

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS, MANCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1132141

Details

Other names	ST. JOHN THE DIVINE PCC, BROOKLANDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-10-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching and promotion of Christianity through events and distribution of literature. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promoting the mission of the Church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special need groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Manchester City
- Trafford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£113,807	£261,425	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,647	£97,270	-	-
2022-12-31	£87,391	£66,221	-	-
2021-12-31	£100,694	£66,523	-	-
2020-12-31	£75,283	£74,767	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adele Christine Lane		2016-07-31
Angela Mary Mather		2026-05-20
Dr Ernest Wilfred Darlington		2021-05-30
JANET HUNTER		2014-04-28
Maureen Tewnion		2024-05-08
Nwabugo Ubochi		2021-05-30
PHILIP DYKES		2025-05-25
Philip Robert Makins		2021-05-30
Sarah Jane McMurdo		2024-05-08
Sophie Jones		2025-06-11
Susan Gwenda Wildman		2025-05-25

Accounts



St John's
Brooklands

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Annual Report

2024



St John's Brooklands
Extending God's welcome to everyone

We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.

Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

Worship: growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

Evangelism: making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Liturgical: living lives shaped by God's story

Community: belonging to our church family

Outward-looking: going out beyond our four walls

Missional: serving God's purposes for the world

Invitational: inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

Nurturing: equipping everyone for ministry

Generous: excelling in the grace of giving

Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve in God's mission

Our Parish Strategy and Values

Welcome to our family

Evangelism

Making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

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Inviting everyone to come and know Jesus for themselves

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2024 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2025

VICAR'S REPORT

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

In September 2023 the PCC identified four priority areas for 2023-2024:

-  Worship
-  Pastoral care (*integration of newcomers* | *retention*)
-  Community engagement (*social events* | *family events* | *community service*)
-  Communication

The work that we began last year has continued as we sought to focus our energies in these areas of parish life, whilst recognising that communication is an ongoing priority.

Worship

During 2024 we have continued to review our worship. We held two Worship Review meetings (20th January & 7th February) that were open to everyone to attend. The recommendations were discussed and agreed at the March PCC meeting. The two main decisions were: (1) to continue to hold monthly creative services that we have called “Creative Communion”; and, (2) to create a Worship Planning Team to meet regularly to plan our worship.



We have held several Creative Communion services. On the 28th April we thought through what it meant to bear fruit as followers of Jesus. On 30th June we focused on St John the Divine exploring the symbols in the church and the stained-glass windows. Then on 21st July we looked at the story of Noah and created an altar frontal during the service. In September our Harvest Parade was designated a creative service when we were joined by our Guiding and Scouting groups with 20 children and 98 adults attending.





In October, in place of our Pumpkin Party we held a special Halloween Service as our monthly creative service. Some members of our regular congregation were understandably uneasy with this, however positive feedback was received from those who came along to see what was involved. The service was well attended by 37 adults and 23 children. Recognising that some regular church members didn't wish to celebrate Halloween, and it was not a

Communion service, we offered a said service of Holy Communion at 12 noon which 4 adults attended.

In October we also celebrated Black History Month. This was organised and led by John Muyita who is on placement with us from Emmanuel Theological College. We were also treated to some African food after the service which was enjoyed by all.



Our Christmas services were a great success.

The choir did a wonderful job at our Carols by Candlelight where 205 people attended, including 28 children.



We were packed again on Christmas Eve for our Crib and Christingle service with 167 adults and 85 children.

In addition to our regular Sunday morning service at 10am



we hold Choral Evensong on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6.30pm, led by Adele Lane and Anthony Marlow. It is hoped that Adele shall begin her ALM training in Worship and Liturgy next year with the goal of being commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister in September 2025. On Thursday mornings at 9.30am we also have a simple said service of Holy Communion prior to our Community Café.

Pastoral Care

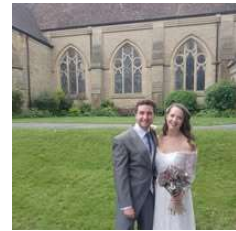


Pastoral care remained a priority with 3 **weddings**, 1 **wedding blessing**, and 5 **funerals** being conducted during the year.

In keeping with the Diocesan strategy of “growing younger” **baptism ministry** has been a particular focus, and this shall continue to be a priority area during 2025.



During 2024 we conducted 12 **baptisms**, 2 **confirmations**, and 1 **thanksgiving**.



Community Outreach



We have sought to creatively engage with those who live in our parish. On 26th January we held our second Burns' Night social which went well, as did both our Summer Fair and Winter Fair. Thank you to all those who helped make these such a success!

Our school ministry has been a continued focus this year. I have continued in my role as a school governor at Brooklands Primary School. I took RE lessons for Year 1 at Brooklands Primary School and led a KS1 assembly at Heyes Lane Primary as well as KS1 and KS2 Harvest assemblies at Brooklands Primary. The three local primary schools (including Sandilands) all visited at Christmas.

Looking beyond the parish, in addition to running a Lent Reading Course I planned and hosted an event at Manchester Cathedral to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Sea of Faith. We were fortunate to have Prof. Elaine Graham speak, and interesting discussions followed. I had hoped that this would relaunch the Manchester Branch of the Progressive Christianity Network (PCN UK), however other commitments took priority, and this was put on the backburner.

Priorities for 2025-2026



Looking ahead to the future, we identified four priorities for 2025 at our PCC meeting in November.

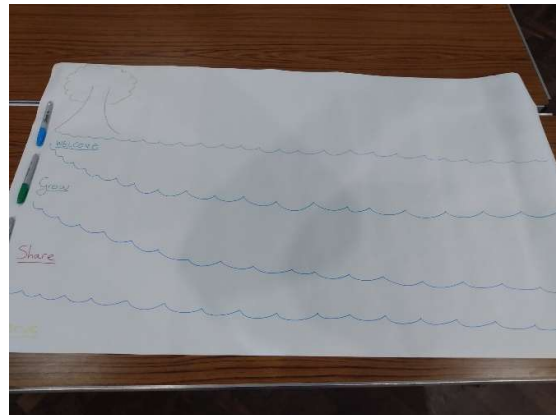
I encouraged us to reflect on the reading from Rev. 22 where the water of life flowed out from the tree of life and think of our parish strategy as having four “**Ministry Streams**”:

-  **Ministry Stream 1: Welcome** to our family
-  **Ministry Stream 2: Grow** in faith
-  **Ministry Stream 3: Share** life together
-  **Ministry Stream 4: Serve** in God’s mission

Our discussions came up with the following priorities:

-  Baptism Ministry
-  Discipleship Courses
-  Community Events
-  Serving our local community

During Q1 and Q2 our focus shall be upon baptism ministry and discipleship courses, whilst attention to both community events and serving our local community shall be ongoing, especially through our continued support of the Wythenshawe Foodbank.



In addition to this we are mindful that there are also ongoing issues with the church buildings. I am thankful that the hall roof was replaced in the Autumn. Looking ahead the Nave roof needs replacing (for which we have a Faculty) and we are in the process of finalising plans to install lighting to the northside of the church grounds.

We will also need to give attention to ensuring the continued financial sustainability of the parish over forthcoming years.

Richard

Crafty Chat Report

Crafty Chat is now in its eleventh year and is still going strong with a good number of members attending twice a month. More members are beginning to get involved with different projects and at the moment a few are having in house crochet lessons led by Gina.

Our post-box toppers have been very popular, and we've had some lovely comments. In the last 12 months we have made an Easter, Remembrance and a Christmas Nativity scene. Sadly, someone took a liking to our Christmas one, but it isn't going to put us off.

The response to the request by Richard for Pumpkins was amazing and it was great to see so many members joining in.

As usual we had stalls at the Summer and Winter Fairs and raised a generous sum of money towards the church. We also raised £80 for Children in Need by making and selling Pudsey Bears. I've just handed a cheque for £135 to the Snowdrop centre at Wythenshawe hospital along with lots of hand knitted or crochet blankets, and premature baby clothes. All of these have been greatly appreciated.

The year ended with 20 plus members enjoying our annual Christmas meal at the Quarry Bank.

Chris Padbury

Flower Guild Report

Unfortunately, there are now only four members of the Flower Guild. Ruth has retired after being a member for over 20 years and Marcela and Judith have other commitments. We thank them all for their expertise, hard work and time. They have contributed enormously to the festival displays and general routines. We hope more people will volunteer to join us during the coming year.

We now have a selection of artificial arrangements which we use for the altar and candle. We arrange fresh flowers for the festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We do not have flowers in church during Lent and Advent. We also decorate the candle at the font with fresh flowers for Baptisms whenever possible.

We have a meeting each January to arrange the rota for the year ahead.

We look forward to another year of flower arranging when we will provide colourful floral displays for the church.

Lynda Tattersall

The Flower Guild

Lynda Tattersall
Lilian Swann

Hilary Hamblett
Susan Wildman

Thursday Café Report

Another busy year for the community café on a Thursday morning. This continues to be a place of relaxed conversation, friendship and a space to meet new people.

The café runs throughout the year offering a consistent venue and as it is on a donation basis for refreshments continues to be inclusive to all. The café attracts and welcomes in new visitors as well as providing the relaxed atmosphere that regulars enjoy and come back for each week.

Refreshments are served from 10 -12 from a rota of dedicated volunteers, serving with a smile.

We continue to have the added interest of a pop-up stall, selling good as new items or a raffle. In the last year a total of £2,541 has been raised from donations for refreshments and from the stall. The book and jigsaw tables are well stocked and a valuable place to acquire or swap these items.

This café can only run with the willingness and enthusiastic giving of a core group of volunteers. They turn up early to set up, serve refreshments, run the stalls, provide background music and then tidy it all way. A huge thank you to this group who work so hard to keep this community café an important part of St John's mission.

Janet Hunter

Women's Fellowship Report

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm. We have 21 members and have recently welcomed a new member.

We have had another friendly and enjoyable year with a variety of activities, always followed by tea and biscuits and lots of chatting. In addition to quizzes, a game of bingo and an observation game of Spot the Difference, our meetings have included a St George's Day Afternoon Tea, an informative talk on Teaching the Deaf, a talk and slide show on 'A Holiday in South Korea', and a Mindful Adult Colouring session which needed concentration, so it was a quieter meeting than usual!

We also had a trip to Holmfirth and Tong Garden Centre near Bradford, our usual Summer Supper at The Boathouse, and our Christmas Dinner which, this year, was at The Quarry Bank in Timperley. Members also enjoyed taking an active part in the Summer and Winter Fairs, running stalls and helping with refreshments.

Women's Fellowship is open to everyone, not just church members and meetings are always varied, pleasurable, and very friendly. As usual, we would love to welcome new members in 2025.

Carole Herd

Buildings Report

This year has been a busy and as anticipated an expensive year for maintenance and repair of the church buildings.

The Church

Church cellar - Work to remove asbestos from around the pipes and walls in cellar was completed in March. This included emptying of the cellar from potentially contaminated contents and relining of pipes. The cost for this was £36,054.

A replacement protection cover for a round window on the south side of the church was fitted in June, following an earlier storm and the loss of the previous cover, at a cost of £675.

The organ has required repair and maintenance work this year which was completed by two different companies on two occasions through the year at a total cost of £3,603.

Repair work to the choir vestry safe was required to maintain its use.

The church carpet has had some remedial work to stretch out areas that were problematic.

The Hall

The main focus of activities during the year has been the major restoration of the exterior hall roof, an 8-week programme that started in September 2024. This included part removal of the old roof, installation of insulation and new roof and replacing the interior lower ceiling and lighting. The total cost including architect, project management and work completed was for £134,336.

Dalebrook Road

The house on Dalebrook Road required some new appliances, fencing, keys and repairs prior to new tenants moving in, in August 2024. This was at a cost of £1,586.

Future works Required to the Church

-  External lighting to the North side of the church
-  Demolition of the hut
-  Safety railing to cellar steps
-  Repair of the Nave roof

Janet Hunter
Church Warden

Finance Report

As expected, this has been a very expensive year. The first quotes to replace the hall roof were obtained in 2019 and the five-year budget approved by the PCC towards the end of that year contained a prediction that £75000 would be spent replacing it in 2021. However, because of Covid, everything got delayed, costs spiralled, contractors became difficult to get hold of and it seemed as if it would never happen. In 2023, the PCC agreed to use the architects to manage the project. This has added an extra layer of costs but within twenty months of that decision quotes were obtained, the faculty was granted, and the work was completed. Although the work on the church hall roof was expected, it was not anticipated that the same year would require £31,000 to be spent on asbestos remediation in the cellar. This work was completed in the Spring.

The budget for the year excluding these projects, and the budget for 2025 were causing concern as losses were predicted for the general running of the church if Parish Share was to be maintained at current levels. A Stewardship Sunday was held at the end of October and the response to this was very positive. Thank you so much to everyone who responded. Thank you also to all those members of our church family who continue to support us with standing orders, envelopes, card payments, collection and donations. We really do appreciate every pound that we are given. Voluntary Giving was slightly lower this year due to a drop in planned giving. This was compensated by an increase in giving at services and donations.

The footfall at our community fairs seemed slightly down but the income they produced held up and Thursday café again contributed over £2000 as well as being a very valuable community resource. These events require a lot of work to put on and we are very grateful to the teams involved and all who help. Fees for life events were slightly higher than last year, and hall rents also increased despite the roof leaking.

The hut has continued to be closed, and it seems that it has now reached the end of its useful life. Property rent has reduced slightly due to three months in between tenants, but the current rent is higher than the previous rent due to an increase in market rents.

The donations at Jill Chandler's funeral raised £440 for which we are very thankful, and we were very grateful to receive a legacy from the late Dorothy Sykes. This was restricted to being used for the music at church and £2000 of it funded some of the organ repairs. The remaining repairs were largely covered by a transfer from the organ fund. Both the asbestos remediation and the hall roof works were eligible under the Listed Places of Worship scheme for a grant to cover the VAT and these grants have now been received. With such expensive projects being carried out, other expenses were kept to a minimum during the year and this was helped by a slightly lower parish share amount being agreed with the diocese in September.

Adele Lane
Treasurer

PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2024

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service. 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 St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith
- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

Main things PCC did in 2024

There have been four full meetings of the PCC in March, May, September, and November, with extended meetings in January and February (open to the wider congregation) to take forward our review of worship. Items on the agenda for approval at our main PCC meetings this year included:

-  Annual Report and Accounts 2023
-  Safeguarding Policy (annually)
-  Eucharistic Assistants
-  Review of worship

-  Frequency of Holy Communion
-  Lighting scheme for northside of church grounds
-  Setting up a new bank account
-  Removal of hut
-  Budget and parish share
-  Archdeacons Visitation
-  Pastoral care

At every meeting this year we have discussed our church buildings and the work needed to keep them safe, from replacing the roof to mending potholes. Looking after a listed building involves specialist contractors and requires discussion with – and permission from – the diocese before any major repairs can be undertaken.

Membership 2024

Vicar:	Richard Sherratt
Churchwarden:	Janet Hunter
Deanery Synod representatives:	Wilfred Darlington
<i>Elected members (until 2025):</i>	Nicola Ashton (Eco Champion) Kirstie Lea (<i>until November 2024</i>) James Merryweather Rod Tattersall
<i>Elected members (until 2026):</i>	Wilfred Darlington
<i>Elected members (until 2027):</i>	Sarah McMurdo Phil Makins Nwabugo Ubochi
<i>Coopted members (until 2025):</i>	Adele Lane (Treasurer) Maureen Tewnion
<i>In attendance:</i>	Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)

Other PCC committees/groups

The PCC at St John's has a Standing Committee. Membership of this committee along with its duties and is defined by law in the Church Representation Rules, abbreviated to CRR (**CRR M31(6)**).

Standing Committee members:

- Richard Sherratt (incumbent)
- Janet Hunter (churchwarden)
- Adele Lane (treasurer)
- Rod Tattersall
- Nicola Ashton

In attendance: Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)

Administrative Information

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Stretford and Manchester South in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 186 Brooklands Road, Sale, M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE
DIVINE, BROOKLANDS
(Registered charity number 1132141)**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members 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 Parochial Church'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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did 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.

E Armstrong FCCA

19 March 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Giving	1	2325	42324	44649	45747
Church groups and events	2	-	7614	7614	7262
General Income	3	-	22677	22677	23516
Other Income	4	3907	34960	38867	5122
		6232	107575	113807	81647
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish Share	5	-	33000	33000	36000
Clergy Expenses	6	-	4474	4474	5631
Worship	7	146	5912	6058	5693
Charitable and other donations	8	-	-	-	830
Church groups and events	9	-	1619	1619	1262
Church Fabric	10	2075	55946	58021	24773
Premises Fabric	11	1250	140541	141791	12603
Property Fabric	12	-	2103	2103	2482
Other Parochial Expenses	13	-	14359	14359	7996
		3471	257954	261425	97270
Net Income before Investment Gains or losses		2761	(150379)	(147618)	(15623)
Gains/(Losses) on Investments					
Flower Fund	14	-	48	48	(45)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2761	(150331)	(147570)	(15668)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		12740	392094	404834	420502
TOTALS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15501	241763	257264	404834

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Property – Curate’s House			
39 Dalebrook Road		211640	211640
Investments			
Flower Fund	14	1899	1851
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		213539	213491
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	29172	2276
Deposit Accounts at CBF	17	16116	146789
Deposit Accounts at Bank		530	523
Current Accounts at Bank		5151	46719
Cash in Hand		1177	1393
		52146	197700
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	16	7421	5357
NET CURRENT ASSETS		44725	192343
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		258264	405834
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year			
Provisions for liabilities	16	1000	1000
TOTAL NET ASSETS		257264	404834
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		241763	392094
Restricted	18	15501	12740
BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		257264	404834

Approved by the PCC on 26 March 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts.

The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value at 1 January 2015 plus the cost of subsequent improvements.

No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than the value in the accounts and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
1 <u>Voluntary Giving.</u>				
Planned Giving	-	27889	27889	30998
Income Tax recovered	250	10544	10794	10470
Giving at services	-	3343	3343	2329
Other donations	2075	548	2623	1950
	2325	42324	44649	45747
2 <u>Church groups and events</u>				
Community Fairs	-	3830	3830	4115
Thursday Café sales	-	1479	1479	835
Crafty Chat sales	-	31	31	-
Burns Night Social	-	232	232	-
Little Blessings	-	978	978	1007
Thursday Café donations	-	1064	1064	1305
	-	7614	7614	7262
3 <u>General Income</u>				
Life Events	-	2896	2896	2137
Premises rent: Hall	-	9031	9031	8035
Hut	-	-	-	1944
Property rent	-	10750	10750	11400
	-	22677	22677	23516
4 <u>Other Income</u>				
In memoriam: Jill Chandler	-	440	440	-
Bequest: Dorothy Sykes	3000	-	3000	-
Interest on Deposits	761	7104	7865	4562
Flower Fund dividend	116	-	116	110
Donations for flowers	30	-	30	120
LPW Grant received in respect of VAT charged on asbestos remediation	-	4850	4850	-
LPW Grant receivable in respect of VAT charged on hall re-roofing	-	22389	22389	-
Sundry income	-	177	177	330
	3907	34960	38867	5122

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Note		2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
5	<u>Parish Share</u> Paid during the year	-	33000	33000	36000
6	<u>Clergy Expenses</u> Expenses of office: Vicar Curate Council Tax, water charges etc.	- - -	512 - 3962	512 - 3962	1058 1197 3376
		-	4474	4474	5631
7	<u>Worship</u> Altar and choir requisites etc. Staff (Organists, choir, vergers) Children's Ministry	146 - -	2464 3312 136	2610 3312 136	2644 3049 -
		146	5912	6058	5693
8	<u>Donations</u> Food ministry: Local food bank initiative	- -	- -	- -	830 830
9	<u>Church groups and events</u> Community Fairs Little Blessings Pumpkin Party Other Community Engagement Events	- - - -	333 1286 - -	333 1286 - -	205 248 179 630
		-	1619	1619	1262

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Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 TOTAL Funds £	2023 TOTAL Funds £
10 Church Fabric				
Gas and Electricity	-	6095	6095	5292
Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	6665	6665	5317
Maintenance and repair	-	3604	3604	7388
Organ maintenance and repairs	2075	1528	3603	878
Asbestos remediation (cellar)	-	36054	36054	-
Maintenance of grounds	-	2000	2000	5898
	2075	55946	58021	24773
11 Premises Fabric				
<u>Hall</u>				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	7176	7176	3085
Maintenance and repair	-	107	107	7457
Roof replacement	1250	133087	134337	-
	1250	140370	141620	10542
<u>Hut</u>				
Electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	171	171	1811
Maintenance and repair	-	-	-	250
	-	171	171	2061
Hall & Hut total	1250	140541	141791	12603
12 Property (Dalebrook Road)				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	1893	1893	2482
Gas & electricity	-	210	210	-
	-	2103	2103	2482
13 Other Parochial Expenses				
Stewardship expenses	-	170	170	155
Parish administration	-	6028	6028	6140
Parish communications	-	233	233	656
Hospitality	-	491	491	737
Children's outreach and equipment	-	-	-	52
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	-	-	80
Amounts due re. previous years.	-	7115	7115	-
Sundry expenses	-	322	322	176
	-	14359	14359	7996

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Note		2024	2023
		£	£
14	<u>Flower Fund</u>		
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities		
	129 Charifund Units		
	Market value at 1 January 2024	1851	1896
	Net gain/(loss) in value	48	(45)
	Market value at 31 December 2024	1899	1851
	The Flower Fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.		
15	<u>Debtors</u>		
	Tax recoverable	2427	2276
	Hall & hut rents due	700	-
	Interest receivable	656	-
	Grants receivable under LPOW scheme	22389	-
	Other accrued income	3000	-
		29172	2276
16	<u>Creditors</u>		
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Fees outstanding	4968	-
	Accruals for utilities and other costs	2067	5357
	Income received in error	386	-
		7421	5357
	Amounts falling due after one year		
	Provision for hall floor resurfacing	1000	500

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Note		2024	2023
		£	£
17	<u>Deposit Accounts at CBF</u>		
	Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	113213	109698
	Withdrawn re. asbestos remediation	(31204)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(85796)	-
	Interest received	5421	3515
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024	1634	113213
	New Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	5170	5010
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(5000)	-
	Interest received	274	160
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024	444	5170
	Organ Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	943	913
	Withdrawn re. organ repairs	(876)	-
	Interest received	50	30
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024	117	943
	General Legacy Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	15854	15362
	Withdrawn re. stained glass protection	(696)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(14304)	-
	Interest received	842	492
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024	1696	15854
	New Roof Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2024	11609	11248
	Interest received	616	361
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2024	12225	11609
	Total deposits at 31 December 2024	<u>16116</u>	<u>146789</u>
	Interest receivable at 31 December 2024:		
	Fabric Fund	292	-
	New Fabric Fund	29	-
	Organ Fund	7	-
	General Legacy Fund	183	-
	New Roof Fund	145	-
	Included in debtors at the year end	<u>656</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note	2024	2023
	£	£
18 <u>Movement in Restricted Funds</u>		
 New Roof Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2024	11609	11248
Incoming resources (Interest on deposits)		
Interest received	616	361
Interest receivable	145	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	12370	11609
The fund is invested in the New Roof Fund Deposit at CBF. The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.		
 Hall Refurbishment Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2024	1131	1131
Incoming resources	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	1131	1131
The Hall Refurbishment fund relates to funds raised For this purpose.		
 Music Legacy Fund		
Legacy from D Sykes (to be spent on music at the church)	3000	-
Organ repairs carried out	(2000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	1000	-
 Restricted Fabric Fund		
Donation received in the year to be spent on fabric	1000	-
Total Restricted Funds at 31 December 2024	15501	12740

All other restricted income received in the year was expended in the year.

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Note	2024	2023
	£	£

19 Designated Funds

There were four designated funds at the end of the year.
These are invested in CBF deposit accounts.

Fabric Fund	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	113213	109698
	Withdrawn re asbestos remediation	(31204)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(85796)	-
	Interest for the year	5713	3515
	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	1926	113213
New Fabric Fund	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	5170	5010
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(5000)	-
	Interest for the year	303	160
	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	473	5170
Organ Fund	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	943	913
	Withdrawn re. organ repairs	(876)	-
	Interest for the year	57	30
	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	124	943
General Legacy Fund	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	29354	28862
	Withdrawn re. stained glass protection	(696)	-
	Withdrawn re. hall roof	(27804)	-
	Interest for the year	1025	492
	Balance at 31 Dec 2024	1879	29354

The General Legacy Fund is a fund into which any unrestricted legacy received by the church is transferred.
The fund is used for equipment or special projects.

20 Staff salaries

Staff salaries	<u>7856</u>	<u>5184</u>
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No members of the PCC, or their spouses, received any payments in remuneration from PCC funds.

The average weekly number of staff employed during the year was 2.

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St John's
Brooklands

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Annual Report

2023

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St John's, Brooklands

We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.

Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

Worship: growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

Evangelism: making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Liturgical: living lives shaped by God's story

Community: belonging to our church family

Outward-looking: going out beyond our four walls

Missional: serving God's purposes for the world

Invitational: inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

Nurturing: equipping everyone for ministry

Generous: excelling in the grace of giving

Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve in God's mission

2023 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2024

VICAR'S REPORT

he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new"

These words, recorded by St John the Divine in Revelation 21:5a, are an apt description of the past twelve months as we continue to emerge from the pandemic which, although it seems a dim and distant memory, in fact we are still feeling its impact. Back in 2020 I wrote how encouraged I was to see signs of green shoots emerging and my belief that I remain convinced that there are plenty of green shoots at St John's, God is not done with us yet. This remains my conviction, and whilst there have been various changes at St John's these past twelve months God is still at work through us to make all things new.

During 2023 we enjoyed a full programme of **worship** and activities. It was encouraging to see good numbers of people attend our Christmas services, especially around 160 people at our Carols by Candlelight, 315 at our Crib and Christingle, and 97 at our Christmas Eve Communion. Whilst it is encouraging that these were higher than 2022, our Usual Sunday Attendance continues its downward trend. It is hoped that our worship review shall help us do some thinking around how to address this and explore how we can ensure our Sunday worship meets the spiritual needs of those living in our parish. There have also been some changes with our midweek services with our monthly Messy Vintage ceasing in April however our Thursday Communion continues with an average of 9 people attending weekly.

As part of reviewing our worship here at St John's we held a series of Alternative Worship Sundays during the year to help us experience different service formats. These included a contemporary Choral Matins, an all-age Mothering Sunday Parade Service, a reflective Contemplative Communion, a Creative Communion, and an Informal Communion. Everyone who attended were provided with a short questionnaire so that they could offer feedback and let the PCC know their thoughts. This feedback has been published as is available on the church website. Alongside this a small group of church members formed our Worship Review Group and met monthly during the year to think more deeply about worship. We had some good conversations and this group will feed into discussions in January and February 2024 prior to the PCC meeting in March at which we shall determine the best way forwards.

We have continued to provide much needed **pastoral care** to our community in a variety of ways, including the conducting of two weddings, twelve funerals, and twenty-three baptisms. We have also continued our support of the Wythenshawe

Foodbank with volunteers supporting the Foodbank at St Luke's, Benchill on a Saturday morning and the Foodbank at Sandilands Primary on a Thursday afternoon. This link with our local Foodbank was also reflected in our Harvest Appeal and our Toy Service in December. Volunteers have also been involved with the wider food ministry run within the Wythenshawe Team, including The Big Feed and Holiday Food Packs.

We have continued with our **community outreach** through our Summer and Winter Fairs, along with our weekly Thursday Café which seeks to alleviate social isolation. We have supported the needs of local families through our pay-as-you-can baby and toddler group (Little Blessings) on Friday mornings, and other events, e.g. our annual Pumpkin Party with 150 people attending.

As a parish we continue to be involved with our three local primary schools (Brooklands Primary, Heyes Lane Primary, and Sandilands Primary) and each of them visited us for their Christmas services. I am now serving my second term as a Co-opted Governor at Brooklands Primary School where I am Vice Chair of the Resources Committee and the Link Governor for English. This role includes three Full Governor Meetings each year (one per term) as well as visiting the school for termly Resource Committee meetings and visiting the English department. Looking ahead to next year I have been invited to contribute to RE lessons in Key Stage 1.

One area of parish life that I especially enjoy is providing space for spiritual conversations. I particularly enjoyed leading our Summer Reading Group and Advent Course. During the summer seven of us met on Thursday afternoons for a soup lunch and to discuss *Unbelievable* by John Shelby Spong's book which provoked some interesting conversations. Then during Advent six of us met on Tuesday mornings to explore apocalyptic literature.

During the first half of the year we saw some **leadership changes**. At Easter we said goodbye to Lee Wood as he headed to pastures new as interim priest of St Agnes, Longsight and St Chrysostom, Victoria Park. Then in July we said goodbye to Enock Mayanja who began the next phase of his ministry as curate at All Saints, Stretford having been ordained Deacon at Manchester Cathedral. In September we welcomed John Muyita, an Ordinand at Emmanuel Theological College, who began his placement with us for the duration of his studies and who will be ordained in July 2025. In November we welcomed Sarah Barberis who has taken on the role of Parish Administrator. She works 7.5 hours each week assisting with general administrative tasks and next year she will begin assisting the treasurer with day-to-day financial administration.

Looking ahead to 2024 there will also be some changes at a governance level with the parish. PCC members can serve a maximum of two three-year terms and

churchwardens can serve a maximum of six consecutive years. This means that in 2024 several PCC members will come to the end of their term limits. At St John's we are blessed by having so many people who are committed to volunteering their time and energy to parish life and these vacancies will offer more opportunities for church members to get more involved with the life of the parish.

In the second half of the year we began to **focus on the future** and so on 16th September we held an open meeting to discuss our parish priorities for 2024-2025. The following four were identified as our priority areas:

-  Worship
-  Pastoral Care
-  Community Outreach
-  Communications

In addition to these priority areas, we will look to identify and appoint a focal leader during 2024. This reflects the recent Diocesan move to create Mission Communities in which the leadership team will comprise of a Mission Community Leader along with Focal Leaders from each parish. It will take time for these arrangements to be put in place, but this is the direction of travel.

During 2023 several issues have arisen relating to the fabric of the church. In addition to plans for replacing the hall roof which I hope will be completed in 2024, we arranged an asbestos survey which has resulted in the hut and cellar being closed for general access. I hope that asbestos in the cellar shall be removed next year, however we shall need to have a bigger conversation about what to do with the hut. In October we also received a quote for works to maintain the organ which total £51,774 so there will be conversations to be had next year about how best to proceed.

Returning to those words from Jesus I quoted earlier. There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for. There are green shoots emerging in many and various places, sometimes quite unexpectedly. At the same time there is also much still to do, and as we step into 2024 we do so with the conviction that God is with us and working through us to make all things new as we seek to become the missional heart of our community.

Crafty Chat Report

In April 2024 Crafty Chat will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary and we are hoping to mark the occasion with an afternoon tea.

The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church hall. We are a friendly group and you can bring your own craft or join in with the latest project.

The chat is just as important as we have a few ladies who come for the social side alone although if they wanted, could learn to knit or crochet.

Over the past year we were still involved in making things for the Snowdrop and Special care baby units at Wythenshawe hospital and raised over £300. At Little Blessings in November we sold items to help raise money for Children in Need. As usual we had a stall at the Summer and Winter Fair which were very popular.

Quite a few members became involved in making knitted or crocheted pumpkins which Richard asked if we could do for the annual pumpkin party. This was a successful project as more people than usual became involved and I believe they were very popular at the party.

We had a new member this year who was involved in making the Post-box toppers in Sale Moor. A few members were encouraged to make things for the Christmas Postbox in the

village. The end result was great. This gave a few of us the idea of doing a Remembrance topper for a post-box closer to St John's followed by a Nativity scene at Christmas. We had lots of lovely comments and are hoping to have one ready for Easter.

In December 2023 members plus 2 husbands enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner at The Quarry Bank in Timperley.

We are hoping 2024 will be just as successful with even more members getting involved with the different projects.

Chris Padbury

Eco Report

St John's Eco Church team consists of Nicola and Rob Ashton.

Our main activities in 2023 have been:

-  We made our first formal application for Eco Church status and were awarded a Silver award by A Rocha UK, who run the scheme.
-  We arranged for a speaker from Rocha UK to deliver a talk to the congregation on Eco Church, which was very inspiring for all.
-  We installed recycling bins in the Church Hall and Hut. Since installation, this has been a team effort and we thank all those who regularly take out the recycling.

-  We created an Eco Church noticeboard with some hints and tips for the congregation and visitors on how to be more eco-friendly. The children also designed posters for the board.
-  There was a team effort in tidying the Church garden grounds.
-  We made enquiries to check that the Church was using a "green" energy supplier. We were!
-  At Messy Church we taught the children how to make homemade bird feeders out of toilet roll, lard and seeds!
-  We began making enquiries about grants for installing bike racks on the church ground.

We are looking forward to what we can achieve in 2024. If anyone would like to join us and become part of the Eco Church project, they would be very much welcome.

Nicola and Rob Ashton

Flower Guild Report

We have had another busy and enjoyable year arranging flowers in the church.

There are seven ladies in the Flower Guild and we have a rota for the year which we organise in January. We arrange flowers on the altar and around the candle near the font. Two ladies from the team offer to do the flowers every two weeks. All the team attend for the main festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas and we all attend to remove the decorations, wilted flowers and greenery and to generally tidy up after the festivals. We do not have flowers in church during Lent or Advent, with the exception of Mothering Sunday which falls during Lent, when we place flowers on the altar.

We no longer decorate the church for weddings but we ensure there are fresh flowers around the candle for Baptisms.

Looking ahead to 2024 we have decided to alternate fresh and artificial flowers to save money and time. It has been agreed fresh flowers will be used for the festivals.

The Flower Guild

Ruth Shaw	Lilian Swann
Lynda Tattersall	Hilary Hamblett
Marcela Payne	Susan Wildman
Judith Horwood	

Little Blessings Report

We celebrated the one year anniversary of Little Blessings starting in September, 2023! Within our first year we ran 38 sessions. We are currently still running on Fridays (term-time) 10am until 12noon. In November 2023, Little Blessings Benchill started too - this is led by Lousia from Wythenshawe CofE Team. It is fantastic that the group has spread to Wythenshawe, through the vision shared by myself, Rev'd Ian Fellows and Louisa to provide

a free to access group. Pre-booking to attend is still necessary due to high demand. We have had to transition over to using Ticket Source as our platform due to Eventbrite bringing in fees.

We have two/three volunteers in the kitchen; they prepare snacks for the children and also provide hot drinks to adults as and when requested. Each week snack consists of a breaded item like toast and then a variety of fruit. This is purchased before the session fresh. With the current living costs rising, ensuring we have a good and varied selection of fruit available is important for providing the children with nourishment whilst with us at the group but also provides the opportunity to try new things too. Trying to promote not only a healthy but also a varied diet to the children. Cakes are baked by volunteers on a weekly basis and are donated for use at the group. We aim to provide this to parents/carers. Asda have donated items of fruit on occasion and also donated drinks and crisps for the Christmas Party.

Our aim is to create a safe place for parents/carers to come with their children – without financial expectation. The idea is that parents/carers can meet others, create new relationships and feel welcomed; all whilst the children play in a fun, engaging and safe environment. Our online registration form asks parents/carers if they would like to receive information regarding Baptism and other church services; however, since we have had no clergy link since April 2023 and no one visible, it means that attendance at Little Blessings does not increase attendance at regular services. That being said, however, at the Pumpkin Party there were a lot of families there who also attend Little Blessings; which was lovely to see them in a different context. Sessions include a theme and we try to incorporate God and what it is to be Christian into them. There are also Early Years Foundation Stage resources available to help promote personal, social and emotional development; physical development; communication and language; literacy; expressive art; mathematics; and children's understanding of the world. We have found that the group now has its own community of parents/carers. They all intermingle and seem to look forward to seeing one another each week at the group. It also appears to have become a space where parents/carers can and are supporting each other.

We are still donation based and there is no set fee for attending the group. It is also not monitored as to who donates and who doesn't as to us it's not what matters. If anyone wanted to leave a donation towards the group running costs they can do via our donation points that are out during the group. We use a box for coin/cash donations and also have an electronic card reader available for card donations. We find both are regularly used.

During the Summer holidays we ran two sessions for families. On 4th August we had 46 children attend and on the 25th August we had 45. We all shared pasta in sauce for lunch which went down well! The Christmas party he held on Friday 15th December and we had 50 children attend. Each child received a Nativity Sticker Book from Santa. We also had individual lunch boxes prepared for the children.

We currently have a Facebook page (social media) for Little Blessings that has over 300 followers. We also have a WhatsApp group that has over 70 members – this is used for information regarding the group and it has provided a way for parents/carers to

communicate. The parents/carers have also been giving away items to each other in the group too. Parents/carers are given the option to be added to the group on the online registration form. We have recently joined Tik-Tok too!

Sophie Wood

Thursday Café Report

The Thursday Community café has continued successfully over the last 12 months, thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers who work on a rota to provide a weekly space to enjoy companionship and refreshments.

The café is open from 10 -12am, when you can get hot drinks, cake, biscuits and toast, all on a donation basis. It is open all year round to provide a consistent space for all ages to enjoy and meet their friends and new people.

In the last year, it has made £2336, thanks to the various activities run and this enables it to be an inclusive donation-based café. The café welcomes regular and occasional attenders and new faces and provides a warm and friendly place to chat, gain new information, and get refreshments. In addition, there is a valued book and jigsaw area, there are often raffles or a tabletop sale thanks to Carole Herd and background piano music, thanks to Angela Muirhead. Those who wish, can attend communion in the church at 9.30am prior to a drink and a chat.

We asked the community who attend the Thursday morning café to describe what the café brought to them personally and these responses reinforce why this community ministry opportunity is so important to so many.

Attendees described it as: welcoming, friendly, helpful, sociable and informative. They described the benefits as: a place they could comfortably attend on their own, a place they felt a part of, giving routine to the week, open all year around for consistent company, a listening space. They talked of the opportunities it gave: to take weekly communion, to create valuable links, to get local information and to be able to volunteer. They were very grateful for the: refreshments served with a smile, the raffle and table top sales, the piano music, the book and jigsaw swap.

Thank you to every one of the volunteers on the rota who set up the room, make and serve refreshments, wash up and clear away and provide the extras to the café that make it special to all. Only with this consistent commitment of this group can we continue to grow in this community ministry.

Women's Fellowship Report

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm. Although, not surprisingly, we do not have the number of members we had in the past, we still have twenty regular members, which is good, after fifty years, and we have recently welcomed two new members.

We have had another enjoyable year with a variety of activities in addition to our quizzes, bingo and games afternoons. We had a video of Garden Parties in the 70s and 80s which were good fun, trying to recognise church members from thirty and forty years ago -men with hair and women with mini-skirts! One month Lee gave us a wonderful, interesting talk on how he came to join the ministry. Other meetings have included a Keep Fit session, a Coronation Tea, and a very interesting and informative talk about The Blood Bikes charity. We had our Summer Supper as usual in July at the Boathouse, carol singing, mince pies and Christmas cake for Christmas and our annual Christmas meal at Mersey Farm. All enjoyed by everyone.

Women's Fellowship is open to anyone, not just church members, and the meetings are always pleasurable and very friendly. We could love to welcome new members in 2024.

Carole Herd

Buildings Report

Whilst amounts spent on the fabric of the Church have been confined to some roof repairs at a cost of £1,536, we continue to experience some minor debris falling from the roof at regular intervals, especially in the transept areas. In addition, no major costs have been incurred on the hall or hut in the year.

Several potholes were repaired in the driveway and some step approaches levelled in September at a cost of £3,120 and these have made both less hazardous to cars and pedestrians. Some tree work has been undertaken to trim certain trees and more is planned for next year.

A large amount of expenditure has been incurred on 39 Dalebrook Road, being new windows and door at a cost of £11,640 (to replace items some 30 years old) and a new boiler at £2,200. This has brought the house up to date somewhat and made it much warmer and heat efficient.

Sadly, recent asbestos investigation reports have yielded bad news. The hut has been mothballed and is out of action until a decision has been taken as to its future. It is likely that the costs to remove the asbestos and refit/upgrade the hut will far outweigh any income benefit to be gained, even in the medium to long term. Asbestos has been found in the cellar and this will be removed shortly. This is a costly exercise.

Indicative costings for the repair of the nave roof should be available this year, though the priority is the hall roof, which is at the DAC approval of plans stage. It is hoped and expected that this work will be completed this year. Some survey costs have been incurred on this. A maintenance report on the organ has led to the receipt of a large quote for recommended repairs. An alternative quote is being sought. A separate specialist interest committee has been set up to progress this and report back to the PCC.

OTHER FUTURE WORKS

1. Safety railing to cellar steps
2. External lighting to north side of church
3. Re-carpeting of church or re-stretching of existing carpet
4. Refit of hall toilets and kitchen after roof repair
5. General redecoration / repurposing (?) of hall after roof repair

A good number of orange hymn books are now in need of some running repairs, though we have plenty for most occasions. The other goods and ornaments of the church appear sound and the wardens are not aware of any missing items, though a full check will be made before the APCM.

Apart from the expenditure on Dalebrook Road, overall costs incurred have been rather minimal this year. It is 2024 when cost challenges will be felt most, with the asbestos removal, hall roof repair and perhaps organ repair or replacement costs likely to be incurred before the end of the year.

Phil Dykes
Church Warden

Finance Report

2023 has been a positive year for St. John's, with Church groups and events coming back strongly in what was a first full financial year free of COVID-19 related restrictions. Funds generated from such events grew by 127% as the Parish welcomed guests to the summer and winter fairs, and the Thursday Café and Little Blessings continued to be popular.

Our normal community outreach events and church groups have been well-attended throughout the year and particular thanks is owed to those organising Thursday Café, Little Blessings, Messy Church, and the Pumpkin Party.

There was evidence to suggest footfall had fallen during the year and the pressure on individuals incomes may have been evident in a 14% reduction in voluntary giving. There were no bequests recognised in the 2023 financial statements. The PCC is incredibly grateful to those who continue to visit St. John's and those who are able to make donations when possible.

Income from life events and rent of our extended premises held up, although we may see a reduction in the 2024 financial year due to essential repairs and maintenance required and quoted for to keep the Church Hut in operation.

In 2019, the PCC agreed to partner with other local churches to support Christians against Poverty with the setting up of a local operation and we committed to paying £1,500 per year for 3 years. The final contribution was made last year and the PCC formally agreed to support food ministry within the local area. Funds were donated to this end during the 2023 calendar year.

Church Fabric expenses includes the cost of repairing potholes on the Church grounds as well as essential electrical work. Other maintenance costs incurred in the year included for work to the area surrounding the Church and an essential upgrade to the property at Dalebrook Road, which has been capitalised.

Our other costs have remained reasonably level overall against last year, with an uplift in utilities expenditure being expected and budgeted for in the 2023 PCC Budget. It is hoped that this pressure may ease into the 2024 calendar year.

Overall, various items of essential but non-recurring expenditure have been suffered in the 2023 year which has moved the accounts to a net expenditure position from a position of net income in 2022. The PCC expect to incur costs during 2024 in relation to the hall roof, for which a faculty is expected to be sought.

James Merryweather
Treasurer

Facts & Figures

Electoral Roll

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
211	207	199	208	120*	130	133	137	124	113

** A new Electoral Roll was completed in 2019 and the next one is due in 2025.*

Usual Sunday Attendance

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Adults	111	103	98	76	82	56	48
Children	7	5	6	11	9	5	6
Total	118	108	104	87	91	61	54

Occasional Offices

	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23
Baptisms	55	70	56	26	8	3	7	14	23
Weddings	14	7	8	5	5	1	2	8	2
Funerals	22	20	14	14	12	3	6	29	12

PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2023

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service. 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 St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith
- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

Main things PCC did in 2023

There have been four full meetings of the PCC in February, March, June, and November, with extended meetings in January and February (open to the wider congregation) to take forward our review of worship. Items on the agenda for approval at our main PCC meetings this year included:

-  Annual Report and Accounts 2022
-  Safeguarding Policy (annually) and monitoring its implementation (ongoing)
-  Eucharistic Assistants

We also had active discussions on the following:

-  Parish priorities for growing, nurturing and serving

-  Forming links with the St Luke's Foodbank
-  A review of events across the year and how they might be organised
-  Use of the chalice at Communion
-  Focal leadership
-  Becoming an Eco Church
-  Review of worship (to take place during 2023)

At every meeting this year we have discussed our church buildings and the work needed to keep them safe, from replacing the roof to mending potholes. Looking after a listed building involves specialist contractors and requires discussion with – and permission from – the diocese before any major repairs can be undertaken.

Membership 2023

Vicar:	Richard Sherratt
Curate:	Lee Wood (<i>until April 2023</i>)
Churchwarden:	Phil Dykes (Vice Chair)
Churchwarden:	Janet Hunter
Deanery Synod representatives:	1 Vacancy
	2 Vacancy
	3 Vacancy
<i>Elected members (until 2024):</i>	Adele Lane
	Phil Makins
	Angela Mather (<i>until October 2023</i>)
	Nwabugo Ubochi
	Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)
	Caroline Windle (Assistant Warden)
<i>Elected members (until 2025):</i>	Nicola Ashton (Eco Champion)
	Kirstie Lea
	James Merryweather (Treasurer)
	Rod Tattersall
<i>Elected members (until 2026):</i>	Wilfred Darlington

Other PCC committees/groups

The PCC at St John's has a Standing Committee. Membership of this committee along with its duties and is defined by law in the Church Representation Rules, abbreviated to CRR (**CRR M31(6)**).

Standing Committee members:

- Richard Sherratt
- Phil Dykes
- Janet Hunter
- James Merryweather
- Susan Wildman

Administrative Information

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Stretford and Manchester South in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 186 Brooklands Road, Sale, M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE,
BROOKLANDS**

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1132141)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As members 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 Parochial Church'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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did 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.

E Armstrong FCCA

31 March 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary giving	1	-	45,747	45,747	53,013
Church groups and events	2	-	7,262	7,262	3,197
General income	3	-	23,516	23,516	23,696
Other income	4	591	4,531	5,122	7,485
		591	81,056	81,647	87,391
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish share	5	-	36,000	36,000	30,000
Clergy expenses	6	-	5,631	5,631	3,509
Worship	7	230	5,463	5,693	5,070
Charitable and other donations	8	-	830	830	1,500
Church groups and events	9	-	1,262	1,262	1,643
Church fabric	10	-	24,773	24,773	10,541
Premises fabric	11	-	12,603	12,603	6,838
Property fabric	12	-	2,482	2,482	472
Other parochial expenses	13	-	7,996	7,996	6,648
		230	97,040	97,270	66,221
Net income before investment gains or losses		361	(15,984)	(15,623)	21,170
Gains/(losses) on investments					
Flower fund	15	-	(45)	(45)	(111)
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		361	(16,029)	(15,668)	21,059
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		12,379	408,123	420,502	399,443
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,740	392,094	404,834	420,502

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Property – Curate’s House, 39 Dalebrook Road	14	211,640	200,000
Investments – flower fund	15	1,851	1,896
		213,491	201,896
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	2,276	6,005
Deposit accounts at CBF	17	146,789	142,231
Deposit accounts at bank		523	519
Current accounts at bank		46,719	85,356
Cash in hand		1,393	5
		197,700	234,116
LIABILITIES – FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Creditors	18	5,357	14,510
NET CURRENT ASSETS		192,343	219,606
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		405,834	421,502
LIABILITIES – FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR			
Provisions	18	1,000	1,000
NET ASSETS		404,834	420,502
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		392,094	408,123
Restricted		12,740	12,379
		404,834	420,502

Approved by the PCC on 13 March 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts. The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC, and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value as at 1 January 2015, plus improvements made to the property in order to protect its future value. No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
1. Voluntary giving				
Planned giving	-	30,998	30,998	37,561
Income tax recovered	-	10,470	10,470	9,377
Giving at services	-	2,329	2,329	3,341
Other donations	-	1,950	1,950	2,734
	-	45,747	45,747	53,013
2. Church groups and events				
Community fairs	-	4,115	4,115	2,127
Thursday Café sales	-	835	835	969
Little Blessings	-	1,007	1,007	43
Bumps and Babies	-	-	-	58
Thursday Café donations	-	1,305	1,305	-
	-	7,262	7,262	3,197
3. General income				
Life events	-	2,137	2,137	3,607
Premises rent – hall	-	8,035	8,035	4,104
Premises rent – hut	-	1,944	1,944	4,569
Property rent	-	11,400	11,400	11,416
	-	23,516	23,516	23,696
4. Other income				
Bequests	-	-	-	5,500
Interest on deposits	361	4,201	4,562	1,894
Flower fund dividend	110	-	110	91
Donations for flowers	120	-	120	-
C-19 Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-
Sundry income	-	330	330	-
	591	4,531	5,122	7,485
5. Parish share				
Paid during the year	-	36,000	36,000	30,000
	-	36,000	36,000	30,000
6. Clergy expenses				
Vicar expenses of office	-	1,058	1,058	38
Curate expenses of office	-	1,197	1,197	48
Council tax, water charges	-	3,376	3,376	3,423
	-	5,631	5,631	3,509
7. Worship				
Altar and choir requisites etc.	230	2,414	2,644	1,781
Staff (choir, vergers)	-	3,049	3,049	2,436
Welcome ministry	-	-	-	711
Children's ministry	-	-	-	142
	230	5,463	5,693	5,070
8. Donations				
Mission partners –				
Christians Against Poverty	-	-	-	1,500
Food Ministry –				
Local food bank initiative	-	830	830	-
	-	830	830	1,500
9. Church groups and events				
Winter fair	-	205	205	490
Children's groups	-	248	248	13

	Pumpkin party	-	179	179	135
	Other community events	-	630	630	1,005
		-	1,262	1,262	1,643
10.	Church Fabric				
	Gas and electricity	-	5,292	5,292	4,512
	Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	5,317	5,317	4,769
	Maintenance and repair	-	7,388	7,388	349
	Organ maintenance and repair	-	878	878	580
	Roof repairs	-	-	-	-
	Maintenance of grounds	-	5,898	5,898	331
		-	24,773	24,773	10,541
11.	Premises fabric				
	Hall				
	Gas, electricity, water, cleaning	-	3,085	3,085	2,874
	Maintenance and repair	-	7,457	7,457	887
		-	10,542	10,542	3,761
	Hut				
	Electricity, water, cleaning	-	1,811	1,811	2,476
	Maintenance and repair	-	250	250	601
		-	2,061	2,061	3,077
	Total premises fabric	-	12,603	12,603	6,838
12.	Property (Dalebrook Road)				
	Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	2,482	2,482	472
	Management commission and fees	-	-	-	-
		-	2,482	2,482	472
13.	Other parochial expenses				
	Stewardship expenses	-	155	155	90
	Parish administration	-	6,140	6,140	3,672
	Parish communications	-	656	656	1,808
	Hospitality	-	737	737	806
	Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	80	80	95
	Children's outreach	-	52	52	-
	Sundry expenses	-	176	176	177
		-	7,996	7,996	6,648
14.	Property				
	<u>Cost</u>				
	At 1 January 2023				200,000
	Additions				11,640
	At 31 December 2023				211,640
	<u>Depreciation</u>				
	At 1 January 2023				-
	Charge for the year				-
	At 31 December 2023				-
	<u>Net book value</u>				
	At 31 December 2023				211,640
	At 31 December 2022				200,000

The property required new windows during the period to maintain its future value.

15. Flower fund		
M&G Equities Fund for Charities:		
Market value at 1 January 2023	1,896	2,007
Gain/(loss) in the year	(45)	(111)
Market value at 31 December 2023	1,851	1,896

The flower fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.

16. Debtors		
Tax recoverable	2,276	6,078
Hall and hut rents due	-	(73)
	2,276	6,005

17. Deposit accounts at CBF		
Fabric Fund		
Opening balance	109,698	108,273
Interest	3,515	1,425
Closing balance	113,213	109,698
Organ fund		
Opening balance	913	902
Interest	30	11
Closing balance	943	913
New roof fund		
Opening balance	11,248	11,102
Interest	361	146
Closing balance	11,609	11,248
New fabric fund		
Opening balance	5,010	4,944
Interest	160	66
Closing balance	5,170	5,010
General legacy fund		
Opening balance	15,362	15,163
Interest	492	199
Closing balance	15,854	15,362
Total deposits at 31 December	146,789	142,231

18. Creditors		
Falling due within one year		
Parish share	-	-
Accrual for utilities and other costs	5,357	14,510
Income received in advance	-	-
	5,357	14,510
Falling due after one year		
Provision for hall floor resurfacing	1,000	1,000

19. Movement in restricted funds		
New roof fund		
Opening balance	11,248	11,102
Incoming resources	361	146
Closing balance	11,609	11,248

The fund is invested in the New Roof Deposit Fund at CBF. The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.

Hall refurbishment fund

Opening balance	1,131	1,131
Incoming resources	-	-
Closing balance	1,131	1,131
Total restricted funds at 31 December	12,740	12,379

All other restricted income received in the year was expended in the year.

20. Designated funds

During the year, the following amounts were allocated to designated funds from the general fund:

General legacy – to fund equipment/special expenditure	-	5,500
Children and families leader – build up to enable recruitment	-	5,000
Hall redevelopment – funding for future plans	-	-
Hut replacement – funding for future plans	-	-
Church refurbishment – funding for future plans	-	-
Gardens – funding for future plans	-	-
Contingency – reserves	-	-
	-	10,500

During the year interest was received on deposits relating to the following designated funds:

Fabric fund – to maintain the fabric of the church buildings	3,515	1,425
New fabric fund - to maintain the fabric of the church buildings	160	66
Organ fund – repair or maintenance of the organ	30	11
General legacy – to fund equipment or special projects	492	199

Balances on designated funds at the year-end:

Fabric fund	113,213	109,698
New fabric fund	5,170	5,010
Organ fund	943	913
General legacy fund	29,354	28,862
Children and families leader	25,000	25,000
Hall redevelopment	2,500	2,500
Hut replacement	250	250
Church refurbishment	1,000	1,000
Gardens	250	250
Contingency	1,000	1,000

21. Staff salaries

Total	5,184	5,908
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The average number of staff employed during the year was 2.

Accounts



St John's
Brooklands

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Annual Report

2022

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St John's, Brooklands

We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.

Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

Worship: growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

Evangelism: making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Liturgical: living lives shaped by God's story

Community: belonging to our church family

Outward-looking: going out beyond our four walls

Missional: serving God's purposes for the world

Invitational: inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

Nurturing: equipping everyone for ministry

Generous: excelling in the grace of giving

Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve in God's mission

Extending God's welcome to everyone is our vision which sets the general direction of our parish and has been subdivided into four main priority areas to be worked on over three to five years:

- ❖ **Integrating newcomers:** This is all about welcoming new people into our church family and helping them to explore faith and grow in their relationship with God.
- ❖ **Identifying leaders:** This is about recruiting new church leaders and training existing ones to oversee the various aspects of our parish life. Some of our church leaders will be serving voluntarily and others will be part of a staff team, but both will be doing what God has called them to do.
- ❖ **Increasing worship opportunities:** This is about providing a variety of opportunities to gather together at various times throughout the week to worship God and to deepen our faith.
- ❖ **Investing in our facilities:** We have been blessed with a beautiful church building as well as a hall and hut. As we seek to resource our mission these will need to be maintained and developed appropriately.

2022 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2023

VICAR'S REPORT

As we emerge into a post-pandemic world a series of crises were felt during 2022 with 'polycrisis' being designated the word of the year.

Throughout the year several changes occurred. A major geopolitical crisis came with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia which added further fuel to the flame of our cost-of-living crisis. Our national political life was further destabilised through three changes of Prime Minister, all against the backdrop of our mourning the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Looking ahead to 2023 we are living in a very different *world* than we were five years ago.



We have also experienced some changes here at St John's. In January 2022 we formed a Mission Community along with six other churches, and I was appointed the Mission Community Leader, my tenure of which continues until January 2025. During the Autumn I was able to visit most of the other parishes in our Mission Community.

We launched our mission Community at a special service on 3rd April and a vision day was held in October as we began the process of discerning our priorities as we look ahead.

This work fed into a Deanery Mission Action Plan outlining the direction of travel in forthcoming years and the clergy of our Mission Community will be meeting regularly during next year to work out the details at a parish level and explore those areas where we can work together across parishes.

The next phase, at an organisational level, will be for each parish to identify focal leaders who will, along with myself as the Mission Community Leader, form the leadership team of our Mission Community.

Looking ahead to 2023 we are living in a very different *church* than when I began at St John's some five or so years ago.



Amidst all of this change I cannot tell you what the future holds, but it is important that we discern it together. Recognising that we inhabit a new world, I have been struck by the encouragement from our Area Dean for the need to spending some

time to think about what our vocation is now. How can we become the church that God is calling us to be in this new world that we find ourselves living?



This year I celebrated being ordained 8 years and as usual I took some time to reflect on my own ministry by re-reading the Ordinal. As I did, I was struck afresh by the line describing the priestly responsibility of being those ‘watching for signs of God’s new creation’.

The language of new creation captures my imagination and stirs my heart with it recalling images of ‘the new heavens and new earth’ and the tree of life (Rev. 21-22).

The call to watch for signs of God’s new creation describes the need to learn to see the unfolding work of the spirit. It reminded me that we need to pay attention to the movement of the Spirit, taking time to notice signs of spiritual life slowly emerging in people and places where seeds of a new earth are beginning to take root and grow.



Looking back over the past year there are various signs of God’s new creation growing in our parish. This is reflected in the expanding number of ministry streams: Bumps and Babies, Crafty Chat, Food Ministry, Little Blessings, Messy Church, Messy Vintage, Thursday Café, and Women’s Fellowship. There are reports from those involved in these ministries so please do read those to discover more about what has been going on.



As we look ahead to 2023 one of the areas that we shall begin to focus our attention on is worship. Our pre-pandemic pattern of public worship was uprooted by lockdown and the various restrictions that followed. As we continue to emerge into a post-pandemic world we shall be giving some thought to reviewing our worship here at St John’s. To help us in this we shall hold monthly ‘alternative’ Sundays to explore different ways of structuring our services and there will be opportunities to provide feedback. We shall have a summer series in where we’ll dig a bit deeper into what worship is all about. A Worship Review Group shall also meet monthly and in early 2024 this group will discuss its recommendations with the PCC for how worship can be developed with a new schedule of worship beginning around Easter 2024.



As we look to what has been and look ahead to the future there is much to celebrate and give thanks for and I am excited and encouraged that together we are on this journey of becoming a new church for a new world!

ALM Report

During 2022, as part of my role as ALM, I was involved in the setting up and delivery of Messy Vintage on a monthly basis. (*See Messy Vintage report*)

The Lent Prayer book was produced for all members of the church family; those attending and those unable to attend church services. At Christmas-time copies of the Church of England 'Follow the Star, The Great Invitation', 12 Days of Reflections for Christmas and New Year were purchased for members of the congregation and posted to those who are no longer able to attend St John's.

During Holy Week I assisted the Curate, Father Lee Wood, with a service for the Stations of the Cross.

Also, in my role as an ALM I have continued to support church-based activities and groups.

In the wider Mission Community, I am part of a team from St John's who regularly help at the Saturday foodbank at St Luke's Foodbank, Wythenshawe.

As part of my personal development, I continue to meet with the Revd Richard Sherratt.

Sue Withenshaw

Bumps & Babies Report

Bumps and Babies is our group for babies and their carers. Each week during term-time there are anywhere between 6-12 carers who come along to enjoy meeting up to chat and support each other during this life stage. Sessions include refreshments and typically finish with some singing of nursery rhymes and a sung blessing.

This is a valuable service we have been able to provide to our local community, however due to a change in the circumstances of one of our volunteers Bumps and Babies has been paused (from December) although we are hopeful, we will be in a position to restart in September 2024.

Crafty Chat Report

Crafty Chat meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We are a very friendly group and growing all the time. The chat is as important as the craft but you can bring your own craft or join in with the latest project. You can even learn how to crochet and knit etc. During lockdown a few members made Hero Bears which we raffled to raise money for the NHS and we were able to donate £440. We also made hearts and twiddle muffs for ICU patients. We made Rainbows and Bees and raised £360 for the Snowdrop Centre at Wythenshawe hospital. We have also been involved in making things for the Special Care Baby units at Wythenshawe and St Mary's Hospital. In December we raised £252 at the Christmas Fair. We had our usual Christmas get together and all enjoyed a traditional Afternoon tea. We are hoping 2023 will see more new members and become involved with more exciting new projects

Chris Padbury

Eco Report

During 2022 we decided to take on the role of Eco Church Leads.

We conducted research into Eco Church and A Rocha UK and carefully devised a plan to help us become an Eco Church.

We set up a noticeboard about Eco Church and offered some tips on how to be more green as a congregation. We also documented the church's energy footprint.

We also completed the A Rocha UK survey (which was finalised and submitted by Lee) and we were awarded a silver award.

We are now taking steps to improve our score even further.

Nicola and Rob Ashton

Flower Guild Report

There are now seven members who place flowers in church as Susan Wildman has joined us this year. We have a rota through the year to put flowers at the altar and around the candle every two weeks.

Through the year we decorated the church for eight weddings, which was quite an undertaking as we had to source the flowers from either the market or local stores. Whilst this was an enjoyable thing to do it had become very stressful and so we have decided that sadly we can no longer provide this service for any future weddings.

In addition, during the year we have put in memorial pedestals for some members of the congregation and will continue to do this. We have arranged displays for all the major church festivals, i.e., Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas, which the congregation seem to enjoy.

It is always joyous to see flowers in church and we feel they enhance our weekly worship.

The flower guild:

Ruth Shaw
Lynda Tattersall
Marcela Payne
Judith Harwood

Lilian Swann
Hilary Hamblett
Susan Wildman

Food Ministry Report

This year we partnered with the Foodbank at St Luke's in Benchill as we seek to find new ways to work together with other parishes as part of being a Mission Community.

Having been a collection point for foodbank donations for many years this seemed like a logical next step for us to take. A small team of volunteers from St John's now attend each week on a Saturday morning to welcome those who need help.

As we look to 2023 we hope to continue this ministry, and develop it further as we look to support the new Foodbank opening within our parish later next year.

During half-terms St John's was also able to serve as a collection point for Holiday Hunger packs.

Little Blessings Report

Little Blessings began on Friday 9th September, 2022 – originally running from 10am until 11:30am. This after a few weeks of running was extended until 12noon due to it feeling quite rushed once the children had eaten snacks.

We usually have two volunteers in the kitchen, they prepare snacks for the children and also provide hot drinks to adults as and when requested. Each week snack compromises of a breaded item like toast and then a variety of fruit. This is purchased before the session fresh. I am currently in discussions with local stores regarding the donation of fresh fruit for the children weekly. This not only means we are cutting down on running costs but we are also preventing food waste by working with food suppliers. With the current living costs rising, ensuring we have a good and varied selection of fruit available is important for providing the children with nourishment whilst with us at the group but also provides the opportunity to try new things too. Trying to promote not only a healthy but also a varied diet to the children. Cakes are baked by volunteers on a weekly basis and are donated for use at the group. We aim to provide this to parents/carers.

We began the group with the hope that it offered a safe place for parents/carers to come with their children – without financial expectation. The idea is that parents/carers can meet others, create new relationships and feel welcomed, all whilst the children play in a fun and safe environment. Our new online registration form asks parents/carers if they would like to receive information regarding Baptism and other church services. Sessions include a theme and we try to incorporate God and what it is to be Christian into them. A recent example is a session based on the book 'The Tiger Who Came For Tea' by Judith Kerr. We are looking at how Sophie and her mum let in a hungry Tiger and without question fed him, and linking it to how we help feed people at foodbanks and we do so without question. We have found that the group now has its own community of parents/carers. They all intermingle and seem to look forward to seeing one another each week at the group. It also appears to have become a space where parents/carers can and are supporting each other.

We are still donation based and there is no set fee for attending the group. It is also not monitored as to who donates and who doesn't as to us it's not what matters. If anyone wanted to leave a donation towards the group running costs they can do via our donation points that are out during the group. We use a box for coin/cash donations and also have an electronic card reader available for card donations. We find both are regularly used. The coins/cash get bagged up and labelled weekly and go in the safe to be counted with the rest of the church donations.

When we began early September, 22, we had 9 children attend.

A month on in October we had 16 children attend.

The Christmas party he held on Friday 16th December, 22 was pre booked entry only and we had 29 children attend. The children loved that Santa, Minnie and Mickey Mouse were there. Each child received a story book from Santa about the Nativity story. For those who requested a non-religious book they received a story about being kind.

On Friday 3rd February, 23 we had a massive increase in attendance. We ended up with 50 children in total. This felt very busy and I felt it took away from the personalised approach and welcome we have been aiming to create. As of Friday 10th February, 23, we have limited the number of children attending to 40. The sessions are now pre booked via Eventbrite. Recently we have been getting fully booked within days of the session opening for booking. Usually those looking to cancel their place do so by messaging me, which then allows for others to attend in their place. We are unfortunately oversubscribed in terms of those wanting to attend and those who manage to get a place.

We currently have a Facebook page (social media) for Little Blessings that has over 200 followers, with posts reaching up to 10,000 people. We also have a WhatsApp group that has over 50 members – this is used for information regarding the group and it has provided a way for parents/carers to communicate. Parents/carers are given the option to be added to the group on the online registration form. We have also got 93 families registered with us which is kept securely on Google Drive.

Please see below for the feedback received from parents/carers regarding the group.

'I have been bringing my Grandson for a while, I love it as much as he does. On our first time there we were made really welcome, the playgroup leaders and volunteers are friendly. There is so much space, lots for the toddlers and babies, the wide variety of snacks is brilliant. Best playgroup I've been to, thank you to all you lovely people x'

'It has been a great pleasure to attend Little Blessings with my granddaughter each week. So well organised and I can see how much thought, planning and care goes into each week's activities. I have spoken to lots of parents and grandparents who come and they all are impressed with the group and feel very welcome and valued.

The organisers deserve recognition for providing this very valuable Christian service to the community.'

'As a Christian Mum, I really love that the sessions have a Christian theme. I specifically come to Little Blessings for the biblical aspect, it sets it apart from other 'stay and plays' for me. Another aspect I like is that the helpers/volunteers are really friendly and welcoming. I find going to a new group can be a bit daunting, but Phoebe and I have always been made so at home at Little Blessings - thank you. Little Blessings being free is also a huge bonus for Phoebe and I. As a single parent money is tight, so to have such a great group to go to for free is a real blessing! Thanks for all your hard work and efforts, we love Little Blessings!'

'We came for the first-time last week and we absolutely loved it.

My children are 3 and 1 so finding somewhere on one level is really helpful as they both run around and it's easy to lose them when places have different levels.

Little blessings is so welcoming and the choice in activities for the children is amazing.'

'We really enjoy the group, everyone's so sweet and lovely and the little snack time is a winner with Ava & Sofia (I just wish they would be so well behaved sitting at their table at home) I always find it a bit tricky having twins as usually I'm restricted where I can go where

I can keep an eye on them both but it's great as they can play safely together or with others if they chose so it works really well. Thank you for organising its fab! xx'

'It's only been a few weeks but we love coming. It's the same thing for us that a couple of people have mentioned. It's a nice safe place to bring my baby & 2-year-old without having to worry about the difficulties of managing 2 children out & about. Everyone is very friendly which is lovely for the mums. It's great that it's free or donations, it can be expensive taking 2 children to playgroups or soft play. The coffee and cake is a winner too! Graziella particularly enjoys the crafts table & the different themes. Thanks for offering something great for the community'

'To all the volunteers thank you so much for all your effort. Lennon and Evangeline get so excited when they realise we're on our way to Little Blessings every Friday morning. So much thought is put into the activities and the snacks are amazing. It's the perfect place for their age group x'

'After attending Bumps and babies with my son Alexander, whilst on maternity leave, I was thrilled when I was told that the Little Blessings toddler group would be starting. It has given Alexander the opportunity to engage and develop with other children in an environment that he was already happy and comfortable to be in. It has given me the opportunity to continue to develop my relationship with the church and the local community. As well as meet lots of new people and catch up with people from my past (my teacher Mrs Herd). Sophie has done an amazing job with the different themes that she has incorporated into the sessions. The wide variety of toys, crafts and messy play activities has been amazing. It is always aimed at supporting a child's development. The format of how snacks are give to the children is great and I feel it has supported Alexander in trying different things and sitting nicely with other children.

I am also incredibly appreciative of the group being donation based. It can be incredibly expensive to go out with a child and with the cost-of-living crisis alongside going part time has meant I am not always able to do all the activities I'd like to do with Alexander.

I'm so grateful and appreciative to be able to attend and particularly to Sophie, Lindsey and the other volunteers for giving me as Alexander this opportunity.'

Sophie Wood

Messy Church Report

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. In each session there are a variety of activities and crafts based around a theme. At the end of the session we eat together.

During 2022 we met six times including: **Messy Lent** in March; **Messy Easter** on Good Friday in April attended by 27 children and 25 adults; **Messy Pentecost** in May attended by 11 children and 4 adults; and, **Messy Advent** in November attended by 18 children and 12 adults. In October we held a Pumpkin Party at which 100 children attended.

Messy Vintage Report

Messy Vintage is Christ-centred fellowship, an informal, accessible and creative way of church, with hospitality and celebration, and open to all. In February 2022 we held our first Messy Vintage meeting. Messy Vintage takes place on the second Wednesday of each month 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The afternoon begins with Welcome and a short time of worship, Holy Communion or occasionally a Service of the Word, and brings together the theme of the session.

The service is then followed by hands-on creative activities to explore the Bible story. Fun and fellowship are enjoyed through the crafts and activities as we chat and share our experiences. The crafts/activities are followed by refreshments of tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

Thank you to all who have supported and shared in this new venture of Messy Vintage as we look forward to continuing our journey of faith together in 2023.

Sue Withenshaw

Thursday Café Report

Our Community Cafe started after the COVID 19 Pandemic in a new format and has grown in numbers and support. Since its relaunch in Summer 2021, we have had a regular and like minded group of volunteers who seek to serve the needs of their local community by providing a space where all are welcome. We aim to provide hot drinks and Cake, toast and biscuits on a donation basis. This has provided an effective way of financing the cafe without charging for drinks etc.

Over the past 18 months, volunteers have come to the conclusion that the cafe is a great benefit to those that visit us and we continue to attract new people. The decision was made to remain open as much as possible and so this includes holidays and half term periods. This is because of 2 reasons, both relating to community engagement. Firstly, half term is when we can engage with young families the most and secondly that holidays and half terms have no bearing on those who may be lonely and so seek some fellowship. We have seen weekly numbers rise from around 20, up to as many as 40-50 people on any given week including those who may just “drop in” for a quick coffee.

In the early days, a service of morning prayer preceded the service with a start time of around 0950 hrs for 10 minutes and in July 2022 it was decided to change this to a midweek service of Holy Communion to serve those attending the cafe but also the wider parish and we now have people attending Holy Communion who do not stay for the cafe and on some occasions, this is their only weekly service. It was also originally decided that these services would continue whilst a curate was available in the parish to allow the service to take place and so it was a time limited service, separate from the cafe. The parish Bible Study sessions after the cafe have been equally successful and are in a similar position. We have also had a lot of engagement with families asking about baptism, visits from local nursery groups, Foodbank Managers, Social Workers and local Police Community Support Officers. We

installed a small community library where we aim to turn around the books and have an arrangement with a local bookshop and Oxfam. Along with Live music with a great thanks to Angela Murhead playing piano weekly, we started a second-hand bargain stall with occasional (Monthly) raffle. This was intended to be a draw for others and just give them something to look at and browse as they very much missed the “Good as New” aspect. Not only does this add to our Eco-Church award but it has been a huge financial success and our thanks are owed to Carol for this. In late 2022 we also registered with “Warm Space” and “Fair Trade” and we are on their list of registered spaces and activities as well as listed in local and borough wide community publications aimed at particular demographics we seek to serve.

Overall, the Community Cafe is exactly that and is embraced as such by both the community and the volunteers who help so much and run their own rota. Some more long term planning of who picks up supplies will need to be discussed soon but can be done so informally by the current cafe volunteers. However, some wider support around advertising, social media presence and website updates will also be required upon Fr. Lee’s leaving the parish. That aside, this space will continue to run itself with continued commitment of amazing volunteers long term and is a space that can still grow, advertise church activities and embrace the community pastorally.

We take this opportunity to thank all of those who have given their time over the past 18 months to make the Cafe such a success and I am personally very thankful for the support I have received in leading the Cafe and for the continued commitment of volunteers who both keep things running smoothly and engage with the community whilst supporting and enabling myself to do the same. The cafe really does live up to the Gospel message of love of neighbour, hope and support of others as well as a dynamic balance of prayer, spirituality and yet a warm welcome to the whole community, regardless of church engagement. May we continue to be blessed with such an amazing group, run by amazing, Christ-like people.

Lee Wood

Welcome Ministry Report

The **Manchester Marathon** took place on 3rd April and our grounds were used by the organisers. We were also able to connect with residents and other spectators serving them refreshments as they cheered on the runners. We provided space for a couple of Ukrainian families to have a stall to raise funds for much needed supplies back home

Our **Garden Party** took place on 16th July which was brilliantly organised and provided a wonderful opportunity to spend time with new faces and old friends. There was a wide selection of refreshments available including cakes, tea, coffee, and Pym’s which went down well since we were in the middle of a heatwave. There was also plenty to keep the children busy too in the children’s area and we were joined by a few new families who had connected with us through having come along to Bumps and Babies.

On 3rd December we held our **Christmas Fair** which was well attended by members of the parish. We hosted a choir who sang some festive favourites and a certain chap with a white beard made an appearance too! The most moving thing was the fellowship and the amount of time, help and donations given by the stallholders to make this so successful.

Women's Fellowship Report

Women's Fellowship continues to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but we now meet from 2-4pm and not in the evening.

We have had an enjoyable year with a variety of activities. In addition to quizzes, bingo, games afternoons and a Christmas craft meeting with mince pies, Christmas cake and carol singing, we had a classical guitar recital from a member of the congregation, two videos of past events at church – the pageant and various Garden Parties. These were nostalgic and good fun as they brought back memories of members in their younger days.

In December we went to Mersey Farm for our annual Christmas meal which was enjoyed by everyone as usual.

In January we were treated to a taster of Burn's Night Food. The meetings are pleasurable and friendly. Fellowship is open to everyone, not just church members. It would be really good if we could welcome new members from the local community in 2023.

Carole Herd

Buildings Report

Leaks continue at the junction of the two split level roofs in the hall and near the rooflights and we are hoping to replace the hall roof this year. We have now received three quotes though some further assessment is needed by the architect to confirm they all meet the specification required. Total cost (including VAT) is likely to be in the region of £70,000. Grants may be available to assist with this. Once repaired, we can look to upgrade the hall itself, kitchen and toilets which are in a poor state.

Various electrical repairs recently include bulb and light fitting replacement and a new security light on the cellar approach. The step lights outside church (mainly on the North side) are still under consideration from an aesthetic point of view.

Work to replace some tiles and clear gutters on the main roof was recently completed, but this crossed over into 2023, due to the weather.

In the grounds, a new contractor was appointed in 2022 and some savings have been made here. We have now received approval from Trafford Council to prune or remove branches from 5 trees near the roadway. Further pruning of other trees is also required.

The first quarterly grounds working party took place on 18.2.2023. This coincided with a spring clean inside church. A further grounds working party will be scheduled for late April/May.

The hut is in a dire state. The kitchen and toilets especially are woeful, so an action plan is needed here. The flooring also receives complaints so consideration is being given to carpet tiles, bearing in mind a potential issue with asbestos in the current tiles, although the most recent inspection declared this to be low risk. Rental charges here are minimal and reflect the poor state of the facility.

Other future works

1. Overhaul of lychgate
2. Cleaning and re-oiling of main doors
3. Pot hole repairs
4. Decision on metalwork over steps near cellar
5. External lighting to north side of church
6. Re-carpeting of church or re-stretching of existing carpet

A good number of hymn books are now in need of some running repairs, which will be effected. The other goods and ornaments of the church appear sound and the wardens are not aware of any missing items, though a full check will be made before the APCM.

Phil Dykes
Church Warden

Finance Report

2022 represents a continuation of the post-pandemic recovery which was beginning to emerge during 2021. Planned Giving has grown by 6.3% on last year, and we continue to be incredibly grateful to all those members of our community and congregation who are able to contribute and support us.

Our normal community outreach events and church groups have been well-attended throughout the year and particular thanks is owed to those organising Thursday Café, Bumps and Babies, Messy Church, and the Pumpkin Party. Our groups and events income has increased approximately 1.5x on last year as both we and the wider community became more confident in both running and attending events.

Income from life events and rent of our extended premises held up, other than a reduction in premises rent owing to a large, one-off film production which took place during 2021. We were very grateful to receive a legacy from the late Arthur Hargreaves and this has been added to the designated General Legacy Fund to be used for specific items or projects.

In 2019, the PCC agreed to partner with other local churches to support Christians against Poverty with the setting up of a local operation and we committed to paying £1,500 per year for 3 years. The final contribution was made this year and the PCC formally agreed to support food ministry within the local area. Funds are expected to be donated to this end during the 2023 calendar year.

Church Fabric expenses includes the cost of repairing some slates on the church roof and clearing the gutters. Our other costs have remained reasonably level overall against the prior year, with an uplift in premises expenditure beginning towards the end of the calendar year as we began to feel the effects of increased gas costs. This will be a more significant expense in the 2023 accounts which is reflected in the PCC's budget.

During the year, the PCC agreed to allocate amounts to certain designated funds, as they looked to finance anticipated expenditure deemed necessary for the future growth of the church. These amounts have been set out in Note 19 of the accounts.

James Merryweather
Treasurer

Facts & Figures

Electoral Roll

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
137	124

Usual Sunday Attendance

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2022</u>
Adults	82	56
Children	9	5
<i>Total</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>61</i>

Occasional Offices

Weddings	8
Baptisms	14
Funerals	29

PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2022

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service. 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 St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith
- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

Main things PCC did in 2022

There have been five full meetings of the PCC: January, March, April, June, and November. Items on the agenda this year included:

- Approved Annual Report and Accounts 2021
- Approved Safeguarding Policy (annually) and monitored its implementation (ongoing)
- Discussed parish priorities for growing, nurturing, and serving
- Discussed forming links with the St Luke's Foodbank
- Use of the chalice at Communion
- Approved Eucharistic Assistants
- Become an Eco Church
- Discussed worship review in 2023

Membership 2022

Vicar:	Richard Sherratt
Curate:	Lee Wood
Churchwarden:	Phil Dykes (Vice Chair)
Churchwarden:	Janet Hunter
Deanery Synod representative:	Wilfred Darlington

Elected members (until 2023): Debbie Gilpin

Elected members (until 2024): Adele Lane
Phil Makins
Angela Mather (Assistant Warden)
Nwabugo Ubochi
Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary)
Caroline Windle (Assistant Warden)

Elected members (until 2025): Nicola Ashton (Eco Champion)
Kirstie Lea
James Merryweather (Treasurer)
Rod Tattersall

Other PCC committees/groups

The PCC at St John's has a Standing Committee. Membership of this committee along with its duties and is defined by law in the Church Representation Rules, abbreviated to CRR (**CRR M31(6)**). In addition to this committee there are four other committees appointed by the PCC under **CRR M32**. Upon joining the PCC each member shall join at least one of these committees, ideally the one which best reflects their gifts, interests, skills, and talents:

- (1) Operations Committee
- (2) Finance Committee
- (3) Governance Committee
- (4) Safeguarding Group

Buildings Committee

Philip Dykes
Philip Makins
Rod Tattersall
Nwabugo Ubochi,

Governance Committee

Susan Wildman
Nicola Ashton
Angela Mather
Caroline Windle

Finance Committee

Philip Dykes
Janet Hunter
Adele Lane
James Merryweather (Treasurer)

Safeguarding Group

Nicola Ashton
Angela Mather (Lead for Vulnerable Adults)
Simon Mather (PSO)
Caroline Windle (Lead for Children)

Administrative Information

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Stretford and Manchester South in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 186 Brooklands Road, Sale, M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE,
BROOKLANDS**

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1132141)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As members 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 Parochial Church'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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did 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.

E Armstrong FCCA

8 MAY 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary giving	1	-	53,013	53,013	50,015
Church groups and events	2	-	3,197	3,197	1,243
General income	3	-	23,696	23,696	38,750
Other income	4	237	7,248	7,485	10,686
		237	87,154	87,391	100,694
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish share	5	-	30,000	30,000	25,000
Clergy expenses	6	-	3,509	3,509	3,608
Worship	7	91	4,979	5,070	4,655
Charitable and other donations	8	-	1,500	1,500	1,508
Church groups and events	9	-	1,643	1,643	829
Church fabric	10	-	10,541	10,541	16,889
Premises fabric	11	-	6,838	6,838	5,159
Property fabric	12	-	472	472	1,822
Other parochial expenses	13	-	6,648	6,648	7,053
		91	66,130	66,221	66,523
Net income before investment gains or losses		146	21,024	21,170	34,171
Gains/(losses) on investments					
Flower fund	14	-	(111)	(111)	236
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		146	20,913	21,059	34,407
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		12,233	387,210	399,443	365,036
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,379	408,123	420,502	399,443

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Property – Curate’s House, 39 Dalebrook Road		200,000	200,000
Investments – flower fund	14	1,896	2,007
		201,896	202,007
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	6,005	3,877
Deposit accounts at CBF	16	142,231	140,384
Deposit accounts at bank		519	518
Current accounts at bank		85,356	55,696
Cash in hand		5	170
		234,116	200,645
LIABILITIES – FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Creditors	17	14,510	2,209
NET CURRENT ASSETS		219,606	198,436
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		421,502	400,443
LIABILITIES – FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR			
Provisions	17	1,000	1,000
NET ASSETS		420,502	399,443
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		408,123	387,210
Restricted		12,379	12,233
		420,502	399,443

Approved by the PCC on 29 March 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts. The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC, and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value as at 1 January 2015. No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
1. Voluntary giving				
Planned giving	-	37,561	37,561	37,034
Income tax recovered	-	9,377	9,377	9,496
Giving at services	-	3,341	3,341	1,526
Donations to the Ben Nevis Appeal	-	-	-	940
Other donations	-	2,734	2,734	1,019
	-	53,013	53,013	50,015
2. Church groups and events				
Winter fair	-	2,127	2,127	1,025
Thursday Café sales	-	969	969	-
Little Blessings	-	43	43	-
Bumps and Babies	-	58	58	187
Crafty Chat sales	-	-	-	31
	-	3,197	3,197	1,243
3. General income				
Life events	-	3,607	3,607	2,261
Premises rent – hall	-	4,104	4,104	21,762
Premises rent – hut	-	4,569	4,569	4,607
Property rent	-	11,416	11,416	10,120
	-	23,696	23,696	38,750
4. Other income				
Bequests	-	5,500	5,500	8,000
Interest on deposits	146	1,748	1,894	73
Flower fund dividend	91	-	91	95
Donations for flowers	-	-	-	95
C-19 Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	2,314
Sundry income	-	-	-	109
	237	7,248	7,485	10,686
5. Parish share				
Paid during the year	-	30,000	30,000	25,000
	-	30,000	30,000	25,000
6. Clergy expenses				
Vicar expenses of office	-	38	38	107
Curate expenses of office	-	48	48	67
Council tax, water charges	-	3,423	3,423	3,434
	-	3,509	3,509	3,608
7. Worship				
Altar and choir requisites etc.	91	1,690	1,781	1,531
Staff (choir, vergers)	-	2,436	2,436	2,928
Welcome ministry	-	711	711	-
Children's ministry	-	142	142	196
	91	4,979	5,070	4,655
8. Donations				
Mission partners –				
Christians Against Poverty	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Toy Appeal –				
Cost relating to the year	-	-	-	8
	-	1,500	1,500	1,508

9. Church groups and events				
Winter fair	-	490	490	150
Bumps and babies	-	13	13	55
Pumpkin party	-	135	135	516
Other community events	-	1,005	1,005	108
	-	1,643	1,643	829
10. Church Fabric				
Gas and electricity	-	4,512	4,512	2,055
Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	4,769	4,769	4,607
Maintenance and repair	-	349	349	887
Organ maintenance and repair	-	580	580	454
Roof repairs	-	-	-	5,386
Maintenance of grounds	-	331	331	3,500
	-	10,541	10,541	16,889
11. Premises fabric				
Hall				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning	-	2,874	2,874	2,434
Maintenance and repair	-	887	887	580
	-	3,761	3,761	3,014
Hut				
Electricity, water, cleaning	-	2,476	2,476	2,138
Maintenance and repair	-	601	601	7
	-	3,077	3,077	2,145
Total premises fabric	-	6,838	6,838	5,159
12. Property (Dalebrook Road)				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	472	472	1,178
Management commission and fees	-	-	-	644
	-	472	472	1,822
13. Other parochial expenses				
Stewardship expenses	-	90	90	140
Parish administration	-	3,672	3,672	3,318
Parish communications	-	1,808	1,808	1,913
Hospitality	-	806	806	187
Children's outreach and equipment	-	-	-	156
Evangelism	-	-	-	15
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	95	95	45
New logo and banner	-	-	-	786
Sundry expenses	-	177	177	493
	-	6,648	6,648	7,053
14. Flower fund				
M&G Equities Fund for Charities				
Market value at 1 January 2022			2,007	1,771
Gain/(loss) in the year			(111)	236
Market value at 31 December 2022			1,896	2,007
The flower fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.				
15. Debtors				
Tax recoverable			6,078	2,565
Hall and hut rents due			(73)	1,312
			6,005	3,877
16. Deposit accounts at CBF				
Fabric Fund				
Opening balance			108,273	108,217

Interest	1,425	56
Closing balance	109,698	108,273
Organ fund		
Opening balance	902	901
Interest	11	1
Closing balance	913	902
New roof fund		
Opening balance	11,102	11,096
Interest	146	6
Closing balance	11,248	11,102
New fabric fund		
Opening balance	4,944	4,942
Interest	66	2
Closing balance	5,010	4,944
General legacy fund		
Opening balance	15,163	15,155
Interest	199	8
Closing balance	15,362	15,163
Total deposits at 31 December	142,231	140,384

17. Creditors

Falling due within one year		
Parish share	-	-
Accrual for utilities and other costs	14,510	1,674
Income received in advance	-	535
	14,510	2,209
Falling due after one year		
Provision for hall floor resurfacing	1,000	1,000

18. Movement in restricted funds

New roof fund		
Opening balance	11,102	11,096
Incoming resources	146	6
Closing balance	12,248	11,102

The fund is invested in the New Roof Deposit Fund at CBF. The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.

Hall refurbishment fund		
Opening balance	1,131	-
Incoming resources	-	1,131
Closing balance	1,131	1,131
Total restricted funds at 31 December	13,379	12,233

All other restricted income received in the year was expended in the year.

19. Designated funds

During the year, the following amounts were allocated to designated funds from the general fund:

General legacy – to fund equipment/special expenditure	5,500	8,000
Children and families leader – build up to enable recruitment	5,000	20,000
Hall redevelopment – funding for future plans	-	2,500
Hut replacement – funding for future plans	-	250

Church refurbishment – funding for future plans	-	1,000
Gardens – funding for future plans	-	250
Contingency – reserves	-	1,000
	10,500	33,000

During the year interest was received on deposits relating to the following designated funds:

Fabric fund – to maintain the fabric of the church buildings	1,425	56
New fabric fund - to maintain the fabric of the church buildings	66	2
Organ fund – repair or maintenance of the organ	11	1
General legacy – to fund equipment or special projects	199	8

Balances on designated funds at the year-end:

Fabric fund	109,698	108,273
New fabric fund	5,010	4,944
Organ fund	913	901
General legacy fund	28,862	23,163
Children and families leader	25,000	20,000
Hall redevelopment	2,500	2,500
Hut replacement	250	250
Church refurbishment	1,000	1,000
Gardens	250	250
Contingency	1,000	1,000

20. Staff salaries

Total	5,908	5,414
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The average number of staff employed during the year was 2.

The PCC was eligible for support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and a total of £0 (2021: £2,314) was claimed in the year. The support covered staff salaries as follows:

Worship	-	1,209
Administration	-	1,105
	-	2,314

These amounts have been shown as restricted funds.

Accounts



St John's
Brooklands

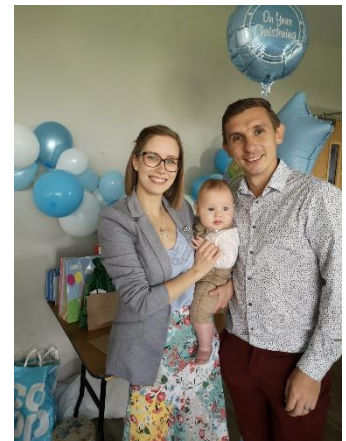
Extending God's welcome to everyone

Annual Report 2021

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St John's, Brooklands

We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.

Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

Worship: growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

Evangelism: making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Liturgical: living lives shaped by God's story

Community: belonging to our church family

Outward-looking: going out beyond our four walls

Missional: serving God's purposes for the world

Invitational: inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

Nurturing: equipping everyone for ministry

Generous: excelling in the grace of giving

Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve in God's mission

Extending God's welcome to everyone is our 'beyond the horizon' vision which sets the general direction of our parish and has been subdivided into four main priority areas to be worked on over the next three to five years:

- ❖ **Integrating newcomers:** This is all about welcoming new people into our church family and helping them to explore faith and grow in their relationship with God.
- ❖ **Identifying leaders:** This is about recruiting new church leaders and training existing ones to oversee the various aspects of our parish life. Some of our church leaders will be serving voluntarily and others will be part of a staff team, but both will be doing what God has called them to do.
- ❖ **Increasing worship opportunities:** This is about providing a variety of opportunities to gather together at various times throughout the week to worship God and to deepen our faith.
- ❖ **Investing in our facilities:** We have been blessed with a beautiful church building as well as a hall and hut. As we seek to resource our mission these will need to be maintained and developed appropriately.

Our Parish Strategy and Values

Welcome to our family

Evangelism

Making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

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2021 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2022

VICAR'S REPORT

The past year has seen parish life gradually spring back into life as much of what we had been forced to close at the beginning of the pandemic began to restart. On Sunday mornings it has been encouraging to see people back in church who I've not seen since March 2020, and it has also been wonderful to see a number of new faces as people have joined our church family during the year.

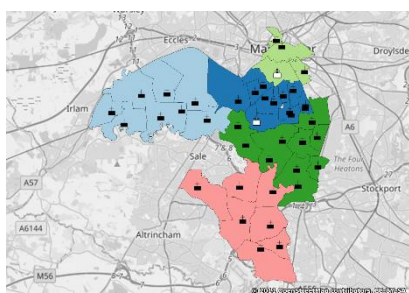


Speaking of new faces, in July we welcomed Lee Wood who will be serving his curacy with us at St John's until December 2024. He has settled in well and it will be exciting to see what the next few years have in store.

With Lee's arrival our Ministry Team has expanded to three. The Ministry Team meets weekly and consists of myself, Lee, and Sue Withenshaw who was recommissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister at a special service in Manchester Cathedral.



As we look ahead to 2022 there are some exciting developments on the horizon. We are looking at starting a new Toddler Group in the first half of the year which will building on the success of Bumps and Babies and allow us to increase our engagement with the numerous families and young children who live in the parish.



Scanning the horizon more broadly, from January 2022 we shall be joining with six other churches to form a Mission Community as part of the Diocese-wide restructure that began this year with the formation of new Deaneries. The purpose of Mission Communities is help parishes work together and support each other as we reach out

to our wider communities with the love of God. It is inevitable that these changes will require a shift in how mission and ministry is coordinated at St John's, but this shall become clearer as we move through next year.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The eucharist begins as we gather and are *welcomed* into God's presence. This is why welcome is the value at the heart of our church family. Our God is a welcoming God and so we are his welcoming people!

***Welcome one
another...just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the
glory of God.***

~ Romans 15:7 ~

In the same way that we have been welcomed into God's family so we seek to welcome others and in this way, we follow the example set by Jesus.

At the heart of God's welcome is an invitation to know him personally. The invitational nature of God is patterned in our own lives as we invite people we know to come along to invitational events that we run as a parish, as well inviting them to take the next step of their faith journey. During 2021 we have been able to restarts most of our activities that had been put on hold, including Bumps and Babies, Crafty Chat, and our Pumpkin Party.

GROW IN FAITH

Once we have been welcomed into God's presence the Eucharist invites us to *grow* in our relationship with God as we hear his word read and preached and respond to God in confessing our faith in him and praying for the world. Growing in our faith is normal, though it doesn't just happen by default: it takes time and discipline. We have to be intentional about it. As disciples we should be expecting that we grow in our faith. Jesus calls his followers to be disciples and a disciple literally means "one who is learning". This is why we have provided a variety of opportunities for church members to grow in their faith, including courses such as *The Unanswered Prayer Course* and *The Bible Course* which were run online. It was also a real highlight to be able to conduct baptisms which are a sign of new faith, and we celebrated some confirmations for those who wished to reaffirmed their baptismal faith and commit to growing more in faith and bear fruit in their lives.

***I am the vine; you are
the branches. Those
who remain in me,
and I in them, will
produce much fruit.***

~ Romans 12:13 ~

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Having been welcomed into God's presence and grown in our faith through listening to God and responding to him, we **share** our family meal: the Eucharist. Here we express most visibly that we belong to each other as we share bread and wine together: "there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). This togetherness ripples out into our daily life as we share our life with each other.

***You are members
of God's family***

~ Ephesians 2:19 ~

During 2021 we were able to begin to gather together as Covid restrictions were eased and enjoyed Afternoon Tea together in the Vicarage garden. We also began a Tuesday Evening Group the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity to build lasting friendship and grow in faith together.

SERVE IN GOD'S MISSION

At the Eucharist concludes we are sent out into the world, commissioned by God to love and **serve**. Every member of our church family is a minister who has been called to serve God and my role as vicar is to equip all church members for the work of ministry so that we are all built up and encouraged to live for Christ in our daily lives.

***Now you are the
body of Christ, and
each of you is a
part of it.***

~ 1 Corinthians 12:27 ~

I am incredibly thankful that there are so many expressions of service here at St John's. This year I have been encouraged by how many people have got involved to help staff our Sunday service at 10am by welcoming on the door, serving refreshments after the service, and helping to lead our prayers and readings from scripture.

God not only calls us to serve our church family, God also calls us and equips us to serve our local community. We have continued to partner with several churches in Sale to run a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre, offering debt counselling to those in need and we also partnered with Baguley Athletic to provide a Christmas Fair for local residents.

MINISTRY REPORTS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Alpha



During January to March we ran Alpha Online which was attended by a number of baptism families. It was a fantastic opportunity to discover more about Jesus and explore questions about faith.

Bumps & Babies



In June we re-started *Bumps and Babies* and each week during term-time there are anywhere between 6-12 parents (usually mums) who come along to enjoy meeting up to chat and support each other during this life stage. Sessions include refreshments and typically finish with some singing of nursery rhymes and a sung blessing.

Crafty Chat



In September we re-started Crafty Chat which meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This group provides an opportunity to work on a craft project whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Pumpkin Party



On Saturday 30th October we ran our annual Pumpkin Party which included a variety of pumpkin-themed crafts and activities with a few Halloween ones too. This year we decided to forego the fire and hold a pumpkin crafting competition which were displayed in church and lit during a short service. It was attended by 98 children and 102 adults who had a great time.

GROW IN FAITH

The Unanswered Prayer Course



Building on the success of running *The Prayer Course* last year, in the Spring we ran *The Unanswered Prayer Course* online using Zoom. Feedback was very positive and most of us read *God on Mute* by Pete Greig as well.

Bible Course



In May we ran *The Bible Course* online using Zoom. This six-week course helped us to gain a greater appreciation of the main plotline of the Bible and participants found the course worthwhile.

Confirmations



On the 1st August we were joined by Bishop Mark who led a special Confirmation service for James and Angela who joined us just before the pandemic in 2020, their son Albie being baptized in the same service, and Robert who has joined us during the pandemic.

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Afternoon Tea

In August we held two Afternoon Teas in the Vicarage Garden and were blessed by having sun on both occasions. These were wonderful opportunities to reconnect with one another as Government restrictions were eased over the Summer, as we enjoyed coffee (and tea), cake, and plenty of chat!

Pastoral Care

This year our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Isabel Bryce, has continued to coordinate our pastoral care, but after an intense couple of years she has decided to step back from this role to have some much-needed rest and discern what God is calling her to next. We are immensely thankful for her service in this role over the years. The role for coordinating pastoral care has been taken over by Lee Wood who shall, during his curacy, be forming a new Pastoral Care Team during 2022. In addition to this *ad hoc* pastoral care, we remain committed to placing small groups at the core of our pastoral care strategy since it is in this context that we are better able to serve one another practically and pray for each other.

Small Groups

Following Prayer Course and Bible Course a small group continued to meet up on a Tuesday evening and most recently they read through Rob Bell's *Jesus wants to save Christians* which built upon the knowledge gained in the Bible Course, even if his writing style didn't suit everyone.

Women's Fellowship

September saw the restart of Women's Fellowship with a new look. Instead of meeting in an evening the group now meets on the afternoon of the fourth Wednesday of each month which will make it easier for people to attend and enjoy the opportunity for connecting with each other.

Thursday Café



In September we relaunched Good as New renaming it “Thursday Café”. This ministry has been running for twenty-five years and provides a place of welcome for all of our community, especially the isolated. We have also added a baby and toddler area to welcome young children and their families who live in our parish. We provide refreshments free of charge, host a community library, provide jigsaws and boardgames for entertainment, and the church is open to provide a space to pray.

Harvest



This year we held our annual Harvest Festival on the 3rd October and collected items for the Wythenshawe foodbank, which is part of the Trussell Trust.

Christmas Toy Appeal

Building upon the success of last year we purchased Christmas toys for local families and distributed them through Sandilands Primary School. We extended our offer by partnering with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas toys to families in need, holding our annual Toy Service in Advent and supplementing this through grants obtained from Cash for Kids.

ALM REPORT

Our pastoral care (part of being an ALM) continued into 2021. We continued to keep in touch with those who had no communication with church, those unable to come and those who had not returned to services. Contact with the bereaved has continued.

Worship resources were prepared and distributed monthly for Home Church. These included:

- Morning Prayer for Easter
- Hope booklet, provided by Good News for Everyone
- Morning prayer supplement to accompany the book
- Home reading booklet for June
- Praying through the day for July

An Advent Prayer book was produced for all members of the church family; those attending and those unable to attend church services.

The online worship continued till Easter Sunday.

Sadly, Home Communion has not resumed since the beginning of Covid.

Isabel Bryce retired in September as an ALM.

Sue Withenshaw was re-commissioned at Manchester Cathedral in September 2021.

As of September, the vicar and ALM have regularly met.

PARISH OPERATIONS REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The major item of repair expenditure this past year related to clearing out of the gutters, including the transept valleys and the replacement of some slipped tiles at a cost of £5,358. This cost included the erection of scaffolding to work safely at a high level, which always leads to an increased cost. This work was specifically recommended in the quinquennial report received in September 2021.

Other works recommended to be undertaken in the short term were the overhaul of the lychgate and a clean down and re-oiling of the north side church doors. There is also outstanding work that had been flagged up by our Tree Survey and the Health and Safety walk around conducted by Janet, Simon, and Richard. This will be completed as soon as possible.

Following an accident upon leaving the site by the BBC, the front main gate pillar was reset and the gates repaired, shotblasted and repainted and now close correctly and look well. This work was fully paid for by the BBC production company.

Lights within the walls of the north and south transept steps will be rigged up in March 2022 to assess their suitability and, provided they are, a faculty will be applied for prior to installation.

A number of bulbs have blown in the nave and chancel and replacements are on order.

The hall roof continues to leak when the wind and rain are in the wrong direction and a number of the internal roof panels have come down. The rooflights are a particular problem and leak from time to time.

We are looking into the possibility of re-stretching the carpet near the nave altar to prevent a possible trip hazard and also arranging quotes for the entire replacement thereof.

At 39 Dalebrook Road, emergency repairs have been carried out on the boiler, which is nearing the end of its service life and a replacement would be in the order of £2,000 to £2,500. In addition, a full replacement of the double glazed windows and doors will need to be undertaken in the not too distant future as many of the sealed units have blown, with a cost estimate of perhaps £8,000 to £10,000.

FINANCE

After 2020 it was hoped that 2021 would be much better. In some ways it was better, as gradually restrictions were eased and various activities were able to resume. We continued to be supported by those members of our church family who pay by standing order and as the congregation increased, giving at services also increased. Donations and the associated Gift Aid in support of Sue's "Ben Nevis" appeal raised £1131 for the Hall Refurbishment Fund. The result was that Voluntary Giving this year was higher than 2020 and we are very grateful to everyone who supports us. Thank you all so much.

Our normal community outreach events and church groups gradually restarted so that by the autumn most groups were back, including our Thursday morning café which replaced the Good as New. With insufficient time to organise our usual Winter Fair, we agreed to a request by Baguley Athletic FC to run a Christmas Fair on our premises in December. The event was well attended and we were able to run a few stalls which raised over £1000.

Fees for life events partly recovered this year and premises rental was boosted by some groups hiring the hall because their usual venue had not re-opened. The hall was also hired by a film company for several weeks.

We were very grateful to receive a legacy from the late Dorothy Guy and this has been added to the designated General Legacy Fund to be used for specific items or projects.

The PCC was eligible for government support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the receipt of £2314 under this scheme enabled us to retain the staff members on the payroll.

In 2019, the PCC agreed to partner with other local churches to support Christians against Poverty with the setting up of a local operation and we committed to paying £1500 per year for 3 years. The third donation of £1500 was made in the year.

The £348 brought forward from our Toy Appeal last year was used at Christmas to fund the purchase of toys for some local families who were struggling to afford any presents for their children.

Church Fabric expenses includes the cost of repairing some slates on the church roof and clearing the gutters.

Following the resurfacing of the hall floor in 2019, the PCC agreed that this would subsequently be carried out every three years and a provision of £1000 has been included in these accounts, being two thirds of the expected cost. Since this cannot be completed until after the hall roof repairs, it may now be carried out in 2023.

During the year, the PCC agreed to allocate amounts to certain designated funds, as they looked to finance anticipated expenditure deemed necessary for the future growth of the church. These amounts have been set out in Note 19 of the accounts.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Electoral Roll

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	196	215	211	207	199	208	120	130	133	TBC

PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2021

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service.

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 St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday

worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith

- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

Membership 2021

Vicar: Richard Sherratt

Curate: Lee Wood (*from July*)

Churchwarden: Phil Dykes (Vice Chair)

Churchwarden: Janet Hunter

Deanery Synod representative: Wilfred Darlington

Elected members (until 2022):

Philomena Harrison, Ofodile Obidike, and David Newton

Elected members (until 2023):

Debbie Gilpin

Elected members (until 2024):

Adele Lane (Treasurer), Phil Makins, Angela Mather (Assistant Warden), Nwabugo Ubochi, Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary), Caroline Windle (Assistant Warden),.

Co-opted members

Nicola Ashton

James Merryweather

Other PCC committees/groups

The PCC at St John's has a Standing Committee. Membership of this committee along with its duties and is defined by law in the Church Representation Rules, abbreviated to CRR (**CRR M31(6)**). In addition to this committee there are four other committees appointed by the PCC under **CRR M32**. Upon joining the PCC each member shall join at least one of these committees, ideally the one which best reflects their gifts, interests, skills, and talents:

- (1) Operations Committee
- (2) Finance Committee
- (3) Governance Committee
- (4) Safeguarding Group

Operations Committee

Philip Dykes*
Philip Makins
Ofodile Obidike
Nwabugo Ubochi,
Susan Wildman

Finance Committee

Philip Dykes*
Janet Hunter*
Adele Lane (Treasurer)
James Merryweather

Governance Committee

Nicola Ashton
Philomena Harrison
Angela Mather
Caroline Windle

Safeguarding Group

Nicola Ashton
Angela Mather (Lead for Vulnerable Adults)
Simon Mather (PSO)
Caroline Windle (Lead for Children)

Administrative Information

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Stretford and Manchester South in the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE
DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

(Registered charity number 1132141)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members 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 Parochial Church'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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did 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.

E Armstrong FCCA

19th April 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 TOTAL Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Giving	1	1181	48834	50015	47227
Church groups and events	2	-	1243	1243	1612
General Income	3	-	38750	38750	18251
Other Income	4	2510	8176	10686	8193
		3691	97003	100694	75283
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish Share	5	-	25000	25000	38000
Clergy Expenses	6	-	3608	3608	3629
Worship	7	1399	3256	4655	4032
Charitable and other donations	8	-	1508	1508	2286
Church groups and events	9	-	829	829	200
Church Fabric	10	50	16839	16889	13385
Premises Fabric	11	-	5159	5159	6251
Property Fabric	12	-	1822	1822	1673
Other Parochial Expenses	13	1105	5948	7053	5311
		2554	63969	66523	74767
Net Income					
before Investment Gains or losses		1137	33034	34171	516
Gains/(Losses) on Investments					
Flower Fund	14	-	236	236	(371)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1137	33270	34407	145
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		11096	353940	365036	364891
TOTALS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12233	387210	399443	365036

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Property – Curate’s House			
39 Dalebrook Road		200000	200000
Investments			
Flower Fund	14	2007	1771
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		202007	201771
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	15	3877	3756
Deposit Accounts at CBF	16	140384	140311
Deposit Accounts at Bank		518	518
Current Accounts at Bank		55696	35886
Cash in Hand		170	227
		200645	180698
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	17	2209	16933
NET CURRENT ASSETS		198436	163765
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		400443	365536
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year			
Provisions for liabilities	17	1000	500
TOTAL NET ASSETS		399443	365036
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		387210	353940
Restricted	18	12233	11096
BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		399443	365036

Approved by the PCC on 27 April 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts. The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate's house is included in the accounts at its carrying value as at 1 January 2015.

No depreciation is provided on the curate's house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

Note	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 TOTAL Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £
1 <u>Voluntary Giving.</u>				
Planned Giving	-	37034	37034	35197
Income Tax recovered	191	9305	9496	8768
Giving at services	-	1526	1526	1917
Donations to the Ben Nevis Appeal	940	-	940	-
Other donations	50	969	1019	1345
	1181	48834	50015	47227
2 <u>Church groups and events</u>				
Winter Fair	-	1025	1025	-
Bumps and Babies	-	187	187	-
Crafty Chat sales	-	31	31	-
Burns Night Quiz	-	-	-	430
Good as New	-	-	-	1182
	-	1243	1243	1612
3 <u>General Income</u>				
Life Events	-	2261	2261	1000
Parish Magazines	-	-	-	1114
Premises rent: Hall	-	21762	21762	2122
Hut	-	4607	4607	3275
Property rent	-	10120	10120	10740
	-	38750	38750	18251
4 <u>Other Income</u>				
Bequest: Dorothy Guy	-	8000	8000	-
Interest on Deposits	6	67	73	593
Flower Fund dividend	95	-	95	86
Donations for flowers	95	-	95	-
Grants received in respect of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	2314	-	2314	4228
Grant from Deanery Contingency Fund towards 2020 Parish Share	-	-	-	2500
Donations to the Toy Appeal	-	-	-	786
Sundry income	-	109	109	-
	2510	8176	10686	8193

Note		2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 TOTAL Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £
5	<u>Parish Share</u>				
	Paid during the year	-	25000	25000	20214
	Deanery grant towards Parish Share	-	-	-	2500
	Paid after the year end (included in creditors)	-	-	-	
				15286	
		-	25000	25000	38000
	Parish share requested for the year			52400	47500
	% paid			47.7%	80.0%
6	<u>Clergy Expenses</u>				
	Expenses of office: Vicar	-	107	107	316
	Curate	-	67	67	-
	Council Tax, water charges etc.	-	3434	3434	3313
		-	3608	3608	3629
7	<u>Worship</u>				
	Altar and choir requisites etc.	190	1341	1531	749
	Staff (Organists, choir, verger)	1209	1719	2928	2965
	Welcome Ministry	-	-	-	75
	Children's Ministry	-	196	196	243
		1399	3256	4655	4032
8	<u>Donations</u>				
	Mission partners:				
	Christians Against Poverty	-	1500	1500	1500
	Toy Appeal:				
	Toys purchased	348	8	356	427
	Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	11
	Balance carried forward to 2021	-	-	-	348
	Balance brought forward from 2020	(348)	-	(348)	-
		-	1508	1508	2286
9	<u>Church groups and events</u>				
	Winter Fair	-	150	150	-
	Bumps & Babies	-	55	55	-
	Pumpkin Party	-	516	516	-
	Other Community Engagement Events	-	108	108	200
		-	829	829	200

Note	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 TOTAL Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £
10 Church Fabric				
Gas and Electricity	-	2055	2055	2363
Cleaning, insurance etc.	-	4607	4607	6080
Maintenance and repair	-	887	887	1872
Organ maintenance and repairs	50	404	454	50
Roof repairs	-	5386	5386	-
Maintenance of grounds	-	3500	3500	3020
	50	16839	16889	13385
11 Premises Fabric				
<u>Hall</u>				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	2434	2434	1997
Maintenance and repair	-	580	580	567
	-	3014	3014	2564
<u>Hut</u>				
Electricity, water, cleaning etc.	-	2138	2138	1954
Maintenance and repair	-	7	7	1733
	-	2145	2145	3687
Hall & Hut total	-	5159	5159	6251
12 Property (Dalebrook Road)				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	1178	1178	384
Management commission and fees	-	644	644	1289
	-	1822	1822	1673
13 Other Parochial Expenses				
Parish Magazine	-	-	-	1327
Stewardship expenses	-	140	140	140
Parish administration	1105	2213	3318	3316
Parish communications	-	1913	1913	319
Hospitality	-	187	187	8
Children's outreach and equipment	-	156	156	26
Evangelism	-	15	15	101
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	45	45	61
New logo and banner.	-	786	786	-
Sundry expenses	-	493	493	13
	1105	5948	7053	5311

Note		2021 £	2020 £
14	<u>Flower Fund</u>		
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities		
	129 Charifund Units		
	Market value at 1 January 2021	1771	2142
	Net gain/(loss) in value	236	(371)
	Market value at 31 December 2021	2007	1771

The Flower Fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.

15	<u>Debtors</u>		
	Tax recoverable	2565	2275
	Hall & hut rents due	1312	1208
	Accrued income	-	273
		3877	3756
16	<u>Deposit Accounts at CBF</u>		
	Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2021	108217	107760
	Interest	56	457
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2021	<u>108273</u>	<u>108217</u>
	Organ Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2021	901	897
	Interest	1	4
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2021	<u>902</u>	<u>901</u>
	New Roof Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2021	11096	11049
	Interest	6	47
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2021	<u>11102</u>	<u>11096</u>
	New Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2021	4942	4921
	Interest	2	21
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2021	<u>4944</u>	<u>4942</u>
	General Legacy Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2021	15155	15091
	Interest	8	64
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2021	<u>15163</u>	<u>15155</u>
	Total deposits at 31 December 2021	<u>140384</u>	<u>140311</u>

Note	2021 £	2020 £
17 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Parish share	-	15286
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1674	671
Toy Appeal balance carried forward	-	348
Income received in advance	535	628
	2209	16933
Amounts falling due after one year		
Provision for hall floor resurfacing	1000	500
18 Movement in Restricted Funds		
New Roof Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2021	11096	11049
Incoming resources (Interest on deposits)	6	47
Balance at 31 December 2021	11102	11096
The fund is invested in the New Roof Fund Deposit at CBF. The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.		
Hall Refurbishment Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2021	-	-
Incoming resources	1131	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	1131	-
The Hall Refurbishment fund relates to donations and associated gift aid in respect of the Ben Nevis fundraiser.		
Total Restricted Funds at 31 December 2021	12233	11096

All other restricted income received in the year was expended in the year.

Note		2021 £	2020 £
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19 Designated Funds

During the year the following amounts were allocated to designated funds:

Fund	Purpose		
General Legacy	To fund equipment/special expenditure	8000	-
Children & Families leader	Build up enough to enable recruitment	20000	-
Hall redevelopment	Funding for future plans	2500	-
Hut replacement	Funding for future plans	250	-
Church refurbishment	Funding for future plans	1000	-
Gardens	Funding for future plans	250	-
Contingency	Reserves	1000	-
		33000	-

Funds brought forward

There were three designated funds at the start of the year. These are invested in deposit accounts at CBF and the only movement in the year is interest.

Fabric Fund	108273	108217
New Fabric Fund	4944	4942
Organ Fund	902	901
	114119	114060

The Fabric Fund and the New Fabric Fund are intended to be used to maintain the fabric of the church buildings.

The Organ Fund is for the repair or maintenance of the organ.

The General Legacy Fund is a fund into which any legacy received by the church is transferred.

Balance at 1 January 2021	15155	15091
Legacy transferred in year	8000	-
Interest	8	64
	23163	15155
Balance at 31 December 2021		

The fund is used for equipment or special projects.

Note	2021 £	2020 £
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20 Staff salaries

Staff salaries	<u>5414</u>	<u>8169</u>
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The only trustee to receive any remuneration in the year was Mrs Withenshaw who was paid £998 (2020 - £2599) for administrative duties. No other members of the PCC, or their spouses, received any payments in remuneration from PCC funds.

The average weekly number of staff employed during the year was 2.

The PCC was eligible for Government support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and a total of £2314 (2020 - £4228) was claimed in the year.

This support has covered staff salaries as follows:

Worship	1209	1689
Church fabric	-	703
Hall Fabric	-	237
Hut Fabric	-	237
Administration	1105	1362
	<u>2314</u>	<u>4228</u>

and these amounts have therefore been shown as restricted funds.

Accounts



St John's
Brooklands

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Annual Report 2020

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St John's, Brooklands

We believe that God is calling us to be the missional heart of our community as we invite everyone in Brooklands to hear God's invitation of a new relationship, belong to God's family, believe the good news about what Jesus has done for us, and experience the radical hospitality Jesus extends to everyone: an invitation to sit and eat in God's kingdom.

Our Vision

Extending God's welcome to everyone

Our Mission

Welcoming you into God's family as we grow in Christ together

Our Values

We are a **welcoming** church...

Worship: growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

Evangelism: making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Liturgical: living lives shaped by God's story

Community: belonging to our church family

Outward-looking: going out beyond our four walls

Missional: serving God's purposes for the world

Invitational: inviting everyone to know Jesus for themselves

Nurturing: equipping everyone for ministry

Generous: excelling in the grace of giving

Our Strategy

welcome to the family → grow in faith → share life together → serve on a team

Extending God's welcome to everyone is our 'beyond the horizon' vision which sets the general direction of our parish and has been subdivided into four main priority areas to be worked on over the next three to five years:

- ❖ **Integrating newcomers:** This is all about welcoming new people into our church family and helping them to explore faith and grow in their relationship with God.
- ❖ **Identifying leaders:** This is about recruiting new church leaders and training existing ones to oversee the various aspects of our parish life. Some of our church leaders will be serving voluntarily and others will be part of a staff team, but both will be doing what God has called them to do.
- ❖ **Increasing worship opportunities:** This is about providing a variety of opportunities to gather together at various times throughout the week to worship God and to deepen our faith.
- ❖ **Investing in our facilities:** We have been blessed with a beautiful church building as well as a hall and hut. As we seek to resource our mission these will need to be maintained and developed appropriately.

2020 REPORTS AND MAIN AIMS FOR 2021

VICAR'S REPORT

As we look back to 2020, I have once again been overwhelmed by the sense of what could have been. Much of the ministry that we have worked so hard to get up and running came over the past years to an abrupt halt. The normal that we knew has gone, and although there is still no clear roadmap, we must now begin to look to our new future.

Back in September I found encouragement in Isaiah 11, where we have the image of a tree stump and yet, a green shoot emerges giving hope for the future. I remain convinced that there are plenty of green shoots at St John's, God is not done with us yet.

Some green shoots that come to mind include:



The **Pastoral Care Team** headed up by Isabel Bryce which came into its own as we sought to keep in touch with members of our church family and provide resources for spiritual growth to those who are not online.



Running **Alpha Online** made it more accessible for people who might find it difficult to attend physical meetings due to their circumstances.



Running **The Prayer Course** online also worked really well and was a great opportunity to get to know new faces and grow in faith.

Over the forthcoming months it will be important that we make time to learn the lessons of 2020. During 2021 we hope that parish life shall begin to return to some form of normal, nonetheless we would do well to recognise that “what will be” is not going to be “what has been”. Moreover, instead of rushing headlong into repeating what we did, we'll need to take stock and prayerfully discern the next stage of our journey together. In the Autumn 2021 and the Spring 2022 we'll provide space to discern together the future of ministry here, aided in part by the latest census data which will help us to gain a better understanding our parish.

I hope that as you read this report, it will give you some idea of how we have continued to minister throughout these unprecedented times and see God's kingdom grow.

Richard

Our Parish Strategy and Values

Welcome to our family

Evangelism

Making disciples as we introduce people to Jesus

Invitational

Inviting everyone to come and know Jesus for themselves

Grow in faith

Worship

Growing as disciples formed by God's word and Spirit

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Living lives shaped by God's story

Generous

Excelling in the grace of giving

Share life together

Community

Belonging to our church family

Serve in God's mission

Outward-looking

Going out beyond our four walls

Missional

Serving God's purposes for the world

Nurturing

Equipping everyone for ministry

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The eucharist begins as we gather and are *welcomed* into God's presence. This is why welcome is the value at the heart of our church family. Our God is a welcoming God and so we are his welcoming people!

***Welcome one
another...just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the
glory of God.***

~ Romans 15:7 ~

In the same way that we have been welcomed into God's family so we seek to welcome others and in this way, we follow the example set by Jesus.

At the heart of God's welcome is an invitation to know him personally. The invitational nature of God is patterned in our own lives as we invite people we know to come along to invitational events that we run as a parish, as well inviting them to take the next step of their faith journey. During 2020 most of our activities were put on hold, however we were able to run Alpha Online in the Autumn and our Away Day had some members of the Breakfast Alpha which had begun in the Spring but had stopped due to the pandemic.

GROW IN FAITH

Once we have been welcomed into God's presence the Eucharist invites us to *grow* in our relationship with God as we hear his word read and preached and respond to God in confessing our faith in him and praying for the world.

Growing in our faith is normal, though it doesn't just happen by default: it takes time and discipline. We have to be intentional about it. As disciples we should be expecting that we grow in our faith. Jesus calls his followers to be disciples and a disciple literally means "one who is learning". This is why we provide a variety of opportunities for church members to grow in their faith, including courses such as The Prayer Course which we ran online during lockdown.

***I am the vine; you are
the branches. Those
who remain in me,
and I in them, will
produce much fruit.***

~ Romans 12:13 ~

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Having been welcomed into God's presence and grown in our faith through listening to God and responding to him, we **share** our family meal: the Eucharist. Here we express most visibly that we belong to each other as we share bread and wine together: "there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). This togetherness ripples out into our daily life as we share our life with each other.

***You are members
of God's family***

~ Ephesians 2:19 ~

Outside of Sundays, Connect Groups are at the heart of our vision for sharing life together. These are groups of around six to twelve people who meet regularly (usually once or twice a month) to build lasting friendships and grow in faith together. At the beginning of the year we began our Wednesday morning Connect Group made up of those who had completed the Midweek Alpha in 2019, however this was put on hold when lockdown began.

SERVE ON A TEAM

At the Eucharist concludes we are sent out into the world, commissioned by God to love and **serve**. Every member of our church family is a minister who has been called to serve God and my role as vicar is to equip all church members for the work of ministry so that we are all built up and encouraged to live for Christ in our daily lives.

***Now you are the
body of Christ, and
each of you is a
part of it.***

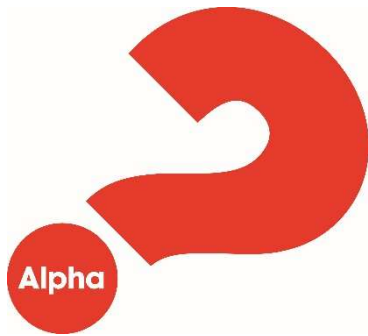
~ 1 Corinthians 12:27 ~

I am incredibly thankful that there are so many expressions of service here at St John's. This year I have been encouraged by how many people have got involved to help staff our Sunday service at 9.30am.

God not only calls us to serve our church family, God also calls us and equips us to serve our local community. We have continued to partner with several churches in Sale to run a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre, offering debt counselling to those in need.

MINISTRY REPORTS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



Alpha

This year we ran two Alpha courses. During the Spring we ran Breakfast Alpha, however this had to be suspended due to the Covid pandemic. Later in the year we moved online, running Alpha Online during the Autumn.



Messy Church

Messy Church ran monthly during the first quarter of the year, before lockdown began. We were joined by various families which enjoyed the activities and crafts, as well as the food! In January we were joined by 11 people, in February we welcomed 22 people, and then in March we saw 16 people gather.

GROW IN FAITH



Prayer Course

During lockdown we ran *The Prayer Course* online using Zoom and there were 7 of us. Feedback was very positive and most of us read *How to Pray* by Pete Greig as well.



Youth Prayer Course

We began running *Origins* at the beginning of the year, however this stopped when lockdown began. We hope to launch a Youth Connect Group during 2021 when restrictions allow.

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Connect Groups

Following the Midweek Alpha Course in the Autumn of 2019 we continued to meet during the first months of 2020 on a monthly basis at the vicarage.

Pastoral Care

This has been a year like no other, when we have had to face new challenges and cope with unforeseen circumstances. We could never have imagined the day when our church was closed, when we had to come to terms with a lockdown, with times of isolation, with separation from our close family and friends, and with so much sadness.

Our first concern was to ensure that we kept in touch with everyone in our church family. Thanks to volunteers, who willingly responded to our invitation to join our Pastoral Care Group, we have been able to achieve our aim. Over the year, phone calls have been greatly appreciated, especially by those who live alone, who miss their loved ones and those feeling anxious and afraid. Particular needs have been identified, and appropriate support offered, and we have encouraged people to phone each other, to create their own little support group. Understandably, people have missed coming to worship on Sundays, to the Thursday coffee mornings and to Crafty Chat meetings. Chris Padbury has kept in touch with many, including Crafty Chat members. As well as cheering people up who are feeling down, she has provided craft materials and patterns too for homework!

During the year, practically all communication from church has been made online. A large proportion of our church family are over 70 and/or vulnerable, and, sadly, a large number of those have no internet access at all, so they have felt very despondent and forgotten.

In an effort to provide a simple worship resource, linking those at home with St John's, we produced a booklet, "Worship for Autumn Days", containing the lectionary readings and prayers for each Sunday from the beginning of October until Advent. We called ourselves Home Church, and the idea was well received. Our next edition was "Advent to Christmas", and on Christmas week we delivered the Church of England booklet "Comfort and Joy" and a card. Before the year ended, we prepared the "Epiphany to Candlemas" booklet ready for distribution before January 1st. Recognising that we at home are all

joining in worship week by week, alone, yet together, using the same book, has been a blessing!

We have not been able to take home communions in 2020, as the result of the pandemic. Sadly, six of our church family have died this year, five of whom were home communicants. We have prepared a prayer leaflet for those unable to attend funerals of loved ones due to the current restrictions. A group of us have met together for prayer via zoom, on the day of a funeral.

We also met for evening prayer during Lent and Advent.

We are very grateful to all who agreed to be part of the Pastoral Care Team this year. We owe a special thank-you to Kay and John Vaughan. They have touched the lives of so many at St John's through their kindness and sensitivity, their love and care shown in so many different ways over many years. We shall miss them in the Pastoral Care team, and wish them every blessing in their future ministry.

On reflection, I believe that we have become closer to each other and to God, as we all worked together as a family during this difficult time. In the midst of it all, we have shared many happy days too.

SERVE IN GOD'S MISSION

Christmas Toy Appeal



This year we worked in partnership with Sandilands Primary School to distribute the toys to vulnerable families in our parish.

We raised a total of **£774.95** which was simply amazing!

The school could not believe how many toys we were able to provide, and their families were hugely appreciative of your help and support.

A special thanks goes to Ruth Shaw who organised it and did such a fantastic job!



WITHINGTON DEANERY REPORT

Withington Deanery Synod met on the 9th March at St. Paul's (just prior to lockdown), and via Zoom on the 21st May for an Ascension Day service when we welcomed back our former Area Dean Ian McVeety, 9th July, 3rd November and with our final meeting of the Withington Deanery Synod planned for the 23rd March.

We continued to celebrate becoming the first Inclusive Deanery in the Church of England.

On the 9th March (our last face to face Deanery Synod) we met at St. Paul's Withington and our main agenda item was "What does evangelism mean for Withington Deanery". This was led by Richard from St. John's, Brooklands.

Our Ascension Day Eucharist on the 21st May was a joint effort, co-ordinated by St. James and Emmanuel, and it was good to welcome back former Area Dean Ian McVeety.

On the 8th July (host parish St. Nic's) our main agenda item was an update on the Super Deaneries. Bishop Mark and Bishop David sent greetings to every parish to thank everyone for what we had been doing over the previous three and a half months (since lockdown began).

On the 3rd November (host parish St. Luke's) our congratulations went to Abby Ogier, who had been appointed Lay Member to General Synod for Manchester, and who now becomes *ex-officio* to our Deanery. Our main item was the 'Mission Communities' each parish will be part of as part of the new Super Deanery arrangements.

Our final meeting of the Withington Deanery Synod (host parish St. Wilfrid's) is planned for 23rd March.

Our Ascension Day Eucharist will be at St. Michael's on the 13th May, when our preacher will be our former Area Dean Stephen Edwards.

PARISH OPERATIONS REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION

All administration tasks continued to be undertaken away from the 'church office'. In a very different and difficult year the main administration task was printing. This primarily involved the printing of:

- Service sheets for Sunday worship, as required
- Worship resources for the 'Home Church' group

We have also subscribed to ChurchSuite to help with the administration of the parish, especially booking tickets for our Sunday services as well as managing serving rotas and room bookings.

BUILDINGS

Work on the fabric of the church and the grounds has been restricted during the past 12 months, however certain items have been attended to.

The main north entrance door has been re-railed and this should greatly assist its operation.

Problems with the church roof have again arisen including water seepage above the piano area in north transept, which is being investigated. A number of tiles have also slipped and will require re-fixing or replacement.

Leaks continue from time to time in the church hall at the junction of the two split level roofs. These have been investigated and repairs are being costed.

A Quinquennial Inspection will be due next year.

In the church grounds, seven cypress trees have been removed on the northern boundary fence and further work on trees will be actioned this year in accordance with the comprehensive tree survey report obtained last year.

FINANCE

2020 was a difficult year for most people and businesses and St John's was no exception. As all our normal activities came to a halt in March, the revised budget for the year painted a bleak picture. However, we were very lucky that the majority of our church family who pay by standing order were able to continue to support us. As the year went on, some of the people who previously supported us with cash in the collection plate were able to switch to standing order or cheque payments and this has resulted in planned giving only reducing by £7000. We are very grateful to everyone who supports us. Thank you all so much.

It was such a shame that our normal community outreach events were unable to take place after March and this obviously further reduced our income for the year as some of our bigger events produce useful financial support as well as contributing to the social life of the church.

Fees for life events were similarly affected as couples faced the heart-breaking decision to postpone their weddings and funerals could not be held in church during the lockdowns. We were able to resume rental of the hall and hut in a limited way for some months of the year, but this did require additional cleaning.

The PCC was eligible for government support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the receipt of £4228 under this scheme enabled us to retain the staff members on the payroll.

We also benefitted from a grant from the Deanery Contingency Fund which paid £2500 towards our Parish Share.

As our usual Toy Service was unable to go ahead in December, it was decided to hold an appeal instead with the money raised being used to purchase toys for some local families who were struggling to afford any presents for their children. The appeal was a great success and the families were very appreciative. As not all the money was spent this year, £348 has been carried forward to fund the purchase of toys next Christmas.

Parish Share figures for 2019, 2020 & 2021 were agreed with the Diocese at a meeting in 2019 and last year we paid the amount agreed. The challenges of this year have, however, resulted in us being unable to pay the full amount this year as shown in Note 5.

In 2019, the PCC agreed to partner with other local churches to support Christians against Poverty with the setting up of a local operation and we committed to paying £1500 per year for 3 years. The second donation of £1500 was made in the year.

Church Fabric expenses include the cost of repairing the gate to the church door and the Hut Fabric includes the cost of replacing the heaters in the hut.

Following the resurfacing of the hall floor in 2019, the PCC agreed that this would subsequently be carried out every three years and a provision of £500 has been included in these accounts, being one third of the expected cost.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Electoral Roll

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	196	215	211	207	199	208	120	130	133

PCC LEADERSHIP AND MAKE UP 2020

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Aim and purposes

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a shared responsibility in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

At the heart of our church life is the worship of God, everything else comes from that worship. We seek to reach upwards to God in worship and adoration, inward to one another in fellowship and outwards to the community and the world in witness and service.

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 St John's.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular the PCC is committed to promoting the work of the church in the following areas:

- **Worship, prayer and spirituality:** the maintenance and provision of regular Sunday and weekday

worship, celebration of festivals, preparation for baptism, weddings and funerals and the nurture and teaching of faith

- **Social and Community Outreach:** opening the church building to the people of the parish for social and community events, social and fundraising events, the support and involvement in community activities
- **Pastoral:** visiting the sick and the housebound, support for those in need, prayer with and for those in need
- **Mission and Evangelism:** financial, prayerful and active support of world and national mission agencies, concern and involvement in local needs
- **The wider church:** the deanery, diocese and wider Church of England, ecumenical relationships

Membership 2020

Vicar: Richard Sherratt
Churchwarden: Phil Dykes (Vice Chair)
Churchwarden: Caroline Windle
Reader representative: David Newton
Deanery Synod representative: Sue Withenshaw

Elected members (until 2021):

Isabel Bryce, Janet Hunter (Assistant Warden), Adele Lane (Treasurer), Mike Lawrence (Electoral Roll Officer), Anthony Marlow, Angela Mather (Assistant Warden), Rosalind Morris, Sue Withenshaw, and Susan Wildman (PCC Secretary).

Elected members (until 2022):

Philomena Harrison and Ofodile Obidike

Elected members (until 2023):

Debbie Gilpin.

Other PCC committees/groups

In addition to the Operations Committee there are two other subgroups:

- (1) Children and Families Ministry Team
- (2) Parish Communications Team

The core responsibilities of the *Children and Families Ministry Team* are to: (1) pray for our children and families; (2) develop a strategic plan for children and families work that is consistent with our parish mission, vision, values, and strategy; (3) oversight of the Baptism Ministry Team; (4) plan the curriculum for Little Fishes and Energise; (5) plan the core pattern of events to engage with children and families; (6) look for new opportunities to reach out to children and families who do not currently come to church; (7) actively recruit and nurture/train volunteers; and, (8) Provide regular progress report to the PCC and APCM.

The core responsibilities of the *Parish Communications Team* are to (1) develop a strategic plan for parish communications that is consistent with our parish mission, vision, values, and strategy; (2) implement the parish communication plan; (3) review the parish communication plan on an

annual basis; (4) improve the internal communications of the parish; (5) improve the external communications of the parish; and, (6) provide regular progress report to the PCC and APCM.

Administrative Information

St John's is situated in Brooklands, Sale. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England and is in the Deanery of Withington and the Archdeaconry of Manchester.

The correspondence address is

The Vicarage,
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Sale,
M33 3PB.

Registered charity number: 1132141

The address of the Parish website is www.stjohnsbrooklands.org.uk

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE
DIVINE, BROOKLANDS**

(Registered charity number 1132141)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members of PCC St John the Divine, Brooklands on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members 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 Parochial Church'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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with those records; or
- The accounts did 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.

E Armstrong FCCA

1 May 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving & Church Collections	1	50	47177	47227	54610
Special Events & Occasions	2	-	1612	1612	10497
General Income	3	-	18251	18251	28946
Other Income	4	7647	546	8193	16814
		<u>7697</u>	<u>67586</u>	<u>75283</u>	<u>110867</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish Share	5	2500	35500	38000	43000
Clergy Expenses	6	-	3629	3629	3826
Worship	7	1775	2257	4032	9323
Charitable and other donations	8	786	1500	2286	1872
Special Events and Occasions	9	-	200	200	1373
Church Fabric	10	753	12632	13385	17550
Hall Fabric	11	237	2327	2564	6030
Hut Fabric	12	237	3450	3687	2710
Property Fabric	13	-	1673	1673	2447
Other Parochial Expenses	14	1362	3949	5311	11838
		<u>7650</u>	<u>67117</u>	<u>74767</u>	<u>99969</u>
Net Income before Investment Gains or losses		47	469	516	10898
(Losses)/Gains on Investments					
Flower Fund	15	-	(371)	(371)	305
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		47	98	145	11203
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		11049	353842	364891	353688
TOTALS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11096	353940	365036	364891

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Property – Curate’s House			
39 Dalebrook Road		200000	200000
Investments			
Flower Fund	15	1771	2142
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		201771	202142
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	3756	4901
Deposit Accounts at CBF	17	140311	139718
Deposit Accounts at Bank		518	518
Current Accounts at Bank		35886	24331
Cash in Hand		227	170
		180698	169638
LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	18	16933	6889
NET CURRENT ASSETS		163765	162749
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		365536	364891
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year			
Provisions for liabilities	18	500	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		365036	364891
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted		353940	353842
Restricted	19	11096	11049
BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		365036	353688

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, BROOKLANDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving, collections and all other donations are accounted for when received. Gift Aid tax claims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate.

Funds raised by the Summer Fair, Winter Fair and similar events and activities are accounted for gross, as are sales of magazines and books.

Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Provisions are shown at best estimate of the amount required.

Assets

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of “charity” by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 and such assets are excluded from the accounts.

The Hall and Hut are similarly excluded from the accounts, being regarded equally as inalienable property of the Church.

No value is placed on church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on behalf of the PCC and which require a Faculty for disposal. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off during the year.

All other equipment belonging to the PCC is written off at the time of purchase.

The curate’s house is included in the accounts at its carrying value as at 1 January 2015.

No depreciation is provided on the curate’s house, as the currently estimated residual value is not less than its carrying value and the remaining useful life of this property is such that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

Reserves Policy

The PCC recognise that it is good stewardship to ensure that any reserves are used to gain maximum benefit for the parish as a whole in its pursuit of the whole mission of their church.

It has therefore reviewed its policy on the minimum level of unrestricted reserves that should be maintained.

It is the policy of this church to hold in reserves the equivalent of three months general running costs. It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely building works arising from the quinquennial inspection including repairs to the roof.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £
1 <u>Church Collections etc.</u>				
Planned Giving	-	35197	35197	37802
Income Tax recovered	-	8768	8768	10417
Collections at services	-	1917	1917	5502
Other donations	50	1295	1345	889
	50	47177	47227	54610
2 <u>Special events and Occasions</u>				
Summer Fair	-	-	-	2273
Winter Fair	-	-	-	3106
Burns Night Quiz	-	430	430	-
Good as New	-	1182	118	5118
	-	1612	1612	10497
3 <u>General Income</u>				
Life Events	-	1000	1000	3134
Parish Magazines	-	1114	1114	1290
Rents for Hall	-	2122	2122	7894
Rents for Hut	-	3275	3275	5888
Property rent	-	10740	10740	10740
	-	18251	18251	28946
4 <u>Other Income</u>				
Bequests: Rex Collins	-	-	-	10000
Mrs E McCormick	-	-	-	5000
Interest on Deposits	47	546	593	1031
Flower Fund dividend	86	-	86	107
Grants received in respect of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	4228	-	4228	-
Grant from Deanery Contingency Fund towards 2020 Parish Share	2500	-	2500	-
Donations to the Toy Appeal	786	-	786	-
Charity Collections:				
CAP (Pancake Party donations)	-	-	-	91
Children's Society (Christingle)	-	-	-	281
Sundry income	-	-	-	304
	7647	546	8193	16814

Note	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £
5 <u>Parish Share</u>				
Paid during the year	-	20214	20214	38714
Deanery grant towards Parish Share	2500	-	2500	-
Paid after the year end (included in creditors)	-	15286	15286	4286
	2500	35500	38000	43000
Parish share requested for the year			47500	43000
% paid			80.0%	100.0%
6 <u>Clergy Expenses</u>				
Expenses of office	-	316	316	302
Council Tax, water charges etc.	-	3313	3313	3524
	-	3629	3629	3826
7 <u>Worship</u>				
Altar and choir requisites etc.	86	663	749	3412
Staff (Organists, choir, verger)	1689	1276	2965	4084
Welcome Ministry	-	75	75	767
Children's Ministry	-	243	243	1060
	1775	2257	4032	9323
8 <u>Donations</u>				
Mission partners:				
Christians Against Poverty	-	1500	1500	1500
Toy Appeal:				
Toys purchased	427	-	427	-
Fundraising expenses	11	-	11	-
Balance carried forward to 2021	348	-	348	-
Payment of amounts collected:				
CAP (Pancake Party)	-	-	-	91
Children's Society (Christingle)	-	-	-	281
	786	1500	2286	1872
9 <u>Special Events and Occasions</u>				
Summer Fair	-	-	-	545
Winter Fair	-	-	-	142
Pumpkin Party	-	-	-	466
Other Community Engagement Events	-	200	200	220
	-	200	200	1373

Note	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 TOTAL Funds £	2019 TOTAL Funds £
10 <u>Church Fabric</u>				
Gas and Electricity	-	2363	2363	5541
Cleaning, insurance etc.	703	5377	6080	6157
Maintenance and repair	-	1872	1872	910
Organ maintenance and repairs	50	-	50	1017
Roof repairs	-	-	-	600
Maintenance of grounds	-	3020	3020	3325
	753	12632	13385	17550
11 <u>Hall</u>				
Gas, electricity, water, cleaning etc.	237	1760	1997	3522
Maintenance and repair	-	567	567	2508
	237	2327	2564	6030
12 <u>Hut</u>				
Electricity, water, cleaning etc.	237	1717	1954	2676
Maintenance and repair	-	1733	1733	34
	237	3450	3687	2710
13 <u>Property (Dalebrook Road)</u>				
Maintenance, repairs, insurance etc.	-	384	384	1158
Management commission and fees	-	1289	1289	1289
	-	1673	1673	2447
14 <u>Other Parochial Expenses</u>				
Parish Magazine	-	1327	1327	1868
Stewardship expenses	-	140	140	205
Parish administration	1362	1954	3316	3491
Parish communications	-	319	319	1941
Hospitality	-	8	8	310
Children's outreach and equipment	-	26	26	235
Evangelism	-	101	101	178
Training, nurture, pastoral expenses	-	61	61	55
New tables, vacuum cleaner etc.	-	-	-	2952
Sundry expenses	-	13	13	603
	1362	3949	5311	11838

Note		2020 £	2019 £
15	<u>Flower Fund</u>		
	M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities		
	129 Charifund Units		
	Market value at 1 January 2020	2142	1837
	Net (loss)/gain in value	(371)	305
	Market value at 31 December 2020	1771	2142
	The Flower Fund was established to provide regular funds for flowers in church.		
16	<u>Debtors</u>		
	Tax recoverable	2275	2782
	Hall & hut rents due	1208	1673
	Accrued income	273	311
	Prepaid expenses	-	135
		3756	4901
17	<u>Deposit Accounts at CBF</u>		
	Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2020	107760	106955
	Interest	457	805
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2020	<u>108217</u>	<u>107760</u>
	Organ Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2020	897	891
	Interest	4	6
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2020	<u>901</u>	<u>897</u>
	New Roof Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2020	11049	10967
	Interest	47	82
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2020	<u>11096</u>	<u>11049</u>
	New Fabric Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2020	4921	6373
	Withdrawn re roof repairs	-	(1500)
	Interest	21	48
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2020	<u>4942</u>	<u>4921</u>
	General Legacy Fund		
	Balance at CBF 1 Jan 2020	15091	2001
	Legacies transferred	-	15000
	Withdrawn re new tables	-	(2000)
	Interest	64	90
	Balance at CBF 31 Dec 2020	<u>15155</u>	<u>15091</u>
	Total deposits at 31 December 2020	<u>140311</u>	<u>139718</u>

Note	2020 £	2019 £
18 Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Parish share	15286	4286
Accruals for utilities and other costs	671	2068
Toy Appeal balance carried forward	348	-
Income received in advance	628	535
	16933	6889
Amounts falling due after one year		
Provision for hall floor resurfacing	500	-
19 Movement in Restricted Fund		
New Roof Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2020	11049	10967
Incoming resources (Interest on deposits)	47	82
Balance at 31 December 2020	11096	11049

The Restricted Fund is invested in the New Roof Fund Deposit at CBF.

The purpose of the New Roof Fund is to build up a fund for the eventual renewal of the church roof and the money retained in this fund was given for this specific purpose.

During the year there were certain other amounts received for specific purposes:

Toy Appeal to provide Christmas presents for local children	786
Donations for organ maintenance from Life Events	50

Of the Toy Appeal amount, £438 was expended in the year and the balance of £348 is being carried forward to be used next Christmas.

No organ maintenance was carried out in the year so the donations for organ maintenance will be carried forward to be used next year.

In addition, £43 of the Flower Fund income of £86 was used to purchase flowers for church and the balance of £43 will be carried forward to purchase flowers next year.

20 Designated Funds

The PCC also has three Designated Funds which are intended to provide for particular purposes.

The Organ Fund is for the repair or maintenance of the organ.

The Fabric Fund and the New Fabric Fund are intended to be used to maintain the fabric of the church buildings.

Note	2020 £	2019 £
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21 Staff salaries

Staff salaries	<u>8169</u>	<u>10339</u>
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The only trustee to receive any remuneration in the year was Mrs Withenshaw who was paid £2599 (2019 - £2781) for administrative duties. No other members of the PCC, or their spouses, received any payments in remuneration from PCC funds.

The average weekly number of staff employed during the year was 3.

The PCC was eligible for Government support under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and a total of £4228 was claimed in the year.

This support has covered staff salaries as follows: £

Worship	1689
Church fabric	703
Hall Fabric	237
Hut Fabric	237
Administration	1362
	4228

and these amounts have therefore been shown as restricted funds.