



2022 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 2022

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

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.

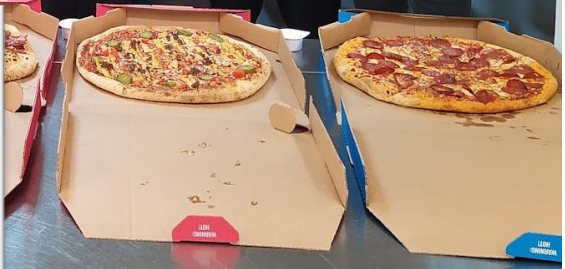




A new outreach initiative was started amongst men. CCFC was born – Christ Church Thornton Football Club. A number of friendly and competitive matches were played. For the home games, some of the men came back afterwards to the Community Centre for refreshments. Throughout 2022 CCFC were unbeaten! Most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

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

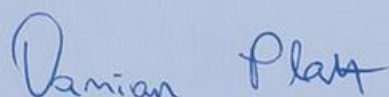
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	12,879	23,450	36,329	45,758
Petty cash	250	-	250	554
PCC Fees account	-	-	-	12,825
CBF Reserves	213	-	213	211
CBF Proceeds of share sale - restricted	-	20,569	20,569	23,264
Church of England Treasury 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

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

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
	37,792	7,793	45,585	28,523

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

Note 5 - Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

Payments	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
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

g Hall refurbishment costs

£3,301 of the hall refurbishment costs were funded by a grant received from the Walney Extension Community Fund (2021 - £31,340).