



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2023 To 31/12/2023

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid's Davenham

Charity registration number: 1132068

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The PCC is required to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Regular public worship which is open to all.</p> <p>The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.</p> <p>Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.</p> <p>Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Existing and new trustees are requested to read and have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity has not provided any grants to others in the period nor made any investment decisions.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity has not provided any social investment to others in the period nor made any investment decisions.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Trustees are all volunteers except for the Reverend Robert Iveson.
Other		All Charity funds are retained either within a Barclays current account or a CCLA interest bearing account.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity continued with its main aim which is to be a Church which serves the community as a whole, of all ages, in particular in the Parish of Davenham and serving the communities of Davenham, Kingsmead, Leftwich and Gadbrook by way of mission and ministry which includes services of worship as well as a wide range of pastoral care needs. In 2023 no major new works were carried out on the Church or Church buildings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the year-end total charity funds were £199,951. Of which £27,885 were restricted funds and £172,066 were unrestricted. Of the £172,066 unrestricted funds £1,552 were designated funds leaving a balance of £170,514 general funds for use by the PCC.</p> <p>The Charity was unable to reach the full Parish Share contribution requested by the Diocese of Chester in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. This is noted in the accounts and a record will be retained by the Diocese of the arrears of £288,750. The Charity will endeavour to restore payment of a Parish Share contribution in 2024 and future years and is aware that failure to reach and sustain a full payment will result in future Clergy provision being reviewed.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not have a policy on reserves with all decisions being made at regular bimonthly PCC meetings however the PCC does track and set aside restricted and designated funds for later use.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity maintains a working capital balance which is reviewed at regular bimonthly PCC meetings.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal sources of funds are collections at services, fundraising income such as fairs and coffee mornings, gift aid received, fees received from weddings and funerals and related activities, planned giving and property rental.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity's principal expenditure relates to the running costs of the Church, utility bills, expenses of Clergy and staff, repairs to the Church and related property, mission, a parish share payment given to the Diocese of Chester and the payroll for the Parish Administrator.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The Church has seen an increase in costs associated with utility bills and increased running costs as well as maintaining the church building itself without seeing a significant increase in regular giving and is reliant on selling assets and being fortunate to be left legacies to raise considerable income.</p>
Other		<p>The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 using the Receipts and Payments basis.</p> <p>General funds are those that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.</p> <p>The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.</p> <p>Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.</p> <p>The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement of Assets and Liabilities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movable church furnishings held by the wardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal. • Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC. • Other fixtures, fittings and office items where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1000. • Investments held beneficially by the PCC. <p>The following assets are recognised, and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amounts owing from the inland revenue where a claim has been made (none) • Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church halls lettings and

		<p>insurance claims (none)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at 31 December by the PCC. (none) • Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account (included) <p>The following liabilities are recognised in the statement of assets and liabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any loans/overdrafts • Any arrears of parish share (see notes above in respect of reserves) • Creditors for goods and services where supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Excepted
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Parochial Church Council
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees following nomination and election at Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Charity is a Parochial Church Council within the Diocese of Chester and part of the Church of England.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Charity is a Parochial Church Council within the Diocese of Chester and part of the Church of England.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid's Davenham
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1132068
Charity's principal address	57 Church Street, Davenham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 8NF.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Rob Iveson	Chair		
2	Virginia Geraerts	Vice Chair		
3	Paul Davies	Warden		
4	Jamie Griffiths	Treasurer		
5	Elsie Barber			
6	Joanne Hyslop			
7	Philip Hilditch			
8	Patricia Jean Jolley			
9	Rachel Le			
10	Joanna Brady			
11	Elizabeth Rene			
12	Kathryn Dakin	Secretary		
13	Ivan Pennington			
14	Janet Martin			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rev. Rob Iveson is Chair

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

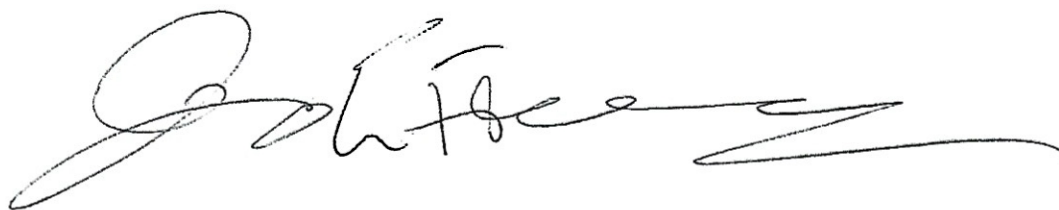
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST WILFRID'S DAVENHAM

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act). As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements: you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and Section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements with these accounts. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and subsequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given on the financial statements.

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give reasonable cause to believe that any in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records to accordance with Section 41 of the Act, to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met: or to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

However, my examination was hampered by the absence of the January 2023 Reconciliation Statement and no overall reconciliation of the financial activities of the PCC for the year 2023. I am also concerned about the amount of cash held in the current account during the year rather than putting it on deposit with CCLA given the high interest rates during the year and would advise the PCC to consider placing some of its cash on deposit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J C Freeman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John J C Freeman – hon independent examiner – April 2024

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Wilfrid's Davenham

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Total Fixed Asset	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Business Premium ME 90316547	0.00
CCLA Account	52,094.45
Community 90017442	153,229.85
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£205,324.30
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£205,324.30
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Clearing	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	
HMRC	690.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	690.00
VAT Control	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	£690.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£690.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£204,634.30
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£204,634.30
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£204,634.30
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	82,585.56
Retained Earnings	171,565.29
Surplus/(Deficit)	-49,516.55
Total Charity funds	£204,634.30