



2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements



CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

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



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.





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.



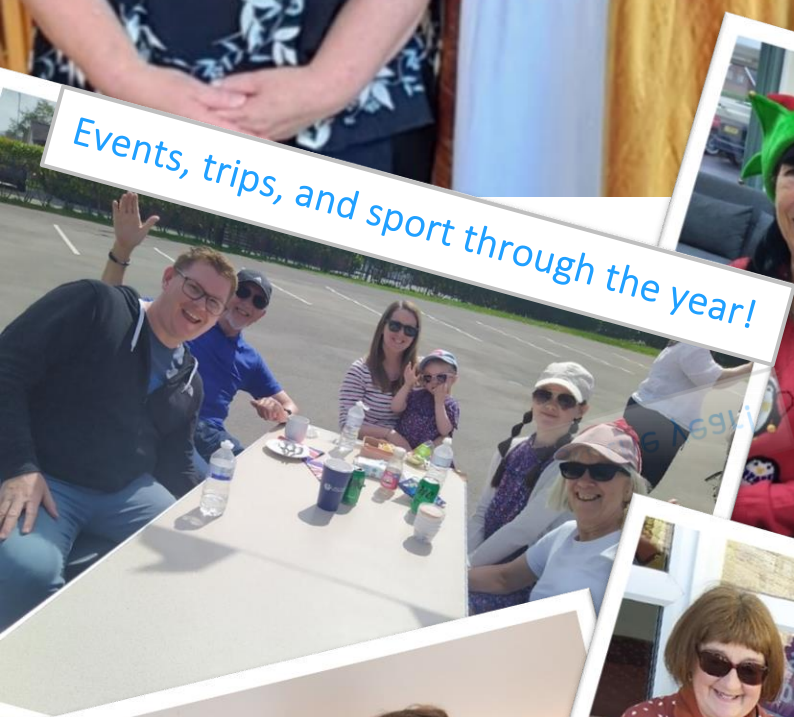
The Summer Garden Party (indoors due to rain!)



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.





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)

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



(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...

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
CHRIST CHURCH, THORNTON LE FYLDE**

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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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').

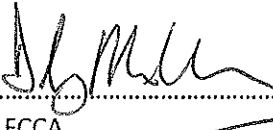
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

Miller Roskell Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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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

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Investment assets

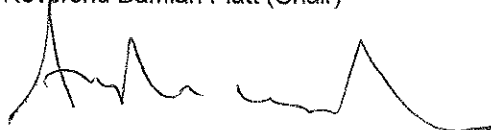
Investment assets consist of shares and other funds held in trust in CBF Reserve accounts.

		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)

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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

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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
	<u>21,676</u>	<u>36,143</u>	<u>57,819</u>	<u>25,534</u>
b Activities for Generating Funds				
Church fundraising				
Events Team	369	-	369	530
Meadows Bookshop	10,081	-	10,081	6,324
	<u>10,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,450</u>	<u>6,854</u>
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
	<u>384</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>447</u>
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	-
	<u>37,786</u>	<u>6,274</u>	<u>44,060</u>	<u>45,585</u>

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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
	<u>74,928</u>	<u>35,603</u>	<u>110,530</u>	<u>78,842</u>
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
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>7,573</u>	<u>13,573</u>	<u>3,900</u>

g Hall refurbishment costs

In the year ended 31 December 2022, £3,301 of the hall refurbishment costs were funded by a grant received from the Walney Extension Community Fund.