THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE

England & Wales · Charity number 1131693

Details

Other names	CHRIST CHURCH PCC, THORNTON LE FYLDE
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Activities

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

Activities: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church (Church of England) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Damian Platt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£256,990	£277,278	-	-
2023-12-31	£223,021	£228,697	-	-
2022-12-31	£171,521	£197,924	-	-
2021-12-31	£186,665	£178,878	-	-
2020-12-31	£151,044	£146,738	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Damian Platt	Chair	2015-10-20
ANGELA MARCIA WALSH O.B.E.		
ANN HEARNSHAW		
Abigail Mackie		2025-06-01
DOROTHY FIEFIELD		2023-05-28
David Taylor		2019-04-07
Donna Urmson		2024-06-01
JUDITH ANNE MURPHY		
John Hearnshaw		2018-04-30
MR MALCOLM BEARD		2016-04-17
MRS SALLY JOHNSON		2012-05-14
Maria Winter		2022-05-17
Michael Golden		2023-06-01
Paul Casson		2023-05-28
Pauline Elvidge		2024-06-01
Phil Butterworth		2022-05-17
Roger Lloyd-Jones		2020-10-16
Sandra Barrow		2023-05-28

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Accounts

2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements

CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON



Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council ('Trustees') of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church for the year ended 31st December 2024

Report written and compiled by Damian Platt

1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

The primary object of the Parochial Church Council ('The PCC') of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Damian Platt, 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 Church, Churchyard and Community Centre Hall complex on Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire.

Mission

Our reason for existence, our identity, our unique role – what sets us apart – what we do, is articulated in our mission statement. The statement guides us in deciding our priorities, tasks and roles…

Mission statement: we exist, as a bible-believing, gospel-shaped, truth-loving, Spirit-led, servant-hearted local church in Thornton-le-Fylde, driven by the glorious global gospel hope (John 3:16) and the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), to make and baptise disciple-making disciples and leaders of all ages, to teach the whole counsel of God, to proclaim the Father's love, to grow up into him who is the head – into Christ (Ephesians 4:15), and through being distinctively Christian, in the Spirit's power to bring cultural transformation through the gospel (the world's only true message of hope) in the local community of Thornton and beyond

Mission summary: local church, global hope.

2. 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 Christ Church. 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, specifically, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, 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 – as the local church with global hope

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Churchyard and Community Centre Hall.

Vision

Our ambition for the future – where we are going – our major long term aims, are articulated in our vision statement…

Vision statement: to be a counter-cultural, Jesus-influenced, welcoming, generous, constantly growing and flourishing local church; growing in biblical faith, growing in godly fellowship, growing in congregation size to reflect at least 3.5% of the parish (440), and growing in congregational locations.

Vision summary: growing to be a church of at least 440 worshippers.

Values

How we behave, our church culture, qualities, principles – what is important to us, is articulated in our values statement…

Values statement: we are a local church which places the highest value on the Word of God, the Worship of God, and the Welcome of all people.

Values summary: valuing God's word, God's name, and God's people.

The values can be broken down into 18 sub-values, which are both representative and aspirational…

Big Value 1: Weaving God's Word into all of life

1.	**Truth**	(highest emphasis on teaching and preaching)	(Word)
2.	**Unswerving**	(commitment to what God commands)	(Word)
3.	**Education**	(excellence in theological education for all)	(Word)
4.	**Unity**	(rooted in truth, John 17, formed in prayer)	(Word)
5.	**Innovation**	(embracing technology to teach and disciple)	(Word)
6.	**Service**	(equipping saints for works of service, interdependence)	(Word)

Big Value 2: Worshipping God's name through all of life

7.	**Adore**	(accessible, age-appropriate, beautiful worship)	(Worship)
8.	**Character**	(of God's people, over and above skills)	(Worship)
9.	**Homely**	(facilities of the highest standard, house of prayer)	(Worship)
10.	**Righteousness**	(seeking godliness, transformation, prayerfulness)	(Worship)

11. **Reaching**	(C-Centre, Burn Naze, schools, rooted in prayer)	(Worship)
12. **Skills**	(doing our best, over and above sloppiness)	(Worship)

Big Value 3: Welcoming God's people into his life

13. **Love**	(unconditional love, welcome, compassion)	(Welcome)
14. **Value**	(acknowledging the value of every person)	(Welcome)
15. **Care**	(for all with needs, comfortable with dysfunction)	(Welcome)
16. **Children**	(+ youth & families, intergenerational, lifelong disciples)	(Welcome)
17. **Helping**	(all who ask, with respect, dignity, and prayer)	(Welcome)
18. **Hospitality**	(generous, equitable, non-judging, excellence)	(Welcome)

Putting together our mission, vision, and values into a summary sentence…

Christ Church Thornton…

a local church with global hope *(mission)*
…growing to be a church of at least 440 worshippers *(vision)*
……valuing God's word, God's name, and God's people *(values)*

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 was an eventful and busy year. Our curate, Andrew Downes, kindly led the church during my three-month sabbatical. Then, in September 2024, Andrew and I both took on roles in Fleetwood. Andrew, as curate-in-charge, and me (in addition to being vicar at Christ Church) as priest-in-charge, to St. Peter and St. David. All of this was to enable the people of that parish to have a new shepherd (in Andrew) to lead them forward. We were grateful to all that Andrew did during his curacy with us and it was really good to support him in a short move up the road to Fleetwood.

In November 2024 the PCC had an awayday at Whalley Abbey to receive a draft strategic plan produced by me (Damian Platt) during the sabbatical I took during the summer of 2024. This was a hugely important awayday. We were joined by the trustees of *The Friends* of Christ Church as well as the clergy with permission to officiate. Together, we prayed, discussed, dreamed, studied, questioned, and envisioned what the Lord might do in the years to come.

During my sabbatical, it was right that some things might stop, some things might change, and some things might start. One which started was the Tuesday evening *Prayer for Growth*. It is small but packs a punch! We know prayer works, and so it makes total sense that this weekly gathering for prayer started, especially considering the strategic plan. Strategy without prayer is worthless and pointless.

It was brilliant to start the *Walking Wednesday* breakfast club in partnership with Royles Brook School. This has resulted in welcoming 100 people every Wednesday morning from 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM for a delicious breakfast, with foods from around the world. After the breakfast, the children along with their parents and guardians form a walking bus to school. It's been brilliant to meet lots of children and their parents through this initiative.

As well as that aspect of our mission and evangelism, it was positive to once again hold a Pantivity. This year we had three performances, one for Royles Brook School, one for Thornton Primary School, and another in the evening for anyone to come to. It was wonderful to welcome around 500 children or so to Church that day.

The Treehouse Weekend Away took place with over 30 people from the Treehouse congregation enjoying a weekend in Grange-over-Sands, looking at John's Gospel. It was so rich and fun.

The Fridaymen continue to be an inspiration to the people of Thornton with their faithful hard work. As well as their usual heroic achievements in cutting grass, raking leaves, weeding, fixing, etc, they also stripped, painted and repaired all the high cast iron gutters along the side of Church.

A big project this year was the replacement of the *Clerestory Windows*. 12 bays of windows needed replacement. This was crucial as the original timber frames were rotten and the secondary glazing was in poor condition. Replacing the windows also ensured that the side aisle flat roofs were not compromised with water ingress. This job has provided clerestory windows for the next sixty years.

Our Churchyard continues to present challenges, especially with regards to trees. Despite having a comprehensive tree survey regularly done, as well as having the items identified dealt with by the professionals as preventative measures, the Fylde Coast storms have plans of their own. We've had several trees uprooted during the worst storms of the year. Each time this happens it causes not just the practical and administrative responses but also has costs involved. Still, we are committed to maintaining the Churchyard to the best of our ability, to the glory of God, and out of love for the community grieving the loss of their loved ones.

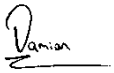
New signage was installed at the front of the Church and Hall building at the latter part of the year, as well as a new sign at the front of the car park, along with signs at the car park gates. This has been a project long in the making but worth the wait. The signage is clear, bright, modern, and in keeping with the Church of England (using its current colour scheme).

The year was finished off with the Christmas Day Community Dinner, welcoming over 60 people for the afternoon. On one of the most important days in the Christian calendar, celebrating the gift of our Saviour, it's right and fitting that we generously provide fellowship, faith, fun and friendship to those who might otherwise have been on their own on Christmas Day.

Giving continues to increase, as well as expenditure. Martin has continued to encouraged us weekly that "the Lord will provide." And sure enough, the Lord always does. As well as the generosity of the congregation, our thanks go the trustees of *The Friends* for their wholehearted support to the mission of Christ Church. Their £30,000 contribution towards the year end was pivotal in all our bills being paid and planned activities flourishing.

I must say a heartfelt thanks to Judith Murphy, John Hearnshaw, and Martin Ormond, for their wise advice and supportive leadership throughout the year, alongside the ministry of Peter Nunn, Paul Clemence, and Chris Fallone. Together with a brilliant staff team and an army of God's people doing works of ministry service to the Lord out of generous hearts of love to Him, it has been the greatest privilege to serve the Lord once again at Christ Church Thornton during 2024.

Yours in His service,



Revd Damian Platt, Vicar and PCC Chair

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW A: SUMMARY

Planned Giving

Planned giving for 2024 was £84,001, which is a 3% increase over the planned giving in 2023. Over nine years planned giving has increased by 152% between 2015 and 2024. The following table shows the constant increase year on year.

Year	Amount
2015	£33,363
2016	£37,654
2017	£44,072
2018	£43,496
2019	£48,391
2020	£56,345
2021	£59,025
2022	£71,361
2023	£81,625
2024	£84,001

Parish Share

In 2024 we contributed £89,922 to Parish Share, this was £500 more than was requested by the diocese. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time in a very long time (perhaps decades) that we have been able to do this. Over a nine-year period, we have increased our parish share contributions by 60%. More significantly, since 2017 when our capacity to make parish share contributions reduced, we have increased our contribution since then by 200% (£30,044 in 2017 to £89,922 in 2025).

The following table shows the progress we have made in keeping to our aspirations and pledge to the diocese (in 2018) to increase our contributions year on year and to return to being a full parish share request contributing church.

Year	Amount
2015	£56,225
2016	£56,460
2017	£30,044
2018	£30,000
2019	£40,000
2020	£40,000
2021	£50,000
2022	£64,303
2023	£72,500
2024	£89,922

Parish Share is the amount of money a parish is asked to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends and their housing. The Parish Share ensures that those

parishes in deprived areas pay less with those in more affluent areas like ours paying more. The more we grow the more we pay. Whilst this might feel unfair/counter intuitive the Parish Share, for example, enabled Christ Church to secure our Curate. We recognise that whilst our church may be in an affluent area, this does not automatically translate into higher levels of giving. Congregants may be e.g. asset rich but cash poor, some may have fixed incomes, others may be struggling to meet the increasing cost of living.

Staffing Costs

In line with our aspirations, staffing costs decreased slightly in 2024 compared to 2023. The following table shows the journey we have been on since 2015. The years 2018-2020 represent significant investment in the maintenance of the Churchyard, requiring two members of staff. In the subsequent years our Church volunteer workforce 'the Fridaymen' have taken on all of the Churchyard maintenance, for which the PCC and congregations as a whole are deeply thankful.

Our excellent paid staff routinely work hard and often volunteer beyond their working hours, willingly and liberally choosing to give of their time as part of their worship and service to the Lord.

We have a high number of participants volunteering in all aspects of church life, who working in partnership with the paid staff, provide a brilliant workforce. It was estimated that during 2024 we had 75 volunteers engaged in mission, ministry, maintenance and management.

Year	Amount
2015	£16,184
2016	£15,670
2017	£32,465
2018	£52,980
2019	£70,915
2020	£59,790
2021	£42,575
2022	£30,242
2023	£34,594
2024	£33,716

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW B: TREASURER'S REPORT

For the calendar year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, the accounts were prepared using the Accrual accounting method because Christ Church had income of over £250,000. The Accrual method accounts for when any payments or expenses are actually earned/incurred, even if those payments or expenses are paid at a later date.

The PCC's previous accounting method is cash-based accounting, where any payments or expenses are recorded when payment is made, and revenues recorded when cash is received.

Income and Expenditure

Total income was £256,990 and total expenditure was £277,278. Total expenditure was £20,255 more than our income. In 2023, we ended the calendar year with a deficit of £5,676.

To note that our 2024 income **includes £22,656** we received through transfers of funds from our investments for essential repairs/improvements.

The closing funds total of £45,581 is made up of £15,764 unrestricted funds and £29,817 restricted funds (restricted funds must be used for the purpose donated). Restricted income includes, e.g. Tithe giving to two charities, Christ Church football team, Tree House weekend away.

Encouraging headlines

- £88,922 Parish Share paid in full
- £4,900 increase in Gift Aid on Unrestricted Giving
- £2,600 increase in planned giving
- £44,555 in grants, of which £13,750 was received from Wyre Council to support the Food Pantry and Community Centre activities:

May	September	October	December
£5,000	£5,000	£1,250	£2,500

INCOME (key points)

Giving

£180,449 (Gifts, donations, Gift aid, legacies and grants) **8%** increase over 2023 (£167,418).

Friends of Christ Church

The Friends of Christ Church is a charity. It receives donations which it uses to support Christ Church.

- The Friends gave £30,700 to Christ Church towards salaries, gas and electricity bills, and wider mission activities e.g. the Pantivity and Christingle.
- The £30,700 donation met some of Christ Church running costs and wider mission activities, thereby freeing up funds to help the PCC meet the full Parish Share.

Church loans

In May 2024, we secured an interest free loan from the Diocese of £14,000. When we need the funds, we draw down on the loan with repayments made each quarter. There is £8,948 remaining on the loan. Informed by the Quinquennial Survey Report, we drew down:

- £2,532.00 emergency repairs to our bell tower and our chapel roof.
- £2,520 new kitchen boiler

Investments

The PCC uses its investments to fund essential maintenance and renewal work.

- £21,200 to replace the clearstory windows and blinds. Funded from the CBF Share sale (£20,640), a grant from the Benefact Trust, Gift Aid and other income.
- £1,456 for tree maintenance and servicing churchyard equipment. Funded from our National Savings Bond (£12,000)
- The cost of upgrading cameras for online services was met by a donation.

EXPENDITURE (key points)

- £89,922 Parish Share for 2024 paid in full, 24% increase over the Parish Share in 2023 (£72,500). Paying the full Parish Share is important to support the work of the Church of England and is also the gateway to other forms of funding from the Diocese e.g. interest free loans, access to a curate.
- £3,500 donated to each of the charities we support - Life Association and Home for Good (tithe increased from 5% to 7.5%).
- £51,380 Community Centre activities and Pilgrims Rest mostly met from donations and grants.
- £11,027 Food pantry surplus, funding mostly met from donations. As donations are restricted, this surplus (without consent) cannot be used for any other purpose. PCC will consider how the wider needs of Christ Church can best be shared with those who choose/are able to support us financially.
- £33,716 staff salaries, 3% decrease over 2023 (£34,594) - four employed staff work part time and two self-employed.
- £19,500 gas and electric costs, increase of £1,000 over 2023.

Running costs

In May 2024, the projected unrestricted income fell to zero and the projected deficit reduced from £50,000 to £40,000, which reduced to zero by the end of the calendar year, resolved partially with the help of the Friends of Christ Church.

- If we assume church running costs, including paying our full Parish Share, is around £22,000 per month, to 'break even' our total income should be around £264,000 a year.
- Our total income in 2024 was nearly £257,000 which is positive.
- However, to remain financially sustainable the PCC will continue to focus on the balance between restricted and unrestricted funds, with the emphasis on increasing the level of unrestricted income, Stewardship campaigns, and identifying more opportunities to secure additional sources of income through grants, the Diocese (possible because we pay our full Parish Share) and other opportunities.

Support to manage our running costs

Our late Parish Manager, Martin Ormond, worked diligently for many years (often pro bono), e.g. managing our income and expenditure, cashflow against our restricted and unrestricted income, our book shop, food orders for our community centre, arrangements to renew/repair parts of our church estate, and provided countless other tasks for Christ Church. The PCC is actively considering how to provide the support we now need, including the careful management of our cashflow (often weekly) which was necessary during 2024.

Net Zero

There are potential opportunities to secure low interest loans to fund improvements to the church estate through the Church of England's programme 2030 Net Zero Carbon Project .

- The PCC was awarded £15,000 plus VAT for the Carbon Demonstrator Project Phase 1 (restricted funds not yet drawn down).

- This funding is to explore how to efficiently modernise e.g. our heating system, church fabric and wider church estate.

Summary

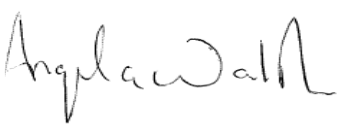
Christ Church is blessed by the commitment and support of paid staff working part-time (4 employed and 2 self-employed) an army of volunteers and the Friends of Christ Church. We receive financial support and or non-financial support through the talents and time people generously offer.

However, it is important to note that the Church of England and therefore Christ Church, receives no money from the government to finance its mission and ministry. Ensuring we continue to grow and thrive depends primarily on financial donations and people continuing to give freely of their time and talents.

There are more people worshipping at Christ Church and or attending the myriad of events and activities which includes opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. Despite the financial challenges Christ Church (and other Parishes face), we continue to grow. During 2024 the PCC:

- Exceeded expenditure by £20,255 but is fully aware of the competing financial challenges it faces, the need to increase funding and address the balance between restricted and unrestricted income.
- Paid their contribution to the Parish Share in full.
- Secured additional income thorough grants, and fund-raising activities, interest free loan from the Diocese and used their investments to pay for essential repairs/renewals.
- Reduced significantly the high costs the PCC would otherwise be forced to meet to maintain the entire church estate, including the church yard, internal and external fabric of the church, through volunteers e.g. the Friday Men and other volunteers.
- Offered traditional and modern worship across several congregations, opportunities to widen and deepen the understanding of the Christian faith, with access on site to our Christian book shop and through the Community Centre and related outreach activities many opportunities which continues to establish Christ Church as a vibrant Christan presence.

The PCC's vision remains to grow the church, explore innovative ways to bring people to faith whilst securing the financial support it needs, using all our talents and trusting in God that we will continue to grow and flourish.



Angela Walsh, Treasurer

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW C: 'THE FRIENDS'

'The Friends' of Thornton Parish Church Annual Report – Year to 31st December 2024

Annual Report for *The Friends* of Thornton Parish Church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde, in the County of Lancashire, for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Charity number: 504659. Object Code 740.10: Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde.

Trustees: Angela Walsh, Ann Hearnshaw, Rev'd Damian Platt, Denise Taylor (Treasurer), Margaret Ralph, Warren McLean (Correspondent). The trustees met on a quarterly basis during the year with two interim meetings also held. Rev'd Damian Platt resigned as a Trustee on 22nd November 2024.

Further Information:

The Friends is a Trust Fund, a registered charity, separate from all other funds held on behalf of Christ Church Thornton. The Trustees are bound by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commissioners. We are also bound by the Trust Fund Deed which lays down that the money held by the Trust can be used **Only** for purposes within the Parish Church itself. *The Friends* cannot transfer money to any other charity outside Christ Church Thornton nor transfer money to the general fund of the Parish Church. *The Friends* Trust is a completely separate charity from Christ Church Thornton. We are funded by the kind donations of individuals by way of regular monthly donation, one-off lump sums and occasionally from legacies.

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

2023	INCOME	2024
1,730.00	Donations and Legacies	74,442.39
426.00	Bank Interest	2,107.60
2,156.00	**Total Income**	**76,549.99**
	EXPENDITURE	
416.00	BCP Books	-
1,080.00	Christ Church Football Team	-
190.00	Sun Parasols	-
3,094.00	Cameras in Church	-
947.00	Alpha Course Food	-
206.00	Christmas Leaflets	-
-	Christingle	700.00
-	Contributions to Christ Church	30,000.00
	(Contributions covered payroll, power costs and Pantivity)	
5,933.00	**Total Expenditure**	**30,700.00**
	FUND ASSETS SUMMARY	
15,312.00	Opening Balance	11,535.19
- 3,777.00	Net of Income and Expenditure	45,849.99
11,535.00	**Closing Balance**	**57,385.18**
	CASH FUNDS	
614.00	Virgin Money Account	5,134.45
10,921.00	CBF Fund	52,250.73
11,535.00	**Total**	**57,385.18**

Activities during 2024:

During the year *The Friends* were honoured to receive donations as well as two substantial legacies from former longstanding members of Christ Church Thornton. £5,000 was received from the estate of the late Enid Oldham, and £69,222.39 was received from the estate of the late Muriel Airey, who was also a member of the Christ Church Choir. *The Friends* were again privileged to be able to continue supporting the Mission of Christ Church.

The Trust Fund continues to be a valuable reserve for the Parish. Every effort is made by the Trustees to ensure that funds received are prudently managed and we ask for your prayerful considerations as we look forward to supporting further initiatives to help Christ Church Thornton advance as a unified community.

Written by Warren McLean (Correspondent).

7. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Our specific objectives according to a timeline and budget to enable us to fulfil our vision are articulated in our strategic plan, a summary of which for next year is below…

Strategy

2025-2026 (years 1-2)

Overview of *priority* objectives:
1. Knowing our place in the Church of England and Anglican Communion
2. Reaching financial sustainability, increased giving, utilisation of assets
3. To see 50% of regular weekly worshippers participate in weekly discipleship
4. To grow beyond 200 regular Sunday attendance

Detailed objectives

2025-2026 (years 1-2)

1. **Knowing our place in the Church of England and Anglican Communion**

   Strategic goals relating to objective #1:

   a. Forming a policy statement (after Bible study, discussion, prayer, soul-searching) regarding our view (as a PCC) on same-sex blessings and marriage
      i. *NB: the vicar of a parish has the right to refuse to conduct same-sex blessings regardless of the view or policy of a PCC*
   b. Making informed and prayerful decisions about our association with CEEC and *The Alliance*
   c. Communicating to the congregations the decisions taken and the reasons why
      i. Through preaching, midweek discipleship, plenaries, written communication, digital resources such as videos, podcasts, etc

2. **Reaching financial sustainability, increased giving, utilisation of assets**

   Strategic goals relating to objective #2:

   a. Create a role of (volunteer) *Stewardship Officer*, to work alongside the Gift Aid Officer, Finance Assistant, Parish Manager, and Treasurer.
   b. Together they will form a refreshed PCC *Finance Committee*, to meet regularly to review giving and finances in general and who will report back to the PCC.
   c. The Stewardship Officer will plan an annual Stewardship Sunday and will update the congregations at least three times a year on how planned giving is going. The Stewardship Officer will become the go-to person for new worshippers wishing to explore ways they can give.
   d. The Stewardship Officer will periodically man a small stand/stall/table in the Community Centre Hall after services for people to approach to find out more about the ways to give (including the Global Mission Partners we support).

e. Set up a PCC *Grants Committee* to share out the work of searching for funders and making applications (a committee of at least four people) and who will report back to the Finance Committee.
f. For the Finance Committee, on the behalf of the PCC and the PCC Chair, to meet with the trustees of *The Friends of Thornton Parish Church* to explore ways in which financial support might be best given.
    i. And if the trustees of *The Friends of Thornton Parish Church* agree, to systematically meet through the year
    ii. For the Chair of the PCC (the incumbent) to step back from his role as a trustee of *The Friends of Thornton Parish Church*, to ensure greater objectivity for both the PCC and *The Friends of Thornton Parish Church*.

3. To see 50% of regular weekly worshippers participate in weekly discipleship

Strategic goals relating to objective #3:

a. Conduct a whole church survey (using a digital form and/or paper forms) to seek out the reasons why people don't currently attend midweek discipleship; to ascertain what they might participate in if new opportunities were offered; and to review whether the quality of what we already have on offer requires improvement.
b. To seek to bring about a culture change from just a core group of people attending midweek discipleship to a culture where it's assumed everyone will attending midweek discipleship in some form or other.
c. Subject to the results of (a) above, to restart digital gatherings for discipleship – like what happened during Covid when the 'Virtual Villages' were run on zoom. This is to enable those who cannot easily leave home to come to Church (perhaps due to illness or family commitments) to participate.
d. Form a PCC Biblical Faith Committee which will take responsibility for the planning of and delivery of enquirer courses (i.e. Alpha, Hope Explored, Christianity Explored) and general courses (i.e. Bible Course, Romans Course) – to take place at regular intervals throughout the year.
e. Subject to the results of (a) above, to consider either: (1) starting additional Growth Groups during the week to offer a greater variety of meeting dates and times; or (2) to conflate them all into one major Growth Group once a week which would function as a seminar style group in small groups around tables.
f. To encourage those in key leadership positions in the life of the church to participate in midweek discipleship – such as clergy, PCC, and ministry leaders.
g. To consider the historical culture of CCT and think through whether midweek discipleship with a sacramental focus might attract more people to participate – such as a Growth Group with a communion as part of it.
h. To consider holding (short, 20 minute) daily BCP Evening Prayer services.
i. To launch a CCT discipleship App (utilising Damian's experience of developing the Fruitful App for the Diocese of Blackburn), in order to offer discipleship resources for the people of CCT – resources such as daily devotions, courses, podcasts, and worship videos.

4. To grow beyond 200 regular weekly attendance at church services

Strategic goals relating to objective #4:

a. Sustaining existing mission activities in the Community Centre Hall.
b. Increased signposting at these events to worship, pastoral care, enquirers courses and seasonal events.
c. Development of a new role of *Community Centre Wellbeing Pastor* (see objective #6) – a role which recognises the large number of guests attending activities who have additional needs. These needs are diverse, and range from social isolation, food poverty, mental health, disability, cognitive impairment, gender dysphoria, depression, addiction, and special educational needs. Much pastoral care is needed, to give time to people, to offer a listening ear, to come alongside people, and to train and support volunteers in their interactions.
    i. The Community Centre Wellbeing Pastor will act as the bridge between attending a midweek activity and Sunday worship – always inviting, signposting, etc.
d. Increased digital presence – improvements to website, development of App, increased social media presence, increased advertising, signage, etc.
e. Continued fostering of positive relationships with the community – offering the use of the Church and Community Centre facilities for hospitality, hosting of groups, wellbeing, food pantry, supporting schools.
f. To run a Whole Church Away Day at a venue in Lancashire, as an event to galvanise fellowship and worship across congregations.
g. To make plans for a Whole Church Weekend Away, no earlier than 2026.
h. To equip congregational members to invite their friends, colleague, neighbours and family members.
    i. Through training courses on 'being invitational.'
    ii. Through developing a larger range of high-quality leaflets for church members to pass on to those in their network of family and friends.
i. To hold regular Newcomers' Tea Party's though the year, to help those new to church to have the opportunity to bed in, make relationships, feel a part of the church, and to learn how to grow in faith, to serve, to give, and to seek fellowship.

5. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

There are four areas of leadership within Christ Church Thornton:

- Church Leader – Leading the worship, ministry, mission and pastoral care of the Church
- Church Management Team – Managing the day to day functioning of staff, activities and buildings
- Church Leadership Team ('Standing Committee') – Delivering the strategic and financial decisions to achieve the overall vision
- Parochial Church Council (Trustees) Team – Providing vision, financial oversight and meeting legal and financial obligations

The Church Leader, Church Management Team and Church Leadership Team, consult together with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The first function of the Parochial Church Council (often known as the 'PCC') is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC at Christ Church focus on the 'big picture' of the life and direction of the Church, prayerfully seeking God's strategic direction in all matters. PCCs are governed by two legislative Measures: *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*; and the *Church Representation Rules.*

6. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Bank: Virgin Money, 2-4 Abingdon Street, Blackpool FY1 1DR

Independent Examiner: David Miller, 17 Victoria Road East, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 5HT

Registered Charity Number: 1131693

Church Address: Christ Church Thornton, Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 2TW

Church Officers carrying out important ecclesiastical, legal and financial duties:

- Churchwarden – Judith Murphy
- Churchwarden – John Hearnshaw
- PCC Officer (Secretary) – Sally Johnson
- Finance Officer (Treasurer) – Angie Walsh
- Electoral Roll Officer – Sally Johnson
- Parish Safeguarding Officer – David Taylor
- Children & Families Officer – Lauren Platt
- Data Protection Officer – Sally Johnson
- Gift Aid Officer – Dot Fiefield
- Health and Safety Consultant – Robert Wareing

Parochial Church Council:

- Damian Platt* (Vicar / Chairman) *ex-officio*
- Andrew Downes* (Assistant Curate) *ex-officio*
- Judith Murphy* (Churchwarden / Vice-Chair) *ex-officio*
- John Hearnshaw* (Churchwarden) *ex-officio*

Deanery Synod (3 places due to Electoral Roll being between 101 and 200)

- Sally Johnson* (term ending APCM 2026)
- Ann Hearnshaw (term ending APCM 2026) & Diocesan Synod
- Roger Lloyd Jones (term ending APCM 2026)

Elected Parochial Representatives of the Laity (12 places due to Electoral Roll being between 100 and 199)

*Denotes members of the Standing Committee

- Malcolm Beard* *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Maria Winter *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- David Taylor *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Philip Butterworth *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Paul Casson *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- Sandra Barrow *(term ending APCM2026)*
- Dorothy Fiefield *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- Mick Golden *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- Donna Urmson *(term ending APCM 2027)*

- Abigail Mackie *(term ending APCM 2027)*
- Angie Walsh* *(term ending APCM 2027)*
- Pauline Elvidge *(term ending APCM 2027)*

7. SAFEGUARDING

Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Checks

We introduced 'Clubhouse' for primary school age children to operate within the *Treehouse Family Worship Service* in 2022. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.

We introduced 'Lighthouse' for primary school age children to operate during term time on a Wednesday afternoon 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.

We have also introduced a youth group 'Sanctuary' for young people in school years 6 – 13 to operate monthly on a Sunday afternoon after the Treehouse service from 6:00 PM onwards. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.

To date we have had 27 applications, all of which are fully completed, with 1 outstanding renewal application pending.

There are currently 3 PCC DBS checks which needs an application making from PCC members – though members may change at APCM 2025. 3 existing PCC members' DBS certificates are coming up for their 3-year renewals within the next 6 months and invitations to renew have been issued.

Key dates for DBS checks and renewals are now logged against profiles in Church Suite, to ensure clear record keeping and timely reminders to be sent when their 3-year expiry is approaching.

After APCM we will re-evaluate who still requires a DBS Check and invite further applications as necessary. Clergy and the Parish Safeguarding officer (PSO) are separately checked by the Diocese. We also have a reciprocal arrangement with St. John's Little Thornton to independently conduct DBS checks our PSO and we DBS check theirs.

Training

We pledged that all DBS checked staff and volunteers would undergo mandatory DBS training, and this is ongoing, with many having completed both the Basic Principles and Foundation Courses. With key dates for completion and renewal stored against their profiles in Church Suite.

In 2024 we pledged to hold a combined face to face session for both Basic Principles and Foundations to a much wider audience of staff and volunteers at Christ Church, which took place on 24th June 2024.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement is published on the Christ Church Thornton website, and a link to safeguarding is prominent on the front page of the website. Emergency contacts (including both phone number and email addresses are published on the same webpage. Here is a summary:

- David Taylor (Parish Safeguarding Officer): Tel: 07702 836938
- Cath Smith (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer): Tel: 07711 485170
- Sophie Booth (Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer): Tel: 07468 971759
- Claudia Aspey (Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator): Tel: 01254 503088
- Andrea Richards (Diocesan Training Coordinator): Tel: 07484 073146

Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Written by David A Taylor

(Parish Safeguarding Officer)



Photos...

Front page: Church members at Emily Hilton's wedding.

Back page right: Banjo Bob at Playhouse Baby, Parent, and Toddler Group.

Back page bottom: 5:00 PM Sunday Treehouse Congregation saying farewell to the Downes family on their final Sunday.



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131693

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FOR

CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
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CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1131693

Principal address

Meadows Avenue
Thornton Cleveleys
Lancashire
FY5 2TW

Trustees

Rev D Platt Vicar
Mr P Casson
S Barrow
D Fiefield
Rev A Downes
P Butterworrth
M Winter
J Nichol (resigned 16/5/2024)
R Lloyd-Jones
R Wareing (resigned 16/5/2024)
D Taylor
Mr J Hearnshaw
M Beard
S Johnson
J A Murphy
Mrs A M Walsh Treasurer
Mrs A Hearnshaw
Mr M Golden (appointed 16/5/2024)
Mrs P Elvidge (appointed 16/5/2024)
Miss A Mackie (appointed 16/5/2024)
Mrs D Urmson (appointed 16/5/2024)

Independent Examiner

Miller Roskell Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev D Platt - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Christ Church, Thornton Le Fylde
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church, Thornton Le Fylde (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr David G Miller, FCCA

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
Thornton Cleveleys
Lancashire
FY5 5HT

Date: 27 May 2025

CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		163,302	17,147	180,449	167,418
Other trading activities	2	1,643	20,411	22,054	10,450
Investment income	3	204	560	764	1,096
Other income		47,737	5,986	53,723	44,686
Total		212,886	44,104	256,990	223,650
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		2,813	-	2,813	-
Charitable activities					
Church Activities		202,225	70,703	272,928	227,753
Other		1,537	-	1,537	1,570
Total		206,575	70,703	277,278	229,323
Net gains on investments		33	-	33	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		6,344	(26,599)	(20,255)	(5,673)
Transfers between funds	11	(12,446)	12,446	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,102)	(14,153)	(20,255)	(5,673)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		21,866	43,970	65,836	71,509
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,764	29,817	45,581	65,836

The notes form part of these financial statements

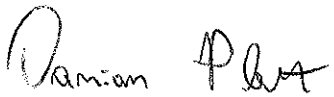
CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 DECEMBER 2024

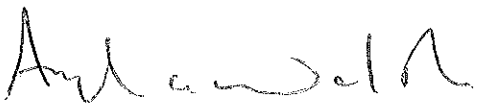
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	200	-	200	-
Investments	8	1,480	-	1,480	13,447
Cash at bank and in hand		16,364	32,336	48,700	52,389
		18,044	32,336	50,380	65,836
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,279)	(2,520)	(4,799)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		15,765	29,816	45,581	65,836
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,765	29,816	45,581	65,836
NET ASSETS		15,765	29,816	45,581	65,836
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				15,765	21,866
Restricted funds				29,816	43,970
TOTAL FUNDS				45,581	65,836

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev D Platt - Trustee



Mrs A M Walsh - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions
The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d).

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

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

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

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

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Meadows Christian Bookshop	9,497	10,081
Special Events	1,207	369
Food pantry	11,027	-
Worship group	323	-
	22,054	10,450

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	587	666
NS&I income bonds	119	363
Current asset investment income	19	52
Income from investments held in trust	39	15
	764	1,096

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

The clergy are members of the PCC. They are remunerated through the diocese. They receive expenses from the PCC in respect of their duties as clergy.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Administration	4	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	131,275	36,143	167,418
Other trading activities	10,450	-	10,450
Investment income	385	711	1,096
Other income	38,612	6,074	44,686
Total	180,722	42,928	223,650
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church Activities	184,777	42,976	227,753
Other	1,570	-	1,570
Total	186,347	42,976	229,323
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,625)	(48)	(5,673)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	27,491	44,018	71,509

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	21,866	43,970	65,836

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	200	-

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Unlisted investments	1,480	1,447
Other	-	12,000
	1,480	13,447

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	4,799	-

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	4,799	-

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	21,866	6,345	(12,446)	15,765
Restricted funds				
Organ fund	1,154	-	-	1,154
St Peter's Burn Naze outreach fund	316	(308)	-	8
Church and hall fabric fund	13,299	(2,488)	6,106	16,917
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	29,201	(23,804)	6,340	11,737
	43,970	(26,600)	12,446	29,816
TOTAL FUNDS	65,836	(20,255)	-	45,581

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	212,886	(206,574)	33	6,345
Restricted funds				
St Peter's Burn Naze outreach fund	-	(308)	-	(308)
Church and hall fabric fund	43,166	(45,654)	-	(2,488)
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	938	(24,742)	-	(23,804)
	44,104	(70,704)	-	(26,600)
TOTAL FUNDS	256,990	(277,278)	33	(20,255)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,491	(5,625)	21,866
Restricted funds			
Organ fund	1,154	-	1,154
St Peter's Burn Naze outreach fund	1,727	(1,411)	316
Church and hall fabric fund	12,647	652	13,299
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	28,490	711	29,201
	44,018	(48)	43,970
TOTAL FUNDS	71,509	(5,673)	65,836

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,722	(186,347)	(5,625)
Restricted funds			
St Peter's Burn Naze outreach fund	-	(1,411)	(1,411)
Church and hall fabric fund	42,217	(41,565)	652
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	711	-	711
	42,928	(42,976)	(48)
TOTAL FUNDS	223,650	(229,323)	(5,673)

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131693

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CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

Photo below: Ordination of Andrew Downes (right) on Sunday 2nd July 2023 along with other Curates in the Diocese



CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council ('Trustees') of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church for the year ended 31st December 2023

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Damian Platt, 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 Church, Churchyard and Church Hall complex on Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire.

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 Christ Church. 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, specifically, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, 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 – as the local church with global hope

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.



Treehouse Gold Award Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach



Family Teatime Cookery Class

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

2023 was a year of new initiatives!

- Family Teatime Cookery Classes
- Lunches for Seniors
- KICK football academy at Burn Naze
- Move & Chat
- Flourish – Women's Bible Study

The blessing of increased giving and grants enabled us to start new mission projects to serve the community. Two highlights of the year were Andrew's ordination to the priesthood and the Treehouse Gold Award Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Both were brilliant and blessed by God.

During 2023 we reaped the rewards of previous years, with the Church grounds being used to their full potential. The winching screen in Church, projector, screens, chairs, new catering kitchen, and so much more, enabled new mission and ministry activities to flourish. The installation of new fixed cameras in Church for the purposes of live streaming, enabled us to continue to provide ministry to the housebound community as well as opportunities for digital visitors to peer into Sunday worship and consider joining in-person in the future.



Coronation street party



The audio visual team

KICK football academy in Burn Naze has been a welcome addition to the activities in Burn Naze, as we continue to make preparations to plant a church community in that area. Led by Andrew Downes, prayer walks, playgroups, and midweek worship, all took place at times through the year.



The Summer Garden Party (indoors due to rain!)



KICK football academy at Burn Naze

Angela Roberts was commissioned as an ALM ('Authorised Lay Minister') in pastoral care at Blackburn Cathedral by Bishop Philip. As part of the Pastoral Team, Angela visits and supports the church community, especially those who cannot or struggle to attend church in-person.





Events, trips, and sport through the year!














A team of 'Christingle Elves' preparing for Christmas Eve

FINANCIAL REVIEW (SUMMARY)



- **Planned giving** for 2023 was £81,625 which is a 14% increase over the planned giving in 2022 (£71,361 in 2022). A comparison with previous financial statements returns shows the following:
    - Planned giving in 2015 = £33,363
    - Planned giving in 2023 = £81,625

  This is an astonishing 144% increase in planned giving over eight years!
- **In 2023 we contributed £72,500 to *Parish Share***, compared to £64,303 in 2022, compared to £50,000 in 2021, £40,000 in 2020; £40,000 in 2019; and £30,000 in 2018.
- Our parish share contribution continues to be a challenge. We are determined to meet our full parish share request of £89,422 by the end of 2024. This is a significant challenge but one which we are driven to achieve.
- **Staffing costs** rose slightly in 2023: £32,093 in 2023, compared to £30,242 in 2022, compared to £42,575 in 2021, compared to £52,790 in 2020, compared to £70,915 in 2019. Our excellent paid staff routinely work hard and often volunteer beyond their working hours. We have a high number of participants volunteering in all aspects of church life, who working in partnership with the paid staff, provide a brilliant workforce.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

There are four areas of leadership within Christ Church Thornton:

- Church Leader – Leading the worship, ministry, mission and pastoral care of the Church
- Church Management Team – Managing the day to day functioning of staff, activities and buildings
- Church Leadership Team ('Standing Committee') – Delivering the strategic and financial decisions to achieve the overall vision
- Parochial Church Council (Trustees) Team – Providing vision, financial oversight and meeting legal and financial obligations

The Church Leader, Church Management Team and Church Leadership Team, consult together with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The first function of the Parochial Church Council (often known as the 'PCC') is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC at Christ Church focus on the 'big picture' of the life and direction of the Church, prayerfully seeking God's strategic direction in all matters. PCCs are governed by two legislative Measures: *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*; and the *Church Representation Rules.*

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT by David A Taylor (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Checks

- We introduced 'Clubhouse' for primary school age children to operate within the treehouse family worship service in 2022. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.
- We introduced 'Lighthouse' for primary school age children to operate during term time on a Wednesday afternoon 5.45 – 6.45 pm. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.
- We have also introduced a youth group 'Sanctuary' for year 6 - 13 children to operate monthly on a Sunday afternoon after the 'Treehouse' family service from 6pm onwards. This is led by volunteers all of whom have been DBS checked.
- We have expanded the parent and toddler group "playhouse" to operate at Burn Naze, in Thornton Cleveleys Football Club, led by DBS checked volunteers.
- We have introduced 'KICK' academy at Thornton Football Club on a Tuesday afternoons, run by DBS checked volunteers.
- To date we have had 33 applications, all of which are fully completed, with 1 outstanding renewal application pending.
- There is currently 1 PCC DBS check which needs an application making from PCC members – though members may change at APCM 2024. 6 existing PCC members' DBS certificates are coming up for their 3-year renewals within the next month and invitations to renew have been issued. Key dates for DBS checks and renewals are now logged against profiles in Church Suite, to ensure clear record keeping and timely reminders to be sent when their 3-year expiry is approaching.
- After APCM we will re-evaluate who still requires a DBS Check and invite further applications as necessary.
- Clergy and the Parish Safeguarding officer (PSO) are separately checked by the Diocese.
- We also have a reciprocal arrangement with St Johns Little Thornton to independently conduct DBS checks our PSO and we DBS check theirs.

Training

- We pledged that all DBS checked staff and volunteers would undergo mandatory DBS training, and this is ongoing, with many having completed both the Basic Awareness and Foundation Courses. With key dates for completion and renewal stored against their profiles in ChurchSuite.

Face to Face Training

- We have additionally pledged to hold a combined face to face session for both Basic Awareness and Foundations to a much wider audience of staff and volunteers at Christ Church.

Contacts

- The Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement is published on the Christ Church Thornton website, and a link to safeguarding is prominent on the front page of the website. Emergency contacts (including both phone number and email addresses are published on the same webpage. Here is a summary:
    - David Taylor (Parish Safeguarding Officer): 07702 836938
    - Cath Smith (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer): 07711 485170
    - Sophie Booth (Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer): 07468 971759



A team of helpers preparing for the Andrew's ordination service

Church Officers carrying out important ecclesiastical, legal and financial duties:

- Churchwarden – Judith Murphy
- Churchwarden – John Hearnshaw
- PCC Officer (Secretary) – Sally Johnson
- Finance Officer (Treasurer) – Angie Walsh
- Electoral Roll Officer – Sally Johnson
- Health and Safety Officer – Robert Wareing
- Parish Safeguarding Officer – David Taylor
- Data Protection Officer – Sally Johnson

Parochial Church Council:

- Damian Platt* (Vicar / Chairman) *ex-officio*
- Andrew Downes* (Assistant Curate) *ex-officio*
- Judith Murphy* (Churchwarden / Vice-Chair) *ex-officio*
- John Hearnshaw* (Churchwarden) *ex-officio*

Deanery Synod (3 places due to Electoral Roll being between 101 and 200)

- Sally Johnson* (term ending APCM 2026)
- Ann Hearnshaw (term ending APCM 2026) & Diocesan Synod
- Roger Lloyd Jones (term ending APCM 2026)

Elected Parochial Representatives of the Laity (12 places due to Electoral Roll being between 100 and 199)

- Robert Wareing *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Donna Urmson *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Jan Nichol *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Angie Walsh* *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Malcolm Beard* *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Philip Butterworth *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Maria Winter *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- David Taylor *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Paul Casson *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- Sandra Barrow *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- Dorothy Fiefield *(term ending APCM 2026)*
- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2026)*

*Denotes members of the Standing Committee



The *Fridaymen*, repairing and painting the gutters and soffits in preparation for the installation of the Clerestory windows

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Bank: Virgin Money, 2-4 Abingdon Street, Blackpool FY1 1DR

Independent Examiner: David Miller, 17 Victoria Road East, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 5HT

Registered Charity Number: 1131693

Church Address: Christ Church Thornton, Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 2TW



The Friends of Christ Church Thornton

THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

'The Friends' of Thornton Parish Church Annual Report – Year to 31 December 2023

Annual Report for the Friends of Thornton Parish Church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde, in the County of Lancashire, for the year ending 31st December 2023.

Charity number: 504659. Object Code 740.10: Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde.

Trustees: Angela Walsh, Ann Hearnshaw, Denise Taylor (Treasurer), Rev'd Damian Platt, Margaret Ralph, Warren McLean (Correspondent). The trustees held quarterly meetings during 2023.

Further Information:

'The Friends' is a Trust Fund, a registered charity, separate from all other funds held on behalf of Christ Church. The Trustees are bound by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commissioners. We are also bound by the Trust Fund Deed which lays down that the money held by the Trust can be used nnly for purposes within the Parish Church itself. The Friends cannot transfer money to any other charity outside Christ Church nor transfer money to the general fund of the Parish Church. The Friends Trust is a completely separate charity from Christ Church. We are funded by the kind donations of individuals by way of regular monthly donation, one-off lump sums and occasionally from legacies.

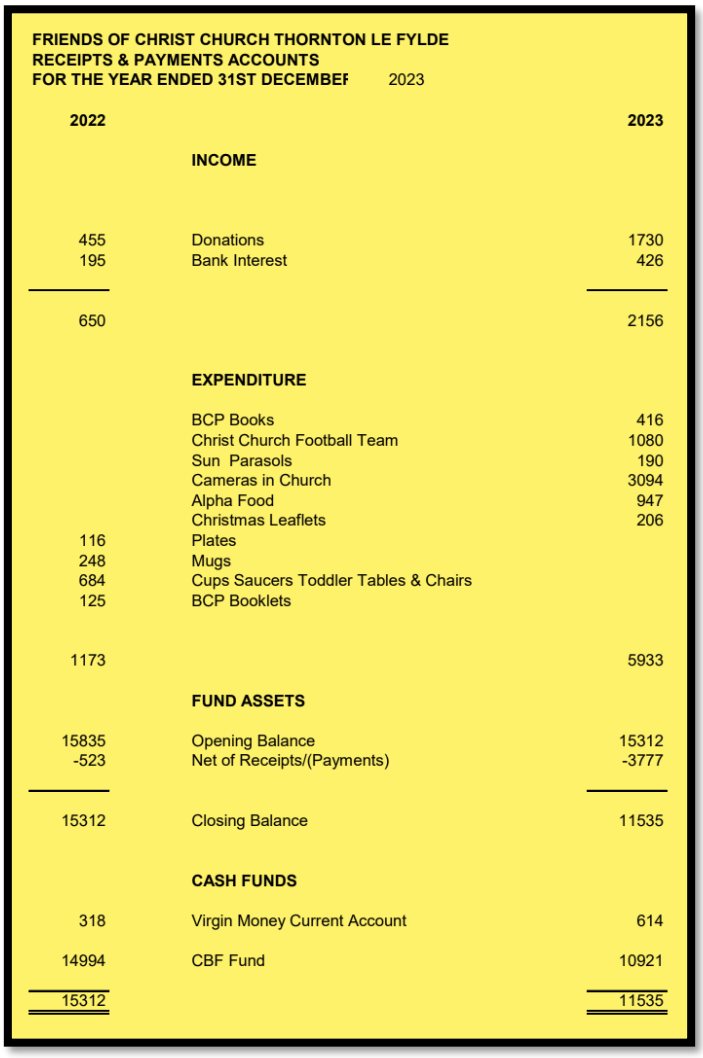
Activities during 2023:

During the year the Friends have again been privileged to be able to support the Mission of Christ Church funding several projects as referred to below. In respect of the acquisition of the new edition of *The Book of Common Prayer*, we are grateful to others who contributed to the total cost. In summary, the Friends funded:

- Book of Common Prayer: £416
- Christ Church Football Team: £1,080
- Sun Parasols: £190
- Cameras in Church: £3,094
- Alpha Course Meals: £947
- Christmas Leaflets: £206

During Q4/2023, as the year drew to a close, The Friends were able to consider a number of future proposals for funding during early 2024 – these will be referred to in detail in the next Annual Report to 31 December 2024.

The Trust Fund continues to be a valuable reserve for the Parish. Every effort is made by the Trustees to ensure that funds received are prudently managed and we ask for your prayerful considerations as we look forward to supporting further initiatives to help Christ Church advance as a unified community. Written by Warren McLean (Correspondent).



FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBEF 2023

2022		2023
	INCOME	
455	Donations	1730
195	Bank Interest	426
650		2156
	EXPENDITURE	
	BCP Books	416
	Christ Church Football Team	1080
	Sun Parasols	190
	Cameras in Church	3094
	Alpha Food	947
	Christmas Leaflets	206
116	Plates	
248	Mugs	
684	Cups Saucers Toddler Tables & Chairs	
125	BCP Booklets	
1173		5933
	FUND ASSETS	
15835	Opening Balance	15312
-523	Net of Receipts/(Payments)	-3777
15312	Closing Balance	11535
	CASH FUNDS	
318	Virgin Money Current Account	614
14994	CBF Fund	10921
15312		11535



Mothers' Union event

TREASURER'S REPORT by Angela Walsh

Deficit/Surplus

- We ended the 2023 calendar year in deficit of £5,676: total receipts £223,021, compared to total payments of £228,697. During 2023, the Parish Manager and Finance Assistant worked diligently to ensure that cashflow was managed very carefully, because our unrestricted income was insufficient at times to meet our outgoings.
    - Restricted income must only be used for a specific, designated purposes, that income cannot be used to cover e.g. general running costs.
    - Unrestricted income is used to cover our general running costs or other costs as agreed by the PCC in carrying out its mission work. Unrestricted income provides greater flexibility for the PCC to use funds in a way which best meets the needs of Christ Church.
    - A higher proportion of restricted income, over unrestricted income, makes it very challenging to balance our books.

Total payments

- Increased by around 15%: £228,697 in 2023 compared to £197,924 in 2022.

Total receipts

- Increased by around 30%: £223,021 compared to £171,521 in 2022.

Planned giving and collections at services

- Increased by around 23%: £78,498 in 2023 compared to £64,070 in 2022. It is important to note that this includes collection at services.
- Planned giving alone increased by 14%: £81,625 in 2023 compared to £71,361.

- However, despite an increase of around £10,000 in planned giving in 2023, planned giving of £81,625 represented only 49% of our total voluntary receipts, which was £167,416 (£118,635 voluntary receipts in 2022) i.e. planned giving, collections at services, other giving/voluntary receipts, Gif aid/GSDS recovered.
- It is also worth noting that giving is not evenly distributed. We are blessed that some parishioners can give significantly more to help us meet our running costs. Whilst this is incredibly positive, it can also be challenging to manage i.e. fewer parishioners contributing a larger percentage toward our running costs if, for whatever reason that income is lost to Christ Church.
- To mitigate that risk, it is important to encourage higher levels of giving from most of our parishioners, if they can afford to do so, to help us increase our unrestricted income.
- For example, very broadly, to meet all our payments of £228,697 in 2023, based on around 165 parishioners, each parishioner's giving would need to be around £115 per month or around £26 per week.

Grants, donations, etc

- Grants, donations, appeals, and funding raising, including the Meadows Coffee shop increased in 2023 by around 150%: £68,269 compared to £26,888 in 2022.

Church activities

- Generated similar income to last year, £44,060 in 2023 compared to £45,585 in 2022.

Legacies

- There were no legacies in 2023 (we received £5,500 in 2022). We have been blessed with Legacies in the past and hope we are remembered in future legacies. However, this is income on which we cannot rely. Our priority is to increase regular giving to increase our unrestricted income.

Staffing costs

- Increased slightly from £30,242 in 2022 to £32,093 in 2023. We have long standing paid employees who we rely on to ensure we can offer a dependable and reliable experience as part of our mission outreach. Our community and other activities have grown over time, supported by grants which has enabled, e.g. our ability to provide hot food and more opportunities for hospitality as part of our mission work.
    - Ensuring that we meet our running costs, including staff salaries is critical. A continuing shortfall in unrestricted income is simply not sustainable and may put in jeopardy the activities we have built up over time, ensuring our church is open and welcoming to all. We also have ambitions for the future and need to ensure we move forward by creating a sound financial basis.

Church running costs

- Increased in 2023 by around 40%, £110,530 in 2023 compared to £78,842 in 2022.
    - This includes our Community Centre running costs as part of our mission work (the costs of which were met by the income streams we received for this purpose) £33,796 in 2023 compared to £17,974 in 2022.
    - Securing a curate, which we were blessed to do, helped to develop, accelerate, and consolidate the outreach/mission work to which the PCC is committed.
    - Ensuring we create the right environment that continues to attract curate support is important and that means ensuring we create a sound financial basis moving forward.



"More tea vicar?"

(treasurer's report continued)

Parish Share

- We met our total Parish Share contribution of £72,500 in 2023, (in 2022 we made a total payment of £64,303 against our expected contribution of £60,000).
    - Our commitment remains to return to making the full Parish Share contribution. Over several years, the Diocese agreed to waive the full Parish Share contribution resetting this to a lower amount as part of our agreement to divert some of our income to invest in mission work. The expectation was to return to making the full Parish Share contribution during 2024, two years earlier than our initial agreement of 2026.
    - Important to note that whilst we were blessed to have created the opportunity to invest in mission, reverting to paying the full Parish Share contribution is not only the right thing to do, but is also the criteria for applying for a curate in the future.

Mission Giving

- We now support two charities, as part of what we call our 'Global Mission Partners' – 'Home for Good' and 'Life Association.' In 2023, each received donations of £3,000; £6,000 in total (in 2022 we donated £3,000 to Life Association).

Food Pantry

- Expenditure in 2023 was £7,373 compared to £804 in 2022. Whilst we continued to receive donations this was not sufficient to meet those in need.
    - Formal Mission Giving of £6,000 (Home for Good and Life Association) plus over £7,500 the PCC made to ensure the viability of our Food Pantry, means we have contributed over £13,500 in 2023 to these particular elements of our giving.
    - The Food Pantry is not self-sustaining either through food donations or external financial donations but is a critical part of our mission work, which can and does provide a lifeline for many in need.





(treasurer's report continued)

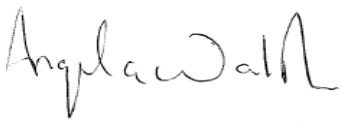
Impact

- The most important focus, as we continue to reach out and support our existing and new congregations, including the various activities which support outreach mission, **is to ensure that our unrestricted income is sufficient to meet our running costs and that the shortfall between income and expenditure is reduced as much as possible.**
- We recognise that regular giving matures as faith matures. This is supported and encouraged by the PCC's mission strategy. Maintaining momentum for this work, including those we rely on to lead and support the various activities are key elements of that strategy.
- We anticipate a significant shortfall in income over expenditure for 2024, (we forecast a shortfall of around £50,000) which the PCC must address before the end of the 2024 calendar year. Paying careful attention to increasing our unrestricted income will need to be a central theme, balanced against our commitment to make our full contribution to the Parish Share.

Summary

- The PCC is grateful for the very many examples of giving, whether through the army of dedicated volunteers, planned/regular giving or supporting the PCC through donations to purchase goods/equipment we need. All this combined helps to help create the platform for mission and an open and welcoming church.
    - However, it remains the case that the priority must be to increase planned/regular giving to improve the level of unrestricted income which is critical to meeting our running costs. Church of England Statistics for Mission 2022, states that:
        - *'Adult average weekly attendance in 2022, based on attendance in October, was 23% lower than in 2019, and 7% higher than in 2021; child average weekly attendance in 2022 was 28% lower than in 2019, and 17% higher than in 2021'.*
    - The report also states that:
        - *'Church of England churches are heavily involved in social action and community outreach. 77% of churches were involved in one or more forms of social action in 2022. Churches reported that they were involved in 31,300 social action projects. Churches ran 14,100 social action projects themselves, with other projects being hosted by churches, carried out in partnership, or supported with volunteers or donations. Churches were particularly involved in running or supporting food banks, hospitality for older people, and parent and toddler groups.'*
    - Parishes must be innovative and relevant to the communities they serve. In terms of giving, the Church of England says parishes should:

        - 'have the right mechanisms for giving, such as direct debit, contactless, online, legacies, gift aid and so on.
        - Show the impact of people's giving, how it enables the church's ministry and mission.
        - Explain the need for people to give, so they see how important it is that they give.
        - Build trust, so that people have confidence that the church will spend their gifts wisely and well'.
    - Our approach at Christ Church seeks to do all the above.
    - This is important context and gives strong encouragement to the PCC's vision for helping parishioners grow in their faith and taking the word of God into the community, continuing (despite the downward trend in church attendance) to make the Christian faith relevant.
    - Church leaders have worked diligently and have been innovative in bringing in funding thorough various routes e.g., grants, fund raising activities, and we have seen an increase in planned giving and restricted donations which has helped transform our offer to the local community.
    - Very careful management of cashflow was again required during 2023 (as happened in 2022) and though we ended the year in deficit, the learning from 2023 is being reflected in the PCC's thinking, strategy, and budget plans for 2024.



Angela Walsh

Treasurer

Background to Parish Share

- Church of England Parish Share Report March 2024
    - *"The ability of a diocese to support parish ministry is hugely influenced by the amount of Parish Share contributed by its parishes."*
- Parish Share covers our missional leadership, most of the costs of our clergy's pay, pension, housing, and training, Without Parish Share, we cannot sustain the mission and ministry of the majority of parishes in our Diocese.
- Parish Share is the amount of money a parish is asked to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends and their housing.
- The Parish Share ensures that those parishes in deprived areas pay less with those in more affluent areas like ours paying more. The more we grow the more we pay. Whilst this might feel unfair/counter intuitive the Parish Share, for example, enabled Christ Church to secure our Curate.
- We recognise that whilst our church may be in an affluent area, this does not automatically translate into higher levels of giving. Congregants may be e.g. asset rich but cash poor, some may have fixed incomes, others may be struggling to meet the increasing cost of living.

Keep reading - financial statements follow on the next pages...

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131693

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FOR

CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Christ Church Thornton Le Fylde (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: .....
D G Miller, FCCA

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19 April 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Planned giving		81,625	-	**81,625**	71,361
Collections at services		10,663	-	**10,663**	7,137
Other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	21,676	36,142	**57,818**	25,534
Gift aid and GASDS recovered		17,310	-	**17,310**	14,603
		131,274	36,142	**167,416**	118,635
Activities for generating funds	5b	10,450	-	**10,450**	6,854
Investment Income	5c	384	711	**1,095**	447
Church Activities	5d	37,786	6,274	**44,060**	45,585
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**179,894**	**43,127**	**223,021**	**171,521**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		72,500	-	**72,500**	64,303
Staffing costs		32,093	-	**32,093**	30,242
Church running expenses	5e	74,928	35,603	**110,530**	78,842
Hall refurbishment costs	5g	-	-	**-**	20,637
Mission giving and donations	5f	6,000	7,573	**13,573**	3,900
		185,521	43,176	**228,697**	197,924
Cost of Generating funds		-	-	**-**	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**185,521**	**43,176**	**228,697**	**197,924**
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		**(5,627)**	**(49)**	**(5,676)**	**(26,403)**
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	**-**	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		**(5,627)**	**(49)**	**(5,676)**	**(26,403)**
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January		14,045	44,019	**58,064**	84,468
Cash & Bank balances at 31st December		**8,418**	**43,970**	**52,388**	**58,064**

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

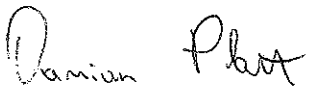
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	7,372	22,741	**30,113**	36,329
Petty cash	125	-	**125**	250
CBF Reserves	220	-	**220**	213
CBF Proceeds of share sale - restricted	-	21,228	**21,228**	20,569
Church of England Treasury Deposit account	702	-	**702**	702
	8,418	**43,970**	**52,388**	**58,064**
Other monetary assets				
Income Tax recoverable	-	-	-	

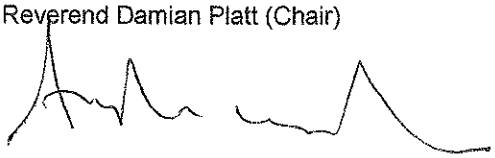
Investment assets
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

		2023 £	2022 £
National Savings & Investments		**12,000**	12,000
W B Walsh Legacy shares	[64 shares valued at £22.61]	**1,447**	1,322
		13,447	13,322

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend Damian Platt (Chair)



Mrs Angela Walsh (Treasurer)

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Note 1 - Basis of preparation of financial statements
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 2 - Investment assets
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

Note 3
Members of the PCC receive reimbursements for items purchased on behalf of the Parish. No other payments are made to members of the PCC.

Note 4
The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Restricted					
Church and hall fabric fund	12,647	18,926	(18,274)	-	13,299
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	28,490	711	-	-	29,201
Organ fund	1,154	-	-	-	1,154
Choir fund	1,727	-	-	(1,727)	-
St Peters Burn Naze outreach fund	-	-	(1,411)	1,727	316
Restricted funds grants received	-	23,490	(23,490)	-	(0)
	44,019	**43,127**	**(43,176)**	**-**	**43,970**

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
a All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations & appeals	21,676	12,653	**34,329**	18,393
Grants received	-	23,490	**23,490**	1,641
Legacy	-	-	**-**	5,500
	21,676	36,143	**57,819**	25,534
b Activities for Generating Funds				
Church fundraising				
Events Team	369	-	**369**	530
Meadows Bookshop	10,081	-	**10,081**	6,324
	10,450	-	**10,450**	6,854
c Investment Income				
Interest on CBF Investment Fund	-	711	**711**	339
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund interest	7	-	**7**	3
National Savings Income Bonds	363	-	**363**	95
Investments Held in Trust	15	-	**15**	10
	384	711	**1,095**	447
d Church Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	10,930	5,774	**16,704**	22,212
Community Centre	20,788	-	**20,788**	16,638
Community Centre lettings - local community use	3,891	-	**3,891**	2,937
Verger fees	1,011	-	**1,011**	1,311
Gravedigging fees	1,166	-	**1,166**	1,525
Organists fees	-	-	**-**	962
Treehouse weekend	-	500	**500**	-
	37,786	6,274	**44,060**	45,585

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Payments		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
e	**Church running expenses**				
	Costs of services	7,568	-	**7,568**	2,229
	Printing and stationery (inc website costs)	1,159	-	**1,159**	843
	Church buildings running expenses	46,413	6,320	**52,732**	48,200
	Community Centre running expenses	4,513	29,283	**33,796**	17,974
	Health, safety and safeguarding	598	-	**598**	581
	Church repairs and maintenance	3,687	-	**3,687**	1,300
	Meadows Bookshop	10,991	-	**10,991**	7,714
		74,928	35,603	**110,530**	78,842
f	**Mission giving and donations**				
	Relief agencies	-	-	-	96
	Treehouse weekend	-	200	**200**	-
	Life Association	3,000	-	**3,000**	3,000
	Home for Good	3,000	-	**3,000**	-
	Food Pantry stock replacements	-	7,373	**7,373**	804
		6,000	7,573	**13,573**	3,900

g **Hall refurbishment costs**

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNT

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CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON



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To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall of Christ Church.





ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

2022 was a year of great blessings. At the beginning of the year we found ourselves a little unexpectedly with a donation of eight empty bookcases and the possibility to launch a Christian bookshop and giftshop. The Fridaymen put their skills to use and set up the shop, a temporary faculty was secured and nine months later Meadows Books was born. A benefactor made everything possible with a £5,000 donation to purchase the initial stock.

MEADOWS BOOKS



An initial order was made and not long later a new dedicated team of volunteers came together to unpack the books and get everything ready for the launch on 14th September 2022. This date was chosen because it is the anniversary of the consecration of the Nave and Tower and seemed like a most appropriate date to launch something new. A few months after its launch we were asked to go 'on the road' to the Diocesan Conference to provide the bookstall for the conference in Derbyshire. Christian bookshops are few and far between and so we're very grateful to God to have such a resource on site at Christ Church. Profits from the sales enable us to make our contributions to the parish share.









Another big project completed in 2022 was the installation of the large 3-metre-wide screen, projector and screens for the side aisles. All done just in time for the Queen's funeral! As the photos show it was quite an undertaking bearing in mind the heights involved! The large screen has provided opportunities to do things we could never have done before.





Other highlights of the year include coach trips, social events, and of course the outside service for the Queen's Jubilee! Well over a 120 people braved the conditions and made it a service to remember!





In many ways 2022 was a recovery year after Covid-19. The routine life of the Church and Community Centre was restored and growth was seen in many areas of church life, with new outreach activities and discipleship activities – especially the 'Lighthouse' club for primary-school aged children on a Wednesday night, with Bible stories, crafts, songs, snacks and games. Children love to hear about the gospel!





It was a delight to welcome Andrew, Kim, Ena and Toby to our church family, as they moved from all the way down in Worthing to join us on the Fylde Coast. Andrew starting as curate was definitely a highlight of the year. The photo above on the right shows a few of those who attended Andrew's ordination service at Blackburn Cathedral. Rumour has it they were led astray to McDonald's by Damian before the start of the ordination service.

During the second half of 2022 Andrew quickly settled into the services and activities at Christ Church. An important project Andrew undertook was to take the lead in putting foundations in place for a church re-plant in Burn Naze. Not since the 1960s has Christ Church had a regular place of worship in that area. In 2022 a trial took place running our 'Playhouse' group at the new Thornton Cleveleys Football Club on Gamble Road in Burn Naze. This was rooted in prayer, with many prayer walks taking place. The vision is by 2026 to establish a life-filled, Anglican, Christian community in Burn Naze that exists to share the love and message of Jesus with all those that live and work in Burn Naze.







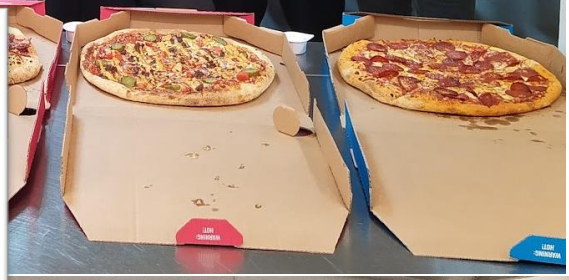
A new outreach initiative was started amongst men. CCFC was born – Christ Church Thornton Football Club. A number of friendly and competitive matches were played. For the home games, some of the men came back afterwards to the Community Centre for refreshments. Throughout 2022 CCFC were unbeaten! Most importantly, the football matches have enabled connections to be made between Christ Church and men in the community

The new kitchen has been used throughout 2022 for many outreach and fellowship events. At Easter, bread making took place on Good Friday – to remember Jesus the bread of life.



At Christmas it was great to welcome a good number of people for the Christmas Day Community Dinner, with great food, a quiz, entertainment and lots of love rooted in Jesus.











FINANCIAL REVIEW



- **Planned giving** for 2022 was £71,361 which is a 20% increase over the planned giving in 2021 (£59,025 in 2021). A comparison with previous financial statements returns shows the following:
    - Planned giving in 2016 = £37,654
    - Planned giving in 2022 = £71,361

  This is an encouraging 89% increase in planned giving over six years.
- **Our Parish Share contribution** continues to be a challenge. We remain in close liaison with the Diocese about our aspiration, which is to meet our full parish share request by the end of 2024. To do this we need to make a significant increase each year.
- In 2022 we contributed £64,303 to parish share, compared to £50,000 in 2021, £40,000 in 2020; £40,000 in 2019; and £30,000 in 2018.
- **Staffing costs** continue to fall: £30,242 in 2022, £42,575 in 2021, £52,790 in 2020, £70,915 in 2019. This is partly due to changes in contracts, the kindness of staff in volunteering beyond their working hours, and of course the high number of volunteers involved in all aspects of church life.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

There are four areas of leadership within Christ Church Thornton:

- Church Leader – Leading the worship, ministry, mission and pastoral care of the Church
- Church Management Team – Managing the day to day functioning of staff, activities and buildings
- Church Leadership Team ('Standing Committee') – Delivering the strategic and financial decisions to achieve the overall vision
- Parochial Church Council (Trustees) Team – Providing vision, financial oversight and meeting legal and financial obligations

The Church Leader, Church Management Team and Church Leadership Team, consult together with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The first function of the Parochial Church Council (often known as the 'PCC') is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC at Christ Church focus on the 'big picture' of the life and direction of the Church, prayerfully seeking God's strategic direction in all matters. PCCs are governed by two legislative Measures: *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*; and the *Church Representation Rules.*



Church Officers carrying out important ecclesiastical, legal and financial duties:

- Churchwarden – Judith Murphy
- Churchwarden – John Hearnshaw
- PCC Officer (Secretary) – Sally Johnson
- Finance Officer (Treasurer) – Angie Walsh
- Electoral Roll Officer – Denise Taylor
- Health and Safety Officer – Robert Wareing
- Parish Safeguarding Officer – David Taylor
- Data Protection Officer – Sally Johnson

Parochial Church Council:

- Damian Platt* (Vicar / Chairman) *ex-officio*
- Judith Murphy* (Churchwarden / Vice-Chair) *ex-officio*
- John Hearnshaw* (Churchwarden) *ex-officio*

Deanery Synod (3 places due to Electoral Roll being between 101 and 200)

- Sally Johnson* (term ending APCM 2023)
- Ann Hearnshaw (term ending APCM 2023) & Diocesan Synod
- Roger Lloyd Jones (term ending APCM 2023)

Elected Parochial Representatives of the Laity (12 places due to Electoral Roll being between 100 and 199)

- Ron Jacks *(term ending APCM 2023)*
- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2023)*
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- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2023)*
- Robert Wareing *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Carol Hull *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Jan Nichol *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Angie Walsh* *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Malcolm Beard* *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Phil Butterworth *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- Maria Winter *(term ending APCM 2025)*
- David Taylor *(term ending APCM 2025)*

*Denotes members of the Standing Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Bank: Virgin Money, 2-4 Abingdon Street, Blackpool FY1 1DR

Independent Examiner: David Miller, 17 Victoria Road East, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 5HT

Registered Charity Number: 1131693

Church Address: Christ Church Thornton, Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 2TW



‘The Friends’ of Thornton Parish Church Annual Report – Year to 31 December 2022

Annual Report for the Friends of Thornton Parish Church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde, in the County of Lancashire, for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Charity number: 504659.

Object Code 740.10: Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde.

Trustees: Angela Walsh, Ann Hearnshaw, Denise Taylor (Treasurer), Rev’d Damian Platt, Margaret Ralph, Warren Mclean (Correspondent).

Further Information:

‘The Friends’ is a Trust Fund, a registered charity, separate from all other funds held on behalf of Christ Church. The Trustees are bound by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commissioners and by the Trust Fund Deed which lays down that the money held by the Trust can be used Only for purposes within the Parish Church itself. The Friends cannot transfer money to any other charity outside Christ Church nor transfer money to the general fund of the Parish Church. The Friends Trust is a completely separate charity from Christ Church.

Activities during 2022:

Following the easing of restrictions previously brought about by Covid 19, The Friends resumed activities during 2022 by considering funding requests in support of the work of Christ Church and, to this end, the following items were funded:

New plates:	£117
New mugs:	£248
Cups, saucers toddler tables and chairs:	£683
Book of Common Prayer booklets:	£125
Total:	**£1173**

As the year drew to a close, The Friends were able to consider some proposals to be considered for funding during 2023 – these will be referred to in detail in the next Annual Report to 31 December 2023.

The Trust Fund continues to be a valuable reserve for the Parish. We thank those who have generously gifted funds to the Friends through donations, regular giving and legacies. Every effort is made by the Trustees to ensure that funds are prudently managed and we ask for your prayerful considerations as we continue to support further initiatives to help Christ Church advance as a unified community.

FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

2021 £		2022 £
	INCOME	
1200	Donations	455
9	Bank Interest	195
95	Gift Aid Reclaim	0
1304		650
	EXPENDITURE	
351	Coffee Machine Pilgrims Rest	0
2500	Donation to Refurbishment of Food Bank	0
0	Plates	117
0	Mugs	248
0	Cups Saucers, Toddler Tables and Chairs	683
0	Book of Common Prayer Booklets	125
2851		1173
	FUND ASSETS	
17382	Opening Balance	15835
-1547	Net of Receipts / Payments	-523
15835	Closing Balance	15312
	CASH FUNDS	
1035	Yorkshire Current Account	318
14800	CBF Fund	14994
15835	Total Funds	15312

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Christ Church Thornton Le Fylde (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: .....

D G Miller, FCCA

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
Thornton Cleveleys
FY5 5HT

14-May-23

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Planned giving		71,361	-	**71,361**	59,025
Collections at services		7,137	-	**7,137**	5,045
Other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	13,531	12,003	**25,534**	81,634
Gift aid and GASDS recovered		14,047	556	**14,603**	12,170
		106,076	12,559	**118,635**	157,875
Activities for generating funds	5b	6,854	-	**6,854**	211
Investment Income	5c	108	339	**447**	56
Church Activities	5d	37,792	7,793	**45,585**	28,523
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**150,830**	**20,691**	**171,521**	**186,665**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		60,000	4,303	**64,303**	50,000
Staffing costs		30,242	-	**30,242**	42,575
Church running expenses	5e	55,588	23,254	**78,842**	54,461
Hall refurbishment costs	5g	40	20,597	**20,637**	31,340
Mission giving and donations	5f	3,096	804	**3,900**	501
		148,967	48,958	**197,924**	178,878
Cost of Generating funds		-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**148,967**	**48,958**	**197,924**	**178,878**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		**1,863**	**(28,267)**	**(26,403)**	**7,787**
Transfers between funds	4	(17,282)	17,282	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		**(15,419)**	**(10,985)**	**(26,403)**	**7,787**
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January		29,465	55,003	**84,468**	76,681
Cash & Bank balances at 31st December		**14,046**	**44,019**	**58,064**	**84,468**

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	12,879	23,450	**36,329**	45,758
Petty cash	250	-	**250**	554
PCC Fees account	-	-	**-**	12,825
CBF Reserves	213	-	**213**	211
CBF Proceeds of share sale - restricted	-	20,569	**20,569**	23,264
Church of England Treasury Deposit account	702	-	**702**	702
Organ fund	-	-	**-**	1,154
	14,045	**44,019**	**58,064**	**84,468**
Other monetary assets				
Income Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-

Investment assets

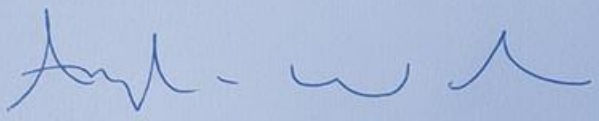
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

		2022 £	2021 £
National Savings & Investments		**12,000**	12,000
W B Walsh Legacy shares	[64 shares valued at £20.66]	**1,322**	1,497
		13,322	13,497

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend Damian Platt (Chair)



Mrs Angela Walsh (Treasurer)

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Note 1 - Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 2 - Investment assets

Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

Note 3

Members of the PCC receive reimbursements for items purchased on behalf of the Parish. No other payments are made to members of the PCC.

Note 4

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Restricted					
Church and hall fabric fund	22,924	13,711	(28,360)	4,373	12,647
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	27,538	5,339	(17,296)	12,910	28,490
Organ fund	1,154	-	-	-	1,154
Choir fund	1,727	-	-	-	1,727
Walney Extension Community Fund	1,660	1,641	(3,301)	-	-
	55,003	**20,691**	**(48,957)**	**17,282**	**44,019**

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
a All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations & appeals	13,031	5,362	**18,393**	13,415
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	-	-	**-**	26,534
Walney Extension Community Fund	-	1,641	**1,641**	33,000
Legacy	500	5,000	**5,500**	8,686
	13,531	12,003	**25,534**	81,634
b Activities for Generating Funds				
Church fundraising				
Events Team	530	-	**530**	211
Meadows Bookshop	6,324	-	**6,324**	-
	6,854	-	**6,854**	211
c Investment Income				
Interest on CBF Investment Fund	-	339	**339**	50
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund interest	3	-	**3**	-
National Savings Income Bonds	95	-	**95**	2
Investments Held in Trust	10	-	**10**	3
	108	339	**447**	56
d Church Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	14,419	7,793	**22,212**	19,623
Community Centre	16,638	-	**16,638**	3,835
Community Centre lettings - local community use	2,937	-	**2,937**	1,140
Verger fees	1,311	-	**1,311**	1,080
Gravedigging fees	1,525	-	**1,525**	1,250
Organists fees	962	-	**962**	935
Miscellaneous income (St Nicholas Fleetwood)	-	-	**-**	660
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e Church running expenses				
Costs of services	2,229	-	**2,229**	5,141
Printing and stationery (inc website costs)	843	-	**843**	2,380
Church buildings running expenses	47,920	18,254	**66,173**	42,656
Health, safety and safeguarding	581	-	**581**	1,192
Church repairs and maintenance	1,300	-	**1,300**	1,730
Meadows Bookshop	2,714	5,000	**7,714**	-
	55,588	23,254	**78,842**	54,461
f Mission giving and donations				
Relief agencies	96	-	**96**	144
Life Association (2021 - Mosamaria Trust Fund)	3,000	-	**3,000**	65
Food Pantry stock replacements	-	804	**804**	292
	3,096	804	**3,900**	501

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ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE



Throughout 2021 we reaped the benefits of the previous year's project – the chairs. We were able to abide by all the Government Regulations and Church of England guidance, continuing with a generous provision of worship on a Sunday. We welcomed many new faces to the church community during 2021.

Discipleship and Mission were key factors in navigating our way through ministry during a pandemic. We continued for part of the year with the five online 'Virtual Villages' for midweek Bible Study, as well as producing daily video reflections (the 'Virtual Armchair') and Bible reading notes ('Virtual Bread').

However, our huge investment of time had to be in continuing to understand how to livestream the Sunday services. We even did a workshop for other churches to learn. The streaming of the services allowed those who couldn't get to services (for reasons such as isolating or illness) could participate in some small way and keep connected to Sunday worship. It also enabled future visitors to peer in before committing to attending.





The Pilgrim's Rest

Come and rest and be refreshed

Serving Ethical Coffee and Fairtrade Tea

Monday to Friday
10:00 AM to 12 NOON

Inside seating in church and outdoor seating in good weather

In July, we launched 'The Pilgrim's Rest.' This was both a long-held dream of better using the space in the Nave and Chapel as a place of welcome and contemplation and a necessary reaction to giving confidence to people to come back out of their homes and enjoy the sacred during the week. Not long after, our Community Centre Activities restarted. Our main project of 2021 (apart from surviving and flourishing during covid), was the new kitchen and food pantry in the Community Centre Hall. This was finished just in time for Christmas Day, where we welcomed many people for a 'proper' Christmas Dinner, who might otherwise have spent the day with little or no company.









The new kitchen project was an ambitious plan (£51,936) to expand the size of the kitchen and improve the facilities, through introducing cooking facilities, fit-for-purpose commercial equipment and giving a more suitable home for the ministry of the 'Food Pantry' (for which the Friends of Christ Church generously contributed £2,500). We were blessed with a grant of £34,641 from the Walney Island Extension Fund (the wind turbines in the Irish Sea) as well as the generosity of church members and putting to good use existing internal church funds and legacies for which this was a good fit. In the coming months and years, we will I'm sure see God use this fantastic facility to draw many more people into his Kingdom through the open doors of the Community Centre and the warmth of the welcome and hospitality on offer – all of which reflect and point to the good news of the gospel.

FINANCIAL REVIEW



- We ended the 2021 calendar year in a positive position: £7,787 up from £4,306 in 2020.
- Planned giving for 2021 was £59,025 which shows an increase over previous years and with a continued upward trend.
- Our Parish Share contribution has continued to be supported by the Diocese of Blackburn with an aspiration to contribute at least a further £10,000 each year on our way to achieving our full parish share contribution (£50k in 2021; £40k in 2020; £40k in 2019; £30k in 2018).
- Staffing costs down over 2020 most likely due to staff working hours reduced by agreement from autumn 2021. Staffing costs continue to fall: 2018: £52,980; 2019: £70,915; 2020: £52,790; and 2021: £42,575. The decrease in staffing costs from 2020 to 2021 enabled us to increase our Parish Share contribution from £40k in 2020 to £50k 2021.
- Historically we have relied on savings now almost depleted. However, restricted funds have over successive years been used for the purpose for which they were intended e.g. upkeep of church and churchyard.
- To have ended the 2021 calendar year in a positive position after repeated lock downs due to the pandemic is a remarkable achievement. Our ability to capitalise on and build new IT skills was critical.
- We are aware of the challenges facing us for 2022 but important we celebrate and thank God for our success because we have continued to increase giving and Parishioners during a national emergency.

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There are four areas of leadership within Christ Church Thornton:

- Church Leader – Leading the worship, ministry, mission and pastoral care of the Church
- Church Management Team – Managing the day to day functioning of staff, activities and buildings
- Church Leadership Team ('Standing Committee') – Delivering the strategic and financial decisions to achieve the overall vision
- Parochial Church Council (Trustees) Team – Providing vision, financial oversight and meeting legal and financial obligations

The Church Leader, Church Management Team and Church Leadership Team, consult together with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The first function of the Parochial Church Council (often known as the 'PCC') is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC at Christ Church focus on the 'big picture' of the life and direction of the Church, prayerfully seeking God's strategic direction in all matters. PCCs are governed by two legislative Measures: *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*; and the *Church Representation Rules.*



Church Officers carrying out important ecclesiastical, legal and financial duties:

- Churchwarden – Judith Murphy
- Churchwarden – John Hearnshaw
- PCC Officer (Secretary) – Sally Johnson
- Finance Officer (Treasurer) – Angie Walsh
- Electoral Roll Officer – Denise Taylor
- Health and Safety Officer – Robert Wareing
- Parish Safeguarding Officer – David Taylor
- Data Protection Officer – Sally Johnson



Parochial Church Council:

- Damian Platt* (Vicar / Chairman) *ex-officio*
- Judith Murphy* (Churchwarden / Vice-Chair) *ex-officio*
- John Hearnshaw* (Churchwarden) *ex-officio*

Deanery Synod (3 places due to Electoral Roll being between 101 and 200)

- Sally Johnson* (term ending APCM 2023)
- Ann Hearnshaw (term ending APCM 2023) & Diocesan Synod
- Roger Lloyd Jones (term ending APCM 2023)

Elected Parochial Representatives of the Laity (12 places due to Electoral Roll being between 100 and 199)

- Malcolm Beard* *(term ending APCM 2022)*
- Lilian Abbott *(term ending APCM 2022)*
- David Taylor *(term ending APCM 2022)*
- Angie Walsh* *(term ending APCM 2022)*
- Ron Jacks *(term ending APCM 2023)*
- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2023)*
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- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2023)*
- Robert Wareing *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Carol Hull *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- Jan Nichol *(term ending APCM 2024)*
- *Vacancy* *(term ending APCM 2024)*





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Independent Examiner: David Miller, 17 Victoria Road East, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 5HT

Registered Charity Number: 1131693

Church Address: Christ Church Thornton, Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 2TW



THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

Annual Report – Year to 31 December 2021 *(Financial Information provided by Denise Taylor)*

Annual Report for the Friends of Thornton Parish Church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde, in the County of Lancashire for the year ending 31st December 2021. Charity No,: 504659. Object Code 740.10 Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde.

Trustees: Angela Walsh, Ann Hearnshaw, Denise Taylor (Treasurer), Rev'd Damian Platt, Margaret Ralph, Warren Mclean. During the year, Angie Walsh served as Acting Secretary during Q1 and Q2. Warren McLean took on the role of Secretary from Q3.

Further Information:

'The Friends' is a Trust Fund, a registered charity, separate from all other funds held on behalf of Christ Church. The Trustees are bound by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commissioners. We are also bound by the Trust Fund Deed which lays down that the money held by the Trust can be used Only for purposes within the Parish Church itself. The Friends cannot transfer money to any other charity outside Christ Church nor transfer money to the general fund of the Parish Church. The Friends Trust is a completely separate charity from Christ Church. We are funded by the kind donations of individuals and legacies.

Activities during 2021

The continuing threat of Covid-19 throughout the year resulted in a scaling down of activity levels that The Friends would normally anticipate. However, the group has again been privileged to be able to support the work of Christ Church and the following donations have been made:

Coffee Machine for Pilgrims Rest: £351.

Donation towards refurbishment of food pantry (as part of the new kitchen: £2,500

During Q4/2021, as the year drew to a close, The Friends were able to regain some momentum by considering a number of future proposals for funding during 2022 – these will be referred to in detail in the next Annual Report to 31 December 2022.

The Trust Fund continues to be a valuable reserve for the Parish. Every effort is made by the Trustees to ensure that funds received are prudently managed and we ask for your prayerful considerations as we look forward to supporting further initiatives to help Christ Church advance as a unified community.

2020		2021
	INCOME	
575	Donations	1200
73	Bank Interest	9
	Gift Aid Reclaim	95
648		1304
	EXPENDITURE	
	Coffee Machine Pilgrim's Rest	351
	Donation to refurbishment of Food Bank	2500
5000	Alpha Furnishing Chair Deposit	
1370	Live Stream Equipment Contribution	
6370		2851
	FUND ASSETS	
23104	Opening Balance	17382
-5722	Net of Receipts/(Payments)	-1547
		15835
17382	Closing Balance	
	CASH FUNDS	
91	Yorkshire Bank Current Account	1035
17291	CBF Fund	14800
17382		15835

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131693

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 FOR CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Christ Church Thornton Le Fylde (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: .....
D G Miller, FCCA

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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11 May 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Planned giving		59,025	-	**59,025**	56,345
Collections at services		5,045	-	**5,045**	6,039
Other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	33,339	48,296	**81,634**	53,623
Gift aid and GASDS recovered		12,170	-	**12,170**	14,145
		109,579	48,296	**157,875**	130,151
Activities for generating funds	5b	211	-	**211**	899
Investment Income	5c	6	50	**56**	358
Church Activities	5d	21,421	7,102	**28,523**	19,635
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**131,217**	**55,448**	**186,665**	**151,044**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		50,000	-	**50,000**	40,000
Staffing costs		42,575	-	**42,575**	52,790
Church running expenses	5e	42,250	12,212	**54,461**	53,254
Hall refurbishment costs	5g	-	31,340	**31,340**	-
Mission giving and donations	5f	501	-	**501**	694
		135,326	43,552	**178,878**	146,738
Cost of Generating funds		-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**135,326**	**43,552**	**178,878**	**146,738**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		**(4,110)**	**11,896**	**7,787**	**4,306**
Transfers between funds	4	(155)	155	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		**(4,265)**	**12,051**	**7,787**	**4,306**
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January		33,729	42,952	**76,681**	72,375
Cash & Bank balances at 31st December		**29,464**	**55,003**	**84,468**	**76,681**

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	15,173	30,585	**45,758**	37,588
Petty cash	554	-	**554**	1,658
PCC Fees account	12,825	-	**12,825**	12,116
CBF Reserves	211	-	**211**	211
CBF Proceeds of share sale - restricted	-	23,264	**23,264**	23,252
Church of England Treasury Deposit account	702	-	**702**	702
Organ fund	-	1,154	**1,154**	1,154
	29,465	**55,003**	**84,468**	**76,680**
Other monetary assets				
Income Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-

Investment assets
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

		2021 £	2020 £
Davidson Legacy CBF deposit account		**0**	5,439
National Savings & Investments		**12,000**	12,000
W B Walsh Legacy shares	[64 shares valued at £23.39]	**1,497**	1,309
		13,497	18,748

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Damian Platt

Reverend Damian Platt (Chair)

Mrs Angela Walsh (Treasurer)

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Note 1 - Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 2 - Investment assets

Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

Note 3

Members of the PCC receive reimbursements for items purchased on behalf of the Parish. No other payments are made to members of the PCC.

Note 4

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Restricted					
Church and hall fabric fund	15,053	16,852	(7,932)	(1,049)	22,924
Church and churchyard maintenance fund	26,365	5,596	(4,280)	(143)	27,538
Organ fund	1,154	-	-	-	1,154
Choir fund	315	-	-	1,412	1,727
Mission work	65	-	-	(65)	-
HMRC CJRS grants	-	-	-	-	-
Walney Extension Community Fund	-	33,000	(31,340)	-	1,660
	42,952	**55,448**	**(43,552)**	**155**	**55,003**

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Receipts		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
a	**All other giving/voluntary receipts**				
	Donations & appeals	3,665	9,750	**13,415**	13,762
	Parish Vision Fund grant	-	-	**-**	2,000
	HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	26,534	-	**26,534**	27,494
	Walney Extension Community Fund	-	33,000	**33,000**	6,367
	Legacy	3,140	5,546	**8,686**	4,000
		33,339	48,296	**81,634**	53,623
b	**Activities for Generating Funds**				
	Church fundraising				
	Events Team	211	-	**211**	899
		211	-	**211**	899
c	**Investment Income**				
	Interest on CBF Investment Fund	-	50	**50**	116
	Bank and CBF Deposit Fund interest	0	-	**0**	1
	National Savings Income Bonds	2	-	**2**	134
	Investments Held in Trust	3	-	**3**	107
		6	50	**56**	358
d	**Church Activities**				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	12,521	7,102	**19,623**	13,197
	Community Centre	3,835	-	**3,835**	2,696
	Community Centre lettings - local community use	1,140	-	**1,140**	2,022
	Verger fees	1,080	-	**1,080**	585
	Gravedigging fees	1,250	-	**1,250**	540
	Organists fees	935	-	**935**	595
	Miscellaneous income (St Nicholas Fleetwood)	660	-	**660**	-
		21,421	7,102	**28,523**	19,635

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Payments		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
e	**Church running expenses**				
	Costs of services	5,141	-	**5,141**	8,110
	Printing and stationery (inc website costs)	2,380	-	**2,380**	2,984
	Church buildings running expenses	30,444	12,212	**42,656**	38,954
	Health, safety and safeguarding	1,192	-	**1,192**	66
	Church repairs and maintenance	1,730	-	**1,730**	3,139
	Cash expenditure omitted in 2019 and 2020	1,361	-	**1,361**	-
		42,249	12,212	**54,461**	53,253
f	**Mission giving and donations**				
	Relief agencies	144	-	**144**	144
	Mosamaria Trust Fund	65	-	**65**	550
	Food bank stock replacements	292	-	**292**	-
		501	-	**501**	694

g **Hall refurbishment costs**
The hall refurbishment costs were funded by a grant received from the Walney Extension Community Fund.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131693

Accounts

CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

ANNUAL REPORT

and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council ('Trustees') of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Thornton-le-Fylde
(Registered Charity No.: 1131693) for the year ended 31st December 2020



Welcome to the Annual Report for the year ended 2020. And what a year it was! Despite the challenges of 2020 this report is a chance to take stock and celebrate the life of our church. On the front cover, the photo shows the Monday night Growth Group preparing for the launch of the Christianity Explored course which started in January 2020. The beautiful photo below, at the marriage of Steve and Maria Winter (in 2018), reminds us of the beautiful image the Bible paints for us, of Christ the bridegroom, preparing for himself a Bride, which is the church. At the first Advent, the Incarnation, Christ came into the world on a mission of reconciliation. Now we await his second Advent, to finally unite the bride (the global church) with the bridegroom (the Lord Jesus) and to dwell together eternally. We are in the interim – waiting, watching and praying for the Lord Jesus Christ to return. When he does, the following will cease: sin, sickness, pandemics, crying, mourning and death. As we read this report, we remember all those who have lost their lives during the tragic circumstances which we have come to know as COVID-19. And we pray for all those still suffering, still isolated and especially those who grieve. At Christ Church during 2020, we said farewell to 17 church members (from a variety of causes). Let us start this report by remembering them:

Father Keith Sillis, Dr Donald MacDonald, Bryan Foy, Ted Ramsey, Sonia Cragg, Jim Berry, Alan Grimshaw, Brian Parker, Mavis Penney, Joan Crossley, Christina Starkey, Jean Allcroft, Brenda Calderbank, Alan Ortloff, May Bellingall, Muriel Airey, Peter Elvidge. We know with certainty those who trust Jesus for salvation will dwell with God eternally. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!



YOU'RE ON MUTE!



– REVD DAMIAN PLATT –

Never could we have imagined sitting 2 metres apart, covering our faces, knowing it is illegal to sing, being denied communion wine and being forced by law to close the doors!



Across the Church of England, annual reports are going to be almost identical. They are going to mention 'Zoom,' online church, live streaming, face coverings, sticky hand gel, bookings, shorter services, and working how to unmute yourself! Yes, it's been 2020. A year we want to forget. But a year when everything changed. Not by choice but by necessity.

I need to start by saying this is the hardest report I will possibly ever have to write. Whilst I'm keen to celebrate the achievements of the year, it is hard to do so knowing the suffering of so many.

I want to hug you all, smile at you, shake your hand and offer you a cup of tea. But all of those have been denied. Many of you have gone months and months without seeing loved ones, without going out, without physically attending Church. The impact of COVID-19 on physical health is devastating and at the same time the impact of lockdown on mental health is devastating. Nobody wins. Many lives have been lost. Many lives are now being saved. And all our lives have been changed forever.

But through all of this we know that our redeemer lives. The crucified, risen, ascended Lord Jesus has not had his plans changed by a global pandemic. He is still sitting on the throne. He is still the King of kings. And one day he will make all things new. No more tears, no more pain, no more cancer, no more depression, no more virus, and no more fear. We will live with him, in his perfect presence, in his perfect love and for an eternity. Jesus has already defeated death. And he has secured our future resurrection. Jesus is our hope – our only hope.

You, the people of Christ Church Thornton, have been amazing during 2020. You have shown yourselves to be resilient (during weakness), hopeful (during despair), adaptable (during change), and loving and kind (to one another). I want to thank you for that.

God's grace has been astounding. We found ourselves entering a pandemic from a position of strength and preparation. Let me explain more. In March, a group of very hard-working church members completed the restoration of the parquet floor followed by the arrival of 200 chairs. Never did we imagine when planning to put chairs in Church that they would soon be the most useful tool to allow us to stay open and to ensure social distancing during our services.

In the year leading up to the pandemic we launched our new all-singing all-dancing church website. When we were told by No. 10 to ensure we limited our numbers, have a bookings system in place and have a way to ask for phone numbers for track and trace, our new website was ready to install a booking system. And it's been used every single week to great effect. It has been an important reason we have been able to stay open every single Sunday that the Government have allowed us to. The new website also enabled us to upload online services and enable church members to give online. And your giving has been brilliant. We expected planned giving to decrease. But it increased! Well done and thank you.

God also had the right people with the right skills in the right place at the right time. Think of the live streaming, cameras, software, music. We can be so grateful to all those who have enabled hundreds of people to stay safe at home and still take part in Sunday worship and other midweek activities.

We have continued to offer emergency food support to any who make contact through the ministry of the Food Pantry. We have ensured Lyrics and Lunch has continued week by week. We even launched a whole new ministry and website during the pandemic, called Biblical Digital. The website is www.biblical.digital and it has enabled church members to continue being discipled even when our freedom was curtailed. Sometimes up to six 'Virtual villages' meeting during the week and daily devotional videos ('Virtual Armchair').

Sadly, many things have had to pause such as midweek groups, the Community Centre activities, and the ministry to rest homes. But despite all this, we have had the joy of welcoming new people to services. God has been faithful throughout the pandemic, God is faithful now and God will forever be faithful. He loves you. He has saved you. He is active in our lives. He is speaking to us through his Word to help us navigate our way through the trials. You can be assured that God is never on mute!



Treasurers Report

1 JANUARY 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Context

A heart felt thank you to all of those who supported Christ Church through financial or non-financial support. This was invaluable and very much appreciated as Christ Church continued to offer worship and help to those in need during 2020.

The strategic aim of the PCC's Vision 2026 remains to focus strongly on mission, bringing people to Christ, whilst increasing the number of regular worshippers from 125 in 2017 (1% of the parish) to 440 (3.5% of the parish) by 2026.

The PCC has continued to grow its' congregation and planned giving, despite the significant challenges due to the pandemic COVID-19 which emerged during the early part of 2020. During the national emergency there were two 'lockdowns', one national 'lock down' across the UK (March) and a second 'lock down' in England (September).

The PCC, wider leadership teams, and other volunteers worked hard to comply with inflection control legislation and guidance, moving worship on-line, offering traditional and modern services both on-line and when allowed to do so, face to face. The PCC invested in IT capability, which was improved, ensuring existing and new parishioners continued to have access to worship.

During the early part of 2020 funeral fees were waived, a loving and important response to an unprecedented national emergency (14th April to 4th July). For Christ Church, this meant no income was received from around 30 funerals (compared to around 10 funerals held during 2019).

In addition, the community centre, due to the pandemic, remained closed from the first 'lock down' for the duration of 2020.

Total income for 2020 was £151,044 compared to £153,115 in 2019. Total expenditure for 2020 was £146,738 (£4,306 'in credit') compared to £169,119 for 2019.

Whilst the PCC was not in a deficit position at year end, it is important to bear in mind that 'balancing the books' was affected by:

- the PCC decision not to replace the Sexton who left Christ Church employment in April, (a saving of around £19,000 a year);
- the pandemic meant church expenditure reduced significantly for example, due to closure of the community centre, related community activities, reduced printing etc;
- the Government's Job Retention Scheme covered at least 80% of employed staff salaries;
- the Parish Manager for most of the year worked pro bono, the Finance Assistant continues to do so;
- Clergy for most of the year also waived expenses; and
- the PCC agreed with employed staff, that following the end of the Government's Job Retention Scheme (extended to 30th September 2021) to ensure salary costs are affordable, moving forward working hours will reduce by around 47%.

Impact of COVID-19

The Government's Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) provided much needed financial support for the employed and self-employed, which guaranteed funding of at least 80% (reducing on a sliding scale over time) to cover

salary costs. Christ Church initially agreed to top up staff salaries to 100% whilst on Furlough. As the pandemic persisted, and mindful of the financial impact on the church (given the reduction in income) the PCC later in the year agreed, in partnership with employed staff, to end the practice of topping up salaries to 100%. The overall aim was to ensure staff continued to be supported financially and remain in employment. Staffing is a critical part of the PCC's Vision 2026 for offering a range of activities to support mission.

Planned Giving

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, compared to 2019 planned giving increased from £48,391 to £56,345, a 16% increase. Regular Weekly Attendance is broadly described as someone attending church regularly e.g. at least once a month. Nationally, for the Church of England Regular Weekly Attendance fell by 3% from 2014 to 2019. By contrast, Regular Weekly Attendance for Christ church increased from 125 in 2017 to 161 in 2020 (including children – rolling three-year average) a 29% increase.

However, despite increased giving and regular worshippers, the average level of giving remains below the national average:

- £14.10 – average weekly amount per planned giver across the Church of England (2019)
- £10.95 – average weekly amount per planned giver at Christ Church (2020)

The PCC recognise that the ability to give will vary. Bringing people to Jesus Christ is enabled by generous giving to help support, for example, learning and development about the Christian faith, reaching out within and beyond our local community. The PCC will review and explore during 2021 how to better articulate financial and non-financial support as an expression of our Christian faith.

Restricted Income

The Annual accounts includes restricted reserves that arose from the sale of a section of the graveyard in 1973. The proceeds from this sale were invested in 8,071 shares in Church of England Investment Fund. This fund is heavily restricted by extant legally binding documents for the sole use of the upkeep and care of the Church and churchyard and for no other purpose. The terms of the restricted reserves relate specifically to the "…improvement and maintenance of the parish church and churchyard of the parish of Christ Church……".

Access to the Restricted Reserves is through request to the Blackburn Diocese Board of Finance Limited. Payment is made into the current account.

Access to Restricted Reserves during 2020 continued to focus on supporting the salary costs of our paid Sexton (up to April) and Sexton Assistant/Horticultural Apprentice (Apprenticeship now complete). The balance as at 31st December 2020 was £23,252 (£38,835 in 2019). The Government's Job Retention Scheme meant that funds drawn down from the restricted account to cover the costs of the Sexton Assistant's salary £3,113, will be credited back to the restricted account.

Unrestricted reserves

Christ Church has a Deposit Fund savings account which has no restrictions. The funds have been drawn down over time and used, where necessary, to ensure the current account remains in credit. The balance as at 31st December 2020 was £211 (£210 – 2019).

Current Account

Balance as at 31st December 2020 was £37,588 (£24, 400 – 2019).

Fess Account

The Fees Account is described as the Churchyard Account. Fees for Weddings, Baptisms are paid into this account, with fees payable to the Diocese and separately to clergy (except the incumbent) who carry out these services, paid out of this account. The account balance as at 31st December 2020 was £12,116 (£5,636 – 2019). The increase reflects the increase in funerals due in large part to COVID-19.

Parish Share

The Blackburn Diocese Board of Finance Limited, informed by the PCC's Vision 2026 for growth, agreed the reduction in the estimated Parish Share for a fourth year. The estimated Parish Share for 2020 reduced from £83,000 to £40,000 (£40,000 in 2019), just under half of the estimated full Parish Share.

The PCC recognise the importance of the Parish Share in supporting clergy and parishes right across the country, which is why the reduction remains a temporary measure. Our aim, in line with the PCC's Vision is, over time, to increase its contribution to the Parish Share, making the full estimated contribution by 2026. Plans are however to achieve this aim by 2024.

Staffing

Directly employed staff currently include: Choir Master/organist; Parish Assistant, Verger, Facilities Assistant and Sexton Assistant. Self-employed staff include: Parish Manager and Finance Assistant.

Staffing costs

Staffing costs during 2020 £52,790 (£70,915 – 2019 – Sexton moved to a new employer in April 2020), around 36% in 2020 (46% - 2019). From March 2020, Christ Church applied for and received grants to cover staff costs under the Government's Job Retention scheme. Staffing costs include Christ Church contribution to the National employment Savings Trust (NEST Pension Scheme) and other 'on costs' e.g. National Insurance contributions.

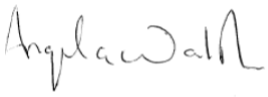
The proportion of staffing costs maybe a little higher than expected for a non-profit making organisation of our size (the average for which is around 20% of total income). Staffing costs, as described earlier in this report are kept under careful review and continues to support the PCC's strategic vision.

Becoming self sufficient

In addition to the essential running costs for the church estate, we spend around £36,000 a year on maintaining the churchyard and receive, on average, around £12,000 towards those costs.

If giving increased to a mean average of £15 per week, based on 150 regular worshippers, this could generate £117,000, approximately £34,000 additional income (with a further increase where funds are gift aided).

Increasing weekly giving in the way described could provide important financial flexibility to help the PCC meet its financial obligations necessary to operate a large church estate, whilst keeping people safe, helping the PCC to invest in mission, supporting people come to Christ and throughout their Christian journey, including reaching out to the wider community. Most importantly, we recognise that giving is both financial and non-financial. Giving is an extension of how we feel about our Christian faith. As we move forward, we will continue to put this front and centre ensuring Christ Church fulfils its primary aim to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



Angie Walsh
Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

There are four areas of leadership within Christ Church Thornton:

Church Leader

- Reverend Damian Platt

Role: Leading the worship, ministry, mission and pastoral care of the Church.

Church Management Team

- Damian Platt – Vicar
- Judith Murphy – Churchwarden
- John Hearnshaw – Churchwarden
- Martin Ormond – Parish Manager

Role: Managing the day-to-day functioning of staff, activities and buildings.

Regularity: They meet on a weekly basis. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions they met over the Zoom video platform during the year.

Church Leadership Team ('Standing Committee')

- Damian Platt
- Judith Murphy
- John Hearnshaw
- Sally Johnson
- Angela Walsh
- Malcolm Beard

Role: Delivering the strategic and financial decisions to achieve the overall vision. The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law and it has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The meetings of the Committee are not mandatory.

Regularity: Due to COVID-19 restrictions they did not meet during 2020. All the business of the PCC was dealt with at the full meetings of the PCC

Parochial Church Council Team *(members on the following page)*

Role summary: Providing vision, financial oversight and meeting legal and financial obligations.

Detailed Role: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Thornton-le-Fylde Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Damian Platt, 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 Church, Churchyard and Church Hall ('Community Centre') complex on Meadows Avenue, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire. The Church Leader, Church Management Team and Church Leadership Team, consult together with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The first function of the Parochial Church Council (often known as the 'PCC') is co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC at Christ Church focus on the 'big picture' of the life and direction of the Church, prayerfully seeking God's strategic direction in all matters. PCCs are governed by two legislative Measures: Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956; and the Church Representation Rules.

Regularity: Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the majority of their meetings during 2020 took place over the Zoom video platform. A significant amount of correspondence took place by email.



MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Co-opted members also sit on the PCC and function like that of an elected member.

Ex-officio

- Damian Platt (Vicar)
- Judith Murphy (Churchwarden)
- John Hearnshaw (Churchwarden)

Deanery Synod

- Ann Hearnshaw (term ending APCM 2023)
- Sally Johnson (term ending APCM 2023)
- Roger Lloyd Jones (term ending APCM 2023)

We have 3 places on the Poulton Deanery Synod due to the Electoral Roll being between 101 and 200.

Elected Parochial Representatives of the Laity

- Robert Wareing (term ending APCM 2021)
- Elizabeth Young (term ending APCM 2021)
- Carol Hull (term ending APCM 2021)
- Emily Hilton (term ending APCM 2021)
- Malcolm Beard (term ending APCM 2022)
- Lilian Abbott (term ending APCM 2022)
- David Taylor (term ending APCM 2022)
- Angie Walsh (term ending APCM 2022)
- Ron Jacks (term ending APCM 2023)
- Vacancy (term ending APCM 2023)
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We have 12 places for elected parochial representatives of the laity due to the Electoral Roll being between 100 and 199.

CHURCH OFFICERS

There are many Church Officers carrying out important ecclesiastical, legal and financial duties:

- Churchwarden – Judith Murphy
- Churchwarden – John Hearnshaw
- PCC Officer (Secretary) – Sally Johnson
- Finance Officer (Treasurer) – Angie Walsh
- Electoral Roll Officer – Denise Taylor
- Vision Champion Officer – Emily Hilton
- Health and Safety Officer – Robert Wareing
- Parish Safeguarding Officer – David Taylor
- Data Protection Officer – Sally Johnson

ELECTORAL ROLL

The number on the Electoral Roll at the 2021 annual revision is 154.

The Church Electoral Roll is the foundation for all Church governance. The Electoral Roll contains the names and addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Electoral Roll is reviewed and revised every year in preparation for the APCM. Every six years a new Electoral Roll must be prepared (next one due 2026).

Applications forms for the Electoral Roll are available from the Electoral Roll Officer and/or the Churchwardens. The eligibility criteria is listed on the application form.







A picture paints a thousand words! The major project of early 2020 – the renovation of the 1960s parquet floor and the installation of 200 new chairs.



The Friends of Thornton Parish Church

Annual Report for the Friends of Thornton Parish Church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde, in the County of Lancashire for the year ending 31st December 2020. Charity No.: 504659

Object Code 740.10

Furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Thornton-le-Fylde.

Trustees

- Angela Walsh
- Ann Hearnshaw
- Denise Taylor
- Margaret Ralph
- Warren Mclean
- Damian Platt

Further information

'The Friends' is a Trust Fund, a registered charity, separate from all other funds held on behalf of Christ Church. The Trustees are bound by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commissioners. We are also bound by the Trust Fund Deed, which lays down that the money held by the Trust can be used ONLY for purposes within the Parish Church itself. We cannot transfer money to any other charity outside Christ Church nor may we transfer money to the general fund of the Parish Church. The Friends Trust is a completely separate charity from Christ Church.

Activities during 2020

During 2020 with all its difficulties, The Friends have been once again privileged to support the work of Christ Church.

We donated £5000 towards the purchase of the chairs to replace the existing pews. These chairs have enabled Sunday services to take place during the pandemic as we have been able to observe social distancing and we have enough chairs for them to be changed at each service. It will be a wonderful sight to see all the chairs set out and no restriction on the number of people at services.

Live Streaming has become a big part of Church life in the past year and The Friends have also donated £1370 towards the cost of new equipment to ensure we can provide the best possible recordings of the services for those unable to take part in person.

Both of these donations are within the purpose of our Trust Deed which is to support the mission of Christ Church.

FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2019		2020
	INCOME	
630	Donations	575
165	Bank Interest	73
795		648
	EXPENDITURE	
773	Audioworks new recording system	
638	CD Players & headsets	
900	Doug Horley shortfall	
1080	Shortmat Bowls	
	Alpha Furnishing Chair Deposit	5000
	Live Stream Equipment Contribution	1370
3391		6370
	FUND ASSETS	
26199	Opening Balance	23104
3095	Net of Receipts/(Payments)	-5722
26199	Closing Balance	17382
	CASH FUNDS	
2747	Yorkshire Bank Current Account	91
23452	CBF Fund	17291
26199		17382

The Fund is clearly a very valuable reserve for the Parish. It is well invested, well and prudently applied and strictly regulated. We commend this Fund for your serious, prayerful consideration. If anyone would be interested in learning more about the work of The Friends and how to support us financially please speak to any one of the Trustees.



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1131693

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 FOR CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Christ Church Thornton Le Fylde (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: .....

D G Miller, FCCA

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Chartered Certified Accountants
17 Victoria Road East
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30 April 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Planned giving		56,345	-	**56,345**	48,391
Collections at services - inc Stripe		6,039	-	**6,039**	8,278
Other giving / voluntary receipts	5a	28,676	24,947	**53,623**	28,261
Gift aid and GASDS recovered		12,345	1,800	**14,145**	17,022
		103,405	26,747	**130,151**	101,951
Activities for generating funds	5b	834	65	**899**	4,818
Investment Income	5c	242	116	**358**	587
Church Activities	5d	15,448	4,187	**19,635**	45,759
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**119,928**	**31,115**	**151,044**	**153,115**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities:					
Parish share		40,000	-	**40,000**	40,000
Staffing costs	5g	29,144	23,646	**52,790**	70,915
Church running expenses	5e	35,774	17,480	**53,254**	50,339
Hall running costs		-	-	-	-
Mission giving and donations	5f	694	-	**694**	6,136
		105,612	41,126	**146,738**	167,390
Cost of Generating funds		-	-	-	1,730
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**105,612**	**41,126**	**146,738**	**169,119**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		**14,317**	**(10,011)**	**4,306**	**(16,005)**
Transfers between funds	4	120	(120)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		**14,437**	**(10,131)**	**4,306**	**(16,005)**
Cash & Bank balances at 1st January		19,292	53,083	**72,375**	88,380
Cash & Bank balances at 31st December		**33,729**	**42,952**	**76,681**	**72,375**

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON LE FYLDE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	19,042	18,546	**37,588**	24,400
Petty cash	1,658	-	**1,658**	1,438
PCC Fees account	12,116	-	**12,116**	5,636
CBF Reserves	211	-	**211**	210
CBF Proceeds of share sale - restricted	-	23,252	**23,252**	38,835
Church of England Treasury Deposit account	702	-	**702**	702
Organ fund	-	1,154	**1,154**	1,154
	33,729	**42,952**	**76,681**	**72,375**
Other monetary assets				
Income Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-

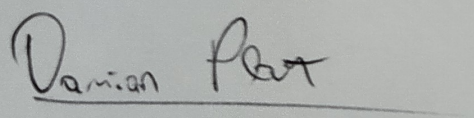
Investment assets

Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

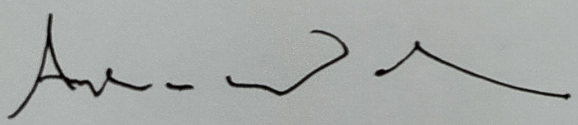
		2020 £	2019 £
Davidson Legacy CBF deposit account		**5,439**	5,439
National Savings & Investments		**12,000**	12,000
W B Walsh Legacy shares	[64 shares valued at £20.45]	**1,309**	1,224
		18,748	18,663

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Damian Platt (Chair)



Mrs Angela Walsh (Treasurer)



The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Note 1 - Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Note 2 - Investment assets

Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

Note 3

Members of the PCC receive reimbursements for items purchased on behalf of the Parish. No other payments are made to members of the PCC.

Note 4

The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Restricted					
Church and hall fabric	12,779	18,721	(16,327)	(120)	15,053
Churchyard	38,835	116	(12,586)	-	26,365
Organ fund	1,154	-	-	-	1,154
New choir fund	315	-	-	-	315
Mission work	-	65	-	-	65
HMRC CJRS grants	-	5,846	(5,846)	-	-
Walney Extension Community Fund	-	6,367	(6,367)	-	-
	53,083	**31,115**	**(41,126)**	**(120)**	**42,952**

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
a All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Donations & appeals	3,028	10,734	13,762	13,279
Parish Vision Fund grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	21,648	5,846	27,494	-
Walney Extension Community Fund	-	6,367	6,367	14,981
Legacy	4,000	-	4,000	-
	28,676	24,947	53,623	28,261
b Activities for Generating Funds				
Garden party	-	-	-	730
Church fundraising				
Events Team	834	65	899	4,087
	834	65	899	4,817
c Investment Income				
Interest on CBF Investment Fund	-	116	116	402
Bank and CBF Deposit Fund interest	1	-	1	2
National Savings Income Bonds	134	-	134	138
Investments Held in Trust	107	-	107	45
	242	116	358	587
d Church Activities				
Parish magazine income - sales	-	-	-	
Fees for weddings and funerals	9,010	4,187	13,197	17,293
Community Centre	2,696	-	2,696	10,470
Community Centre lettings - local community use	2,022	-	2,022	8,485
Verger fees	585	-	585	1,030
Gravedigging fees	540	-	540	1,260
Organists fees	595	-	595	1,870
Other miscellaneous income	-	-	-	1,975
Treehouse weekend	-	-	-	3,375
	15,448	4,187	19,635	45,759

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Payments	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
e Church running expenses				
Costs of services	8,110	-	8,110	7,640
Printing and stationery (inc website costs)	2,984	-	2,984	4,464
Church buildings running expenses	21,474	17,480	38,954	33,623
Equipment funded by				
Walney Extension Community Fund	-	-	-	2,421
Health, safety and safeguarding	66	-	66	-
Church repairs and maintenance	3,139	-	3,139	2,190
	35,773	17,480	53,253	50,339
f Mission giving and donations				
Relief agencies	144	-	144	144
Treehouse weekend	-	-	-	4,268
Mosamaria Trust Fund	550	-	550	168
Other donations (inc Christingle)	-	-	-	1,194
McCabe Educational Trust	-	-	-	362
	694	-	694	6,136

g Staffing costs

Included within staff costs was the sum of £6,367 (2019 - £12,560) which was funded by a grant received from the Walney Extension Community Fund.