



2021 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 2021

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 of Christ Church.





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



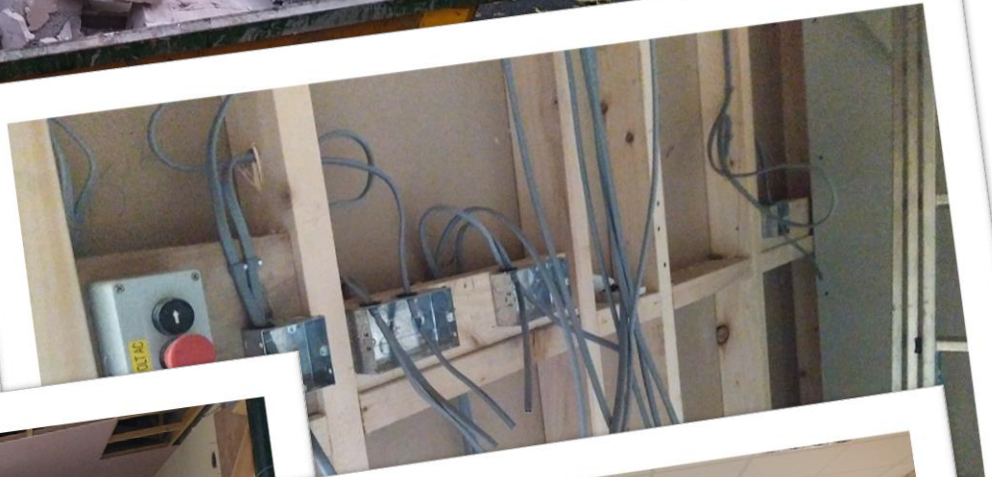
Come and rest and be refreshed

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.



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:

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

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





ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Bank: Virgin Bank, 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

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

**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').

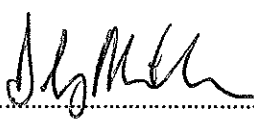
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

Miller Roskell Limited
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

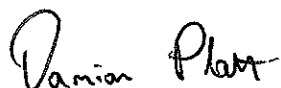
Income Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-
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Investment assets

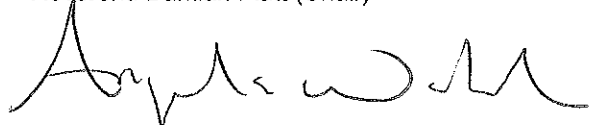
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

		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:



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 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

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

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
	<u>33,339</u>	<u>48,296</u>	<u>81,634</u>	<u>53,623</u>
b Activities for Generating Funds				
Church fundraising				
Events Team	211	-	211	899
	<u>211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>899</u>
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
	<u>6</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>358</u>
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	-
	<u>21,421</u>	<u>7,102</u>	<u>28,523</u>	<u>19,635</u>

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

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	-
	<u>42,249</u>	<u>12,212</u>	<u>54,461</u>	<u>53,253</u>
f Mission giving and donations				
Relief agencies	144	-	144	144
Mosamaria Trust Fund	65	-	65	550
Food bank stock replacements	292	-	292	-
	<u>501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>694</u>

g Hall refurbishment costs

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