share and the Restricted funds represent a grant to support the "Infinite" evening services.

Agent income and expenditure not included within the Church Accounts:

|                                                     | 2020  | 2019  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| LDBF funeral and wedding fees                       | 3,501 | 5,353 |
| Licenced reader and verger funeral and wedding fees | 1,294 | 2,614 |
| Ministry book income and expenditure                | -     | -     |
| Choir expenditure                                   | -     | -     |

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

|                                                 | Note | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Endowment<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                           |      |                           |                         |                        |                    |                    |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                               |      |                           |                         |                        |                    |                    |
| Bank Current Accounts                           |      | 12,752                    | 12,364                  | -                      | 25,116             | 23,710             |
| Reserve C of E                                  |      | -                         | -                       | -                      | -                  | -                  |
| CCLA Fabric Fund                                |      | -                         | -                       | -                      | -                  | -                  |
| Cash                                            |      | 150                       | -                       | -                      | 150                | 150                |
| <b>Cash Funds Total</b>                         |      | <b>12,902</b>             | <b>12,364</b>           | <b>-</b>               | <b>25,266</b>      | <b>23,860</b>      |
| Debtors                                         | 1    | 2,000                     | -                       | -                      | 2,000              | 7,628              |
| Liabilities                                     | 2    | (5,163)                   | -                       | -                      | (5,163)            | (6,065)            |
| <b>Total Net Current Assets</b>                 |      | <b>9,739</b>              | <b>12,364</b>           | <b>-</b>               | <b>22,103</b>      | <b>25,423</b>      |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                             |      |                           |                         |                        |                    |                    |
| Other Monetary Assets                           |      | -                         | -                       | -                      | -                  | -                  |
| Investment Assets                               |      |                           |                         |                        |                    |                    |
| Investment Fund                                 |      | -                         | -                       | 840                    | 840                | 840                |
| Assets retained for Church use (Old Dover Road) |      | 160,000                   | -                       | -                      | 160,000            | 160,000            |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                       |      | <b>160,000</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>840</b>             | <b>160,840</b>     | <b>160,840</b>     |
| <b>Restricted Reserves:</b>                     |      |                           |                         |                        |                    |                    |
|                                                 |      | <b>2020<br/>£</b>         | <b>2019<br/>£</b>       |                        |                    |                    |
| Fabric Fund CCLA                                |      | -                         | -                       |                        |                    |                    |
| Building Fund                                   |      | 4,894                     | 4,166                   |                        |                    |                    |
| Choir                                           |      | 317                       | 317                     |                        |                    |                    |
| Grants for Infinite                             |      | 4,152                     | 2,203                   |                        |                    |                    |
| Grants for Youth Worker                         |      | 3,002                     | 10,415                  |                        |                    |                    |
|                                                 |      | <b>12,364</b>             | <b>17,100</b>           |                        |                    |                    |

Note 1 This represents funds from Trinity towards 2019 Parish Share.

- 2 This includes Organist for December 2019 Funeral; 2018 and 2020 LDBF fees; Together for the Harvest donation 2020; Big Christmas Card Donation from 2019 to Lyndale Cancer Care; Big Christmas Card Donation from 2020 to Huyton with Roby Child Contact Centre at Page Moss Baptist.



## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of **St. Bartholomew's Church, Roby** on the accounts for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**, as set out on pages 10 to 13 of your Annual Report.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

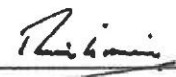
### Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

### Independent examiner's Statement

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

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

Signed:  Date: 14/4/2021

IE's Name: M.A.A. MORRIS BA, ACA

IE's Address: 26 Greenhill Place, The Park, Huyton with Roby, Liverpool L36 5RU.

