

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MAXENTIUS, BRADSHAW, WITHIN THE TURTON MOORLAND MINISTRY

England & Wales · Charity number 1132522

Details

Other names	ST MAXENTIUS, BRADSHAW, WITHIN THE TURTON MOORLAND MINISTRY, ST MAXENTIUS, BRADSHAW, BOLTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	677 Tonge Moor Road Bolton BL2 3BW
Phone	01204308461
Email	clcarrbolt@talktalk.net

Activities

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

Activities: St Maxentius is the local Parish Church covering the Bradshaw area of Bolton. All monies raised are for the development and upkeep of our Church

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.
- Bolton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£73,474	£75,337	-	-
2023-12-31	£70,695	£74,997	-	-
2022-12-31	£89,491	£67,563	-	-
2021-12-31	£65,997	£58,202	-	-
2020-12-31	£71,938	£79,995	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL LORRAINE CARR		
Christine Sutcliffe		2014-04-18
DAVID HOUGHTON		
Dr Matthew Pearson		2022-05-15
JANET CHRISTINE BENNETT		
Joanne Haslam		2014-04-21
Joyce Armstrong		
Katie Whittle		2022-05-15
MR DON TAYLOR		
Mark Pearson		2023-05-15
NICOLA JANE WARING		
Samantha Dale		2022-05-15
Susan Usher		2022-05-15

Accounts

Parish of St Maxentius
Bradshaw

Annual report and financial statement.

Year ended December 31st 2024

St Maxentius Church

Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3E
Diocese of Manchester, Bolton Episcopal Area

Bolton Deanery

The parochial Church Council of the parish of St Maxentius, Bradshaw

Registered Charity Number 1132522

Year ending December 31st 2024

Presented to the Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Sunday 18th May 2025

This report is compiled by members of the Parochial Church Council.

Background and general information.

The Anglian Parish of St Maxentius is part of the Turton Moorland Ministry, together with the parishes of St Anne, Turton, St Peter Belmont and Christ Church Walmsly. The team is on the northern edge of the Manchester diocese, consisting of suburban development moorland villages and extensive rural areas. St Maxentius Church is situated on Bolton Road, Bradshaw, and serves a settled and stable community based on the village of Bradshaw on the northern outskirts of Bolton. Many of the local population have links with the church and many of the congregation have longstanding church connections,

The address for all correspondence is : St Maxentius Church, Bolton Road , Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3BW.

Administrative information.

The parochial Church Council , known as St Maxentius PCC, is a registered charity, no. 1132522. church officers who served since the last APCM are:

Team Rector: Vacant

Team Curate: Rev Hannah Lane

Ordinand in training: Jan Bennett

Team Administrator: Chris Sutcliffe.

Deputy chair: Joyce Armstrong

ALMs, Jo Haslam, Chris Sutcliffe.

Churchwardens; Joyce Armstrong, Chris Sutcliffe.

Deputy wardens: Bryan Goodall , Don Taylor, Margaret Heaton, Tom Heaton, Ruth Scolah, Carol Carr, Sam Dale, Karen Greenhalgh

PCC: Joyce Armstrong, Chris Sutcliffe, Carol Carr, Sue Usher, David Houghton, Bryan Goodall, Don Taylor, Jo Haslam, Nicola Waring, Matthew Pearson, Mark Pearson, Katie Eckersley, Sam Dale.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representative rules . All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC at the next APCM. A third of the PCC will be elected every year to serve for 3 years. Elected members are limited to 15, plus ex officio and co-opted members.

Two Churchwardens are elected every year at the annual Parishioners meeting immediately before the APCM. Any person on the electoral roll may attend and vote. Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop's, and ex officio members of the PCC. The PCC has responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination, child protection and safeguarding. Day to day management is done by the Rector, delegated as appropriate to the team vicar, Churchwardens, PCC and team administrator

Area Dean's Report for APC

please see separate Document,

Church Report

During the past twelve months we have had some trying times and we appreciate the help we have had from retired clergy and clergy from the Mission Community. Our Area Dean Simon Cook helped us out with advice and assistance in staff team meetings and was a valuable source of information and support.

we were delighted when our curate Rev Hannah Lane secured the post of incumbent at Bolton Parish Church and we were very pleased for her although it left Angie Foster and myself without a supervisor for our ordination training. Many thanks to Rev Marcus Bulcock and Rev Lee Higson for stepping in and supporting us.

Training has gone well and I have been able to get a lot of experience which some of my colleagues have not had. So, as they say, every cloud has a silver lining. I would like to thank many members of the congregation for their support and encouragement and for filling in the feedback forms for college. You have given me a lift in the difficult times and have gone out of your way to help in any way you can and I really appreciate this. We are a great team here at St Maxentius church, using our God-given skills and talents to the good. Even without a priest we have pulled together without negativity and have done the best we can. The first Sunday of the month now has an all-age service of the word, and the Tuesday morning reflective service continues to flourish, as does WOW on Wednesday. We remained a growing church throughout Covid, the interregnum and throughout the illness and death of Rev Peter. With the guidance of our new team Rector, Rev Ian Hepburn, we will continue to be God's disciples through our friendships and actions and keep our wonderful church flourishing.

Jab Bennett (ordinand).

Church Warden's Report

We all felt the loss of Peter when he sadly passed away in February after a short but rapid diagnosis that his cancer had spread. The support from retired clergy, wider team, and mission community has been much appreciated to keep our weekly services on a regular pattern. As wardens we are very grateful for all the help they have given us.

Don, as usual, has overseen all the fabric requirements, including the replacement of the lighting system due to the bulbs no longer being available. The reordering requirements are being pursued in accordance with Diocesan regulations. One of the reasons we need to reorder the church space is to accommodate our growing Little Church and Young People's worship on Sunday Morning. We are so lucky to have Jo Haslam bringing her

expertise as Diocesan Growing Faith and Early Years Advisor to develop the children and youth worship within our church and the team.

Our vision is to have a better bathroom facility, a kitchen and a better area for refreshments. Our future hopes and inspirations are to be able to offer a space for toddler groups and luncheon clubs.

We would like to thank Matthew for leading the choir as they have supported the congregation weekly during services and once again have sung some beautiful anthems at special festivals.

The Monday group led by Alan Hamer have worked relentlessly to tidy and clean the gravestones and churchyards. They have also created a wildflower area which is both beautiful and ecological. We are very grateful for all they have done and continue to do on a weekly basis. We appreciated the help of the PCC in preparation for the Team Rector's appointment. We were delighted when Ian Hepburn accepted this position and we are sure he will be an asset to the team.

As Churchwardens we would like to thank the clergy, Jan our ordinand, who will become a deacon on 29th June 2025, and Jo our ALM, for children and youth worship, the PCC, and the congregation for their continuing support.

Joyce and Chris, Churchwardens.

PCC report.

The PCC began the year coming to terms with the loss of Rev Peter Reiss. Joyce Armstrong continued to chair our meetings, and support from Area Dean Rev Simon Cook was always available.

The PCC met 6 times in 2024. At our first meeting after the APCM Carol Carr was reelected as Secretary and Mark Pearson was elected as treasurer. Bryan Goodall, who had been treasurer for many years decided it was time to step down. He had been a real asset to the PCC in that role, and we thank him for everything he has done over the years. But we know Mark will do a good job too. Mark was also co-opted on to the PCC. Arthur and Alison Greaves also stepped down from the PCC after over 20 years, and our thanks to them for their long service.

All work on reordering the church had to be put on hold as we now have no incumbent, but the new lighting was installed in January and is looking good. We then spent time looking at our parish Profile for the advertisement for the new team rector. Chris, Joyce, Carol, David and Jo formed a subcommittee to oversee this and make sure our parish was well presented. After interviews Rev Ian Hepburn was appointed, and hopefully we will now be able to advertise for a new team vicar. Social events continued, including a very successful afternoon tea in Chris's garden which raised money for the MacMillan charity. The monthly Saturday morning coffee mornings continued. The Christmas Fair once again was hugely successful and our thanks to Nicola Waring and her helpers for this. The Safari supper had to be

cancelled due to lack of support and we may try to schedule this at a different time of year. We looked at other fundraising events for the future, including a treasure hunt either in cars or on foot round the parish.

We did manage to pay our parish share after the wardens and treasurer, plus Bryan m had a meeting with Carolyn McGloughlin which ended up with a good reduction so we managed to pay the parish share in full.

The church had to have it's quinquennial inspection, which was done by Fish Associates of Bolton. Their report is awaited.

Matthew discussed the possibility of purchasing an LED screen big enough to screen words of songs at Wow services and first Sundays, he did find one that was also interactive but it had gone, but he will continue to look.

I would like to thank the Churchwardens, everyone on the PCC , Jan, ,Rev Viv Masters, Rev Marcus Bulcock, Rev Alan Pierce, Rev Simon Cook and everyone else who has kept our church to come successfully through this difficult time.

Carol Carr, PCC secretary.

Parish report

The new electoral roll has been published and stands at 78 which is a huge drop from the previous roll. We have lost a high proportion of our congregation, but our church members now are fully committed to our church and most have been with us for many years, although we also have many new members especially at the WOW service. Our Sunday congregation is around 80 per week, plus around 16 children, but these numbers do fluctuate. The Wednesday service has around 120 children and adults. The Tuesday morning reflective service continues to flourish, with 10-14 people attending. There have been 3 weddings, 29 baptisms, 6 funerals and 8 burial of ashes.

Carol Carr, electoral roll officer.

Team Council Report

The Team Council has continued to meet regularly throughout the year. In addition to the successful activities of Turton Youth Church the central administrative function provided by the Team Administrator , Christine Sutcliffe, has been invaluable in what has proved to be a particularly challenging year.

Starting the year with, effectively, only one stipendary priest in the team, Rev Hannah Lane gained a much deserved elevation to become Vicar of Bolton in October , leaving no stipendiary clergy in the team over the Christmas period. Our thanks must go to the retired and other clergy, and also to the licensed lay readers and ordinands who enabled us to continue services in this period .Much team activity was devoted to the successful recruitment and appointment of our new Team Rector who took post in February.

We look forward to the coming year which will bring developments both locally and with the further establishment of the Mission Community.

Alan Hopkins, Lay Chair.

Mission Community Report.

Rev Viv Masters who acting MC leader continued in the role, and the whole MC is suffering from shortage of clergy, but Viv has filled in for Sr Maxentius once a month. The clergy meet regularly, and an information afternoon for all churches in the MC was organised which St Maxentius could not attend as it clashed with our brine to Remember service.

Financial Report

Total receipts on ordinary restricted funds were £63,316 and are detailed in the financial statement.

£66,553 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the Deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation, By using £3,238 from reserves brought forward we were able to pay our parish share in full.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £3,238 from reserves brought forward from the beginning of the year , the balance carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds not designated by the PCC totalled £8,324

Reserves policy: The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted “free” reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments , at least equal to three monthly payments . At 31st December 2024 those reserves fell short of the target by approximately £8,300.

Mark Pearson, treasurer.

Fabric Report

2024 saw the installation of of the new internal LED lighting, although most of the cost for this 2023 final accounts. A significant amount towards the total cost of the installation was met by individual donation for which we are extremely grateful. No major repair works were undertaken to the church building other than the redecoration of external timbers and the building remains generally wind and watertight. Some minor repairs and decoration were undertaken to the church tower by volunteers at little cost to the church and the tower clock I returned to working condition. Major works of repair to the tower were held in abeyance.

The church quinquennial inspection was undertaken late in the year and we are awaiting their final report which will highlight the future repairs needed.

No final decisions have been made regarding any reordering of the church and facilities.

There have been continued improvements to the churchyard by a limited number of volunteers to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. More volunteers to help with this work would be greatly appreciated.

Don Taylor

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding training is ongoing, and there have been no safeguarding issues during the year. We need to get on board with DBS checks but there have been issues with the portal. It is hoped to get this up and running this year.

Choir report

The choir at St Maxentius has remained stable in the last year and membership is unchanged. We continue to sing at all Sunday services, with 4 part harmonies for hymns. (Where appropriate) and support for the all age worship held one a month. We have continued our practice of singing anthems for high days including Christmas services, Palm Sunday and of Course Holy Week and Easter: In the last year around 30 new hymns from our Hymn Book (Hymns old and New) have been introduced to worship with the aim of using the hymn book to its fullest and widening the range of hymns we sing.

In June a Hymns of Praise service was held. This proved very popular and although the impetus for this was simply the lack of a priest to hold a conventional service, many have asked if this could become an annual event, so we will hold this again in the summer on a suitable date. The congregation can nominate favourite hymns for inclusion in the service. Theist Max choir continues to go from strength to strength supporting the worship in the church weekly, and providing a musical focal point. We are, as always, keen to have new members, so please chat to Matthew or anyone in the choir if you would like to know more. You don't need to be able to read music, just have an interest in singing.

Dr Matthew Pearson

Mother's Union Report

As a group we meet on the second Tuesday of each month March to December in church at 2pm. In January and February we meet at 10:30am for shared morning prayer or Holy communion. In March we celebrated Lady Day with a short service followed by the AGM. In April we had a Bible market, and in May we welcomed David Lloyd from Turton History Society followed by a games afternoon in June. We enjoyed an excellent talk from Rev Marcus on walking the Great Glen in July and in August hosted the Archdeaconry festival led by Rev Alan Pierce and speaker Kath Hilton,

former MU President in Manchester, Later in the month we enjoyed a coffee evening at Helena and Mike's' house. This is always an excellent social evening. In September Chris spoke about her great holiday Down Under, and in October we welcomed Kath Hilton as our speaker, and in November we enjoyed lunch at Summerseat Garden Centre. At the Christmas Fair we had our usual stall and manned the cafe, Our Christmas meeting included a short service, Bingo and a quiz, followed by seasonal refreshments. Many of our members are involved in church life, and throughout the year we support Deanery and Archdeanery events.

June Lowe

16th Bolton Guides Report

Over the past 12 months we have had a regular membership of 10 Guides and 4 Guide Leaders,

We continually struggle financially to keep our Company running, With so few Guides paying subscriptions the running costs of the Tables (electricity m insurance, fire certificate and extinguishers and building repairs) plus the annual census fee to HQ (currently £50 per membership year) mean that we are in a constant battle to remain financially viable. Fortunately this year our Local Guiding County have sent us a donation which means we can keep open till at least this summer. Our financial position and viability Will then be reviewed,

Guide Leaders continue to commit their time and efforts into providing a varied and fun programme of activities for the Guides to enjoy and we have planning meetings in advance of each new term,

Since April 2024 we have been busy following out Girl Guiding programme as well as enjoying other activities. We have completed the Be Well , Adventure and Know Myself programmes as well as building bird boxes through our contact at Friends of Longsight Park. Last summer we had a walk through the park and spotted our bird boxes in the Millennium Wood. We were thrilled to see some blue tits flying in and out of a couple of boxes as this meant we were able to see the impact of our contribution, The guides have also worked hard to produce some lovely window displays for the various church festivals, and have had fun cooking pancakes , making s'mores and enjoying a cookout after collecting wood and (always a highlight of the year) learning how to make fires to cook on and how to safely clean the environment afterwards, A small group of our Guides also joined Guides from across the county in an Adventure Activity Day, and we are hoping to join with other Guides in our County in the coming year.

Sam Dale, Guide Leader

37th Brownies Report

The 37 th Brownies meet on Monday night. We have 14 Brownies, 4 Guiders and a young leader.

This school year we have been busy having fun, making new friends doing badges, playing games and making crafts.

During the Autumn term we had a bonfire, Halloween party went to watch the pantomime at the Little Theatre, made Christmas crafts and , helped Father Christmas at the School Fair, and completed our innovate badge.

We also made Chinese Lanterns for Chinese new Year, celebrated Thinking Day by bringing in holiday souvenirs and learning about Guides in those countries. We completed our Zero Waste badge , learnt all about recycling, and some of our Brownies Bronze award, Future plans include 3 days in Silverdale for Pack Holiday, with 9 brownies and 4 leaders, and we are also going to Leighton Moss for the day.

Deborah Rushworth

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw
Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2024

Charity No 1132522

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Receipts & Payments Accounts				
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Receipts from donors				
Planned giving	35,748	-	-	-
Collections other than giving	5,226	-	-	-
Income Tax recovered	10,171	-	-	-
	<u>51,145</u>	-	-	-
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	588	-	10,159	-
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	4,013	-	-	-
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	5,222	-	-	-
Investment income (note 4d)	2,346	-	-	-
	<u>63,315</u>	-	<u>10,159</u>	-
Payments				
Church activities				
Diocesan parish share	38,000	-	-	-
Other payments (note 4e)	28,553	307	8,477	-
	<u>66,553</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>8,477</u>	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(3,238)	(307)	1,682	-
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>(3,238)</u>	<u>(307)</u>	<u>1,682</u>	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	11,562	22,432	13,806	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	<u>8,324</u>	<u>22,125</u>	<u>15,488</u>	-

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Cash Funds

Bank current accounts	8,324	22,125	15,488	-
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,324</u>	<u>22,125</u>	<u>15,488</u>	-

Other Monetary Assets

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

Investment Assets (note 2)

Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	86,459	-
--	---	---	--------	---

Assets retained for Church use

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

Liabilities -

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

The attached notes on pages 2 & 3 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2025 and signed on their behalf
by Rev. I Hepburn and Mr M Pearson (PCC treasurer)

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw

Charity No

1132522

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2024

NOTES

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accc 2006 using the receipts & payments basis.

2 All the funds are invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.

3 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Tax Rec
Designated: Church Building Fund	20,000	-	-	-
Little Church	2,432	-	307	-
	<u>22,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted: Church Fabric Fund	8,296	5,243	7,517	-
Church Building Fund	5,279	4,178	0	-
Church Organ Fund	150	105	255	-
Flower fund	81	633	705	-
	<u>13,806</u>	<u>10,159</u>	<u>8,477</u>	<u>-</u>

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Inve Assets which can only be spent for fabric maintenance.

The restricted building fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferr Assets which can only be spent on the church building

The organ fund represents accumulated donations which can only be spent for organ mainter

The flower fund represents accumulated donations and monies spent on flowers for the churc

4 Receipts and Payments analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
a) Other voluntary receipts				
Legacy	-	-	2,000	2,000
Donations	588	-	8,159	8,747
	<u>588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,159</u>	<u>10,747</u>
b) Activities for generating funds				
Book of Remembrance	40	-	-	40
Donations - Votive Stand	161	-	-	161
Events - Bonus Ball	-	-	-	-
Events - Christmas Fair	2,415	-	-	2,415
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc	589	-	-	589
Events - Safari Supper	-	-	-	-
Events - Quiz	-	-	-	-
Magazine Sales	380	-	-	380
Magazine Adverts	275	-	-	275

Ground Rent	153	-	-	153
Misc				
	<u>4,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,013</u>

c) Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees	<u>5,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,222</u>

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw

Charity No

1132522

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2024

d) Investment income				
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends on CBF Investments	<u>2,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,346</u>
	<u>2,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,346</u>

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	-	-	-	-
Vicarage Upkeep	714	-	-	714
Team Expenses	2,460	-	-	2,460
Gas/Electricity/Water	13,154	-	-	13,154
Insurance	3,345	-	-	3,345
Repairs/Maintenance	736	-	7,772	8,508
Service Consumables	1,349	-	-	1,349
Cleaner	2,390	-	-	2,390
Magazine	995	-	-	995
Ground Rent	5	-	-	5
Organists	3,120	-	-	3,120
Event Expenses	228	-	-	228
Bonus Ball	-	-	-	-
Little Church	-	-	-	-
Designated Fund transfer		307		307
Sundries	57	-	-	57
Flowers	-		705	705
	<u>28,553</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>8,477</u>	<u>37,338</u>

5 The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their PCC members. One member of the PCC received payment for cleaning the church on a week. One member received payment as our organist.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £63,315 and are detailed in the financial st

£66,553 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St. Maxentius Church, including the to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between the churches accor formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. By using £3,238 from rese forward, we were able to pay our contribution of £38,000 in full.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £3,238. Reducing the balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at the 31st December unrestricted funds not designated by the PCC totalled £8,324.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months' expenditure. At 31st December 2024, those reserves fell short of this target by approximately £8,300.

Total	Total
2024	2023
£	£

35,748	36,971
5,226	6,023
<u>10,171</u>	<u>10,113</u>
51,145	53,106
10,747	6,211
4,013	5,940
5,222	3,128
<u>2,346</u>	<u>2,310</u>
<u>73,474</u>	<u>70,695</u>

38,000	36,113
<u>37,337</u>	<u>38,884</u>
<u>75,337</u>	<u>74,997</u>

(1,863)	(4,302)
-	-
<u>(1,863)</u>	<u>(4,302)</u>
47,800	52,102
<u>45,937</u>	<u>47,800</u>

45,937	47,800
-	-
-	-
<u>45,937</u>	<u>47,800</u>

-	-
---	---

<u>86,459</u>	<u>84,525</u>
---------------	---------------

-	-
---	---

-	-
---	---

Accounting Regulations

Bal c/fwd

20,000
2,125

22,125

6,021
9,457
-
9

15,488

Investment

deducted from Investment

Balance.

of which:

Total
2023
£

-

6,211

6,211

60
99
1,530
1,972
300
1,218
-
444
175

142

5,940

3,128

-

2,310

2,310

23

(677)

1,820

11,595

3,312

11,904

1,012

2,390

1,085

5

3,230

472

1,530

-

110

386

687

38,884

duties as
daily basis.

statements.

contribution

leading to a
revenues brought

nk balance
nber for

nonths payments.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Michael Renshaw

Date: 19-5-25

Accounts

**Parish Of St Maxentius
Bradshaw**

**Annual Report
And
Financial Statement.**

Year ended December 31st 2023

St Maxentius Church

Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3EU

Diocese of Manchester, Bolton Episcopal Area

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Maxentius, Bradshaw

Bolton Deanery

Registered Charity Number 1132522

Year ending December 31st 2023

Presented to the Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024

Foreword:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and prayers. (Acts 2, 42). The first Christian Community was marked by these four actions, their instinctive response to the miracle of the resurrection and the call of God in Jesus.

As we give thanks for the last twelve months and look forward to the next, let us recommit ourselves to that same service, with gratitude for all we have received and a fervent hope for all we might accomplish for the future.

This report is compiled by members of the Parochial Church Council.

Background and general information.

The Anglican Parish of St Maxentius is part of the Turton Moorland ministry, among with the parishes of St Peter, Belmont, St Anne, Turton and Christ Church Walmesley. The team is on the Northern edge of the Manchester Diocese, consisting of suburban development, moorland villages and extensive rural areas. St Maxentius Church is situated on Bolton Road, Bradshaw, and serves a stable and settled community based on the village of Bradshaw on the northern outskirts of Bolton. Many of the local population have links with the church and many of the congregation have long standing local connections.

The address for all correspondence is St Maxentius Church, Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3UE.

Administrative information.

The Parochial Church Council, known as St Maxentius PCC is a registered charity, no 1132522. Church officers who served from Jan 1st 2023 until this report was approved are:

Team Rector	Canon Peter Reiss.
Team Vicar and Chair:	Vacant.
Deputy Chair:	Jan Bennett
ALMs:	Jan Bennett, Jo Haslam, Chris Sutcliffe
Churchwardens:	Joyce Armstrong, Jan Bennett,
Deputy wardens:	Bryan Goodall, Don Taylor, Margaret Heaton, Tom Heaton, Ruth Scorch
PCC:	Carol Carr, Elaine Christian, Alison and Arthur Greaves, Sue Usher, Jemma Hart, Bryan Goodall, Jo Haslam, Don Taylor, Rebecca Smith, Chris Sutcliffe, Katie Eckersley, Matthew Pearson
Treasurer:	Bryan Goodall
Secretary:	Carol Carr

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC at the next APCM. A third of the PCC will be elected every year to serve for 3 years.

Elected members are limited to 15, plus ex-officio and co-opted members.

Each year a third of the PCC is up for election to serve for 3 years.

Two churchwardens are elected every year at the Annual Parishioner's meeting immediately before the APCM. Any person on the electoral roll may attend and vote. Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop and ex-officio members of the PCC.

The PCC has responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection and safeguarding.

Day to day management is exercised by the Team rector, delegated as appropriate to the Team Vicar and churchwardens, and officers of the PCC assisted by the team administrator.

**Area Dean's Report 2023
In place of the Team Rector's report**

*But now thus says the Lord,
He who created you O Jacob
He who formed you O Israel
"Do not fear for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name and you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers they shall, not overwhelm you:
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned
And the fire shall not consume you."*

Isaiah 43.1-2

2203 in Summary.

2023 was the year of change and challenge for the Turton Moorland Team-of difficult news arriving suddenly and unexpectedly, altering plans and clouding vision; of people across the churches and leadership teams coming together in the face of adversity and illness to keep the life of the parishes and the team going; of prayer and hope for recovery; and then of having to come to terms with a different outcome than the one we had been praying for, and beginning to live with and prepare for a new reality.

It is hard to write a report for your APCMs for the year 2023 without the deep losses of the first part of 2024 seeping in. We know how the story of 2023 ends, even as the proper purpose of any report for this years APCM should focus on 2023. And I write this report as your Area Dean in the vacancy which has resulted from the death of your Team Rector, Peter Reiss, earlier this year.

I write too in the context of the serious illness of Chris Jamieson, and the huge effect this has had on St Peter's Belmont, and the whole wider ministry team- and this is before mentioning the losses of a number of deeply loved, involved and influential people across the parishes and churches of the Team, without whom our fellowship is poorer, and our active lay leadership lessened.

All of which may sound unduly negative. Because as the verses from Isaiah with which I began this report remind us, the promise of God is his faithfulness to us in the hardest and darkest of times. Even through the flood and the fire, the prophet reminds us He is with us, He has redeemed us, because he knows us and loves us. He has called us by name.

LOOKING BACK-PRAYERS AND THANKS

In the midst of the challenges of the last year and into this, I hope that God may be speaking into the life of prayer and worship in your church and parish- and in your own life, despite the difficulties and struggles we have all had. And I hope that despite the uncertainties along the way, you have continued to pray for the Life of the Team, and each of the parishes, for those who have served so faithfully in their various roles, to keep things going, and even in some cases to grow and develop them, - from TVC which goes from strength to strength, to the midweek evening services across the team, which continue to bring in new people and families beginning to engage with their local church.

Above all may I say thank you, as someone whose role is to serve and support your parishes and Team in this difficult season of vacancy following the season of illness. Thank you to everyone who works so hard- in whatever way you work. Because even if your main work for the parish is to pray, that is an amazing gift and blessing, and so greatly needed.

And if you help in other ways too, as a sidesperson, or with cleaning, or teas and coffees, or flowers, or as a verger, or supporting the grounds work, or if you assist with lettings or finance, or with baptisms, weddings or funerals, or you serve on the PCC or Deanery Synod, or if you help with readings, prayers or children and youth work, or if you are involved with any other aspect of the life of your church or the Team- THANK YOU! And thank you too to the wonderful clergy, retired, self supporting or stipendiary, who have given so generously of their time and talents to uphold the services \ across the Team, alongside those amazing lay leaders who have stepped up.

LOOKING AHEAD: A NEW SEASON.

As a Team and parishes you will be living with the grief and loss, and understandable trauma, of what has happened in 2023-2024, coming as it did when the immediate legacy of the pandemic was still being worked through. But it is important for me to say that as a Team and as parishes, you are now in a new season as you move into the formal vacancy process.

Because it is now not simply about the past, and all you have been through-it is also the beginning of your preparation for the future, for something new that God is going to do, with and through you. The task ahead is to get ready, to begin the work of prayer for what and who will be coming next, even as you continue naturally to grieve for the past and live with the reality of the vacancy. Archdeacon Rachel and I will be with you through this next season, even as we have sought to support you through the season before. But the most important thing you can do be doing is holding all these things, past, present and future in your prayers, regularly, openly, honestly-willing to dream dreams and see visions, even as you lay down any burdens and regrets of the past. And if I can help you with that, either collectively or individually please be in touch.

And remembering, always that God will be with you-*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Revd Simon Cook.

Area Dean of Bolton
26th April 2024

Team Curate report.

I write this report at a point of significant change in our team. It is with sadness and other emotions that we look back over our past twelve months, not least of all as we note the loss of our team rector, Rev Peter. However I also write to offer my thanks and celebration as I have received my letter from Bishop David confirming that all my curacy outcomes have been met. I would like to pass on huge thanks from myself to everyone in the team who has supported me in one way or another with this.

Your prayers, encouragement and practical support have been invaluable. Thank you to all who have done more in the past months because of Rev Peter's absence, not least wardens and PCC secretaries who have had to prepare for the APCMs, and thank you to those who have done their stint in key roles, and those who are offering to step up to take on new responsibilities. We cannot function without these roles being filled. Together we can share the burden, and do things as a team. As a team we thank Christine for her work as our administrator and we also offer thanks to those who share in the governance and ministry of the team as a whole. The circumstances we have faced have led to greater collaboration amongst our Mission Community, and I am pleased to report that the clergy now meet regularly to support and uphold each other as we share in ministry across Bolton North East. We are grateful for clergy colleagues from this group, and from our retired colleagues as well as they have aided considerably in the continuing provision of ministry in our team.

Challenges have been, and continue to be faced. Not least of all with our finances within the team. Each parish has its own projects under consideration, and the continued rise in bills all round has put pressure on money outside our churches, leading to a strain in regular giving. However, the implementation of digital giving devices across all our team churches has brought a new aspect of giving to the forefront. We are thankful that these were offered to us at no cost from the Diocese. We look forward to seeing their impact grow across our congregations.

Our churches and congregations continue to grow, and grow younger. We give thanks for the confirmation of 17 young people in our team last year, and we look forward to walking alongside these individuals as they grow in faith. Our family services have seen an uplift in numbers across the board, and in some cases in the face of loss. We, as a team, continue to offer welcoming worship to for all generations, and we should be rightly proud of our breadth of services and the diversity of people. that we are able to meet. At this pivotal point in our team, it is more important than ever to focus on our three priorities, noted in each of our churches: Facing Up, Facing Outwards, Looking Within.

It is my hope that as we enter into the next chapter together as a team, we might be able to focus on continuing to build up our strengths and working together for the good of the Kingdom.

Hannah.

Church Report

This year has been a challenging year, but with the support of the Turton Moorland Team, and retired and mission clergy, we have managed to cover all services and keep pastoral services going. The illness and then loss of our Team Rector has had a significant impact on us, however we would like to thank our Area dean, Rev Hannah, Rev Alan Pierce, Rev Paul Haddingham, Rev Viv Masters, and Rev Julian Hartley, for covering our services and giving us advice. In September I started my ordination training which means that I am much more involved with services throughout the week. Thank you to Rev Hannah who has taken over as my supervisor, and to Rev Marcus for his support. I have been able to plan and lead non-eucharistic services, as well as the carol service, memorial service, and Good Friday as well as funerals. This has been well received, even though the congregation has had to fill in feedback sheets for college! The congregation have taken the changes well, and we continue to keep our numbers. The different services available during the week have enabled those unable to worship on Sunday to have an alternative, and these are going well. We will be going back to using the common cup in the New Year instead of intincting, and a new register of eucharistic assistants to the Diocese in the coming weeks. We have a good team of people to read the lectionary, children who assist as acolytes, and we look forward to welcoming a new Team Rector, meanwhile we are working well as a team at St Maxentius.

Jan Bennet (Ordinand.)

Parish Report

The electoral roll stands at 135 There have been no additions, and we lost 2 members. Church attendance around 75 people a week, but Worship at home is still sent out to over 100 people as this is also a good way to make sure information about events gets to them. Wednesday Worship is very well attended with over 100 and adults. We also now have a Tuesday morning reflective service with either communion or morning prayer which is proving popular. There have been 2 weddings, 30 baptisms, 6 funerals and 4 burials of ashes.

Carol Carr, Electoral roll officer

PCC report

At the last APCM Chris Sutcliffe and Joyce Armstrong were elected as Churchwardens. Bryan Goodall was elected as Treasurer, and Carol Carr as secretary. Carol Carr, Bryan Goodall, Don Taylor and Matthew Pearson were elected to the PCC for 3 years. Jan Bennett stepped down as Churchwarden as she was preparing to go to a selection conference to go forward for Ordination. The Wednesday service for families and children continues to flourish. Social events are back, including the monthly coffee mornings. We also had a very successful Safari Supper starting and ending at Bryan's house. The Christmas Fair was back with a flourish so thanks to Nicola for organising it. Some of these events are now specifically for raising money for the Building Fund as we have been looking at ways of making our church more accessible for children's groups, coffee mornings and so on and it would be wonderful to have toilets inside church. Don has been investigating ways to do this but although some plans have been drawn up no decision has been made. We now have a card machine which is helpful. Another issue has been the use of the common cup at communion. Many people were not happy about that, but we have decided that in the new year we start using the common cup as the Diocese recommends this. If people do not wish to take wine that is fine. The Wednesday morning reflective service continues and is quite well attended. Sometime Jan Bennett leads morning prayer, sometimes we have communion taken by Marcus or Alan Pierce. Chris Sutcliffe also went forward for training as AOL, specialising in Administration, and was licensed in September. One of the real issues this year has been Peter's illness. Jan, as Deputy chair was chairing our meetings, and support from Rev Simon Cook, Area Dean, has been there for us, attending our meetings and giving support. Jan Bennett also had to step down from the PCC as she was beginning training for the priesthood, with the full support of the PCC, so Joyce Armstrong was elected as vice deputy chair and chairs for us. Bryan Goodall stepped down as treasurer at the end of the year, and we thank him for the brilliant job he has done. Mark Pearson will take over as treasurer. We have had many challenges this year, and there will be more to come. Thank you to all the members of the PCC. Thank you to our hardworking wardens, Joyce and Chris, to Peter who has kept us on track, who is now always in our thoughts and prayers and to Marcus who has taken many of our services, Although we are without our own priest we are managing to thrive, so thank you to the members of our congregation who make this church the warm place it is.

Carol Carr, PCC Secretary

Deanery Synod report

The new Bolton Deanery held 3 meetings in 2023. The first on ZOOM and introduced the Man Dio Growing Faith project, a 5 year project building on Children changing places but not the same. Karen Beal will be project manager, Jo Haslam is the Early Years advisor and there will be a worker in each Deanery. Jamie Mckenzie led a reflection on Rembrandt's Christ in the storm on the Sea of Galilee and then Kim Morgan Jones who leads the Lay development Team, spoke about opportunities for Lay development.

The second meeting was in June at Christ Church, Heaton and after officers were elected there was a presentation on Fragile Churches, and the rules about closing churches, a decision that should not be made lightly. Rev Pat Lodge from the Oldham Deanery, in a benedice with 5 churches and in interregnum, so really struggling. Eventually it was decided that one church would have to close but it was a difficult choice. The last meeting was in October, at St Peters Halliwell, when there was a presentation by Jo Haslam on Children Changing Places, and the work done in the last 5 years, and what was planned for the future now funding was secured for another 5 years. Carolyn McLaughlin then introduced herself as the new Parish Share officer, and talked about ways churches could try to raise the money required for their Parish Share. Pre-pandemic, 90% of churches could pay it all, but not now. This was followed by a presentation by Ven Mike McGurk, head of Church Growth about growing churches, and ways churches could help themselves to grow.

For 2024 the programme for Deanery Synod meeting was a February meeting y Zoom, a meeting in April in the morning at Bishop Bridgman School and an evening meeting in June at Christ Church Heaton.

Financial report.

The receipts on unrestricted funds were £64,757 and are detailed in the financial statement.

£60,943 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from St Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan parish share which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the Deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a headcount of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to pay our contribution in full.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,814. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £11,562.

Reserves Policy: The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months payments.

These accounts have been audited and found to be correct by Michael Renshaw.

Bryan Goodall, treasurer

Fabric Report

No major works were undertaken to the church building in 2023. The proposed installation of the new lighting was deferred until January 2024 though most of the cost in respect of the light fittings appear in the 2023 accounts. Whilst there are several essential internal repairs required the building itself remains wind and watertight Repairs requiring early attention include areas of replastering and decoration.

Apart from the lighting cost there was little expenditure, other than for general annual maintenance and replacement of the electricity supply to the church tower. Major works of repair on the church tower were again held in abeyance due to the likely costs.

There has been much discussion about the reordering of the church, with some initial plans drawn up, but at the present time no final decision has been made on which proposals the PCC would like to take forward to the Diocese.

The improvements to the churchyard's appearance and in particular the work done to individual graves is due to the many hours of work by a limited number of volunteers and the Monday Group. We them a great debt of gratitude.

Don Taylor, Fabric Committee Chair.

Safeguarding report.

JO Haslam took over as safeguarding officer after the last APCM. There have been no safeguarding issues. The PCC are all undergoing safeguarding training. DBS checks are also ongoing.

Jo Haslam

Choir report.

The choir at St Maxentius continues to be an integral part of the worship. Membership has remained stable and we continue to add new music to our repertoire. We have pursued a policy of singing hymns from the hymn book which are unfamiliar during communion so they later used at other points in the worship. We have continued to practice and perform anthems at appropriate points in the church year, including pieces new to us, such as that sung at the Maundy Thursday service. The choir has been asked to sing at a number of weddings this year, and showed its flexibility by singing an arrangement of a pop song (All Of You) at one of these. The choir has also supported the all age services, and learned the worship songs. The choir is on a good footing. We do, of course, always welcome new members, so please talk to Matthew if you would like to join.

Dr Matthew Pearson, Organist and Choirmaster.

Mothers Union Report

As a group we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Church at 2pm from March to December. During January and February we meet at 10.30am for shared worship . morning prayer or communion. In March we celebrated Lady Day followed by our AGM. The April meeting was a Bible Market. Coronation celebrations in May included "Bring an item of interest, quizzes, drinks and nibbles finishing with tea and cake
Interesting talks followed in June and July, by Rev Marcus, and Angela Sarginson, an author. We enjoyed a coffee evening at Helena and Mike Lowe's house in August, and the following month Julie Pearson, professional flower arranger gave an excellent talk about her gold medal win at Chelsea flower show. A visit to Uganda was a talk in October followed by lunch at Park Farm in November. The year ended with our Christmas Meeting when we enjoyed a handbell demonstration, with audience participation!!! Followed by seasonal refreshment.
During the year we support Deanery and Archdeaconry events giving us the opportunity to meet members from other churches.

June Lowe and Alison Greaves

The WOW Service – Worship on Wednesday is continuing to maintain numbers it's numbers. This service is an interactive family worship that takes place on a Wednesday evening at 6pm. We have had approximately 8 or 9 new families join us since September from across the Parish.

The service continues to evolve including giving the children and young people more opportunities in leading it. Currently, the children and young people will read the 'Story', lead the prayers and occasionally lead the worship songs. We try to provide an opportunity each week to involve children and their families in the talk. Over the next 12 months I hope to develop opportunities were the children and young people can also lead the talk. In addition to this we offer a Eucharist service once a month in the form of Nursery Rhyme Mass, led by Revd Hannah. Confirmation classes now take place as a Team activity through TYC. This will take place again in the Autumn term. Jan B continues to lead on admission to communion. We have several children that are undertaking it this year.

Little Church is continuing to grow on a Sunday Morning with more families joining with toddlers, but is also evolving to meet the needs of some of our 6-8 year olds. To accommodate this growth going forward we will be looking to develop more leaders along with some as out Young people as Young leaders.

Sunday worship – We currently have a worshipping pattern that means we have an 'All Age Family Worship' on the first Sunday of the Month. This is a creative worship that aims to offer something for all, including more modern worship songs and creative prayer.

However, St Maxentius Church is intergenerational EVERY week, as we have children that always attend. But our worship doesn't always reflect that. Moving forward the Mission, Ministry and Worship Team will be looking at ways in which we can engage everyone allowing them to grow spiritually and in faith every week. This does not mean 'Dumbing down' or offering a 'Children's Worship', it just means having a different approach!

TYC is still going. There are 5 to 6 young people from St Maxentius that attend regularly. There are young people from all 6 churches in attendance now. Revd Hannah and myself will be supporting Transition to high school sessions with Year 6 across all three of our primary schools in the team at the end of June. This is important

The Church of England have an objective to double the numbers of children and young people attending church by 2030. This is an objective translates in to this goal for our Diocese:

▶ The number of children and young people under the age of 18 to increase to from 26% to 32% of our congregations – to 10,500 children and young people

We are a church of growth in this area, but we need to maintain this and even continue to grow this area. In order to do this, we need to make sure it is not treated as an add on as they are only attending for the tick, but make it and integral part of what we do in everything we do and that includes Sunday worship other than the first Sunday of the month.

Objectives for 2024/25

Monthly Toddler group or Tots praise – 'Tea, toast and Tots Praise with Wiggle'.

Drop in / Scared Space linking with St Maxentius and Canon Slade with support of CCP Team.

All adults in a position of responsibility have been safely recruited, have the relevant DBS and are up to date with safeguarding training.

Due to some changes in the safeguarding team, a review of PCC members safeguarding training needs to be done to ensure everyone is up to date.

There was a minor safeguarding concern reported this year, but it was resolved with the individual.

However, it highlighted a weakness in knowledge on procedures in terms of reporting and recording the concern. This has now been addressed by the PSO and some information sharing will take place at the next PCC meeting.

Going Forward:

- Create a Safeguarding team to share the workload and support PSO
- Create a Safeguarding notice board.
- Ensure all are up to date with safeguarding training.

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
2022	£	£	£	£	£
Total	36,971	6,023	36,971	36,971	36,358

Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Voluntary Receipts	36,971	-	-	-	36,971
Regular Giving	6,023	-	-	-	6,023
Receipts from donors	6,023	-	-	-	6,023
Planned giving	6,023	-	-	-	6,023
Income Tax recovered	10,113	-	-	-	10,113
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	53,106	-	-	-	53,106
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	1,803	-	4,408	-	6,211
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	4,410	-	1,530	-	5,940
Investment income (note 4d)	4,410	-	-	-	3,128
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,310	-	-	-	2,310
Excess of Receipts over Payments	64,757	-	5,938	-	70,695
Transfer between funds	-	(20,000)	20,000	-	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	3,814	(20,110)	11,994	-	(4,302)
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	7,748	22,542	21,812	-	52,102
Diocesan parish share	36,113	-	-	-	36,113
Other payments (note 4e)	24,830	110	13,944	-	38,884
Church activities	36,113	-	-	-	36,113
Payments	60,943	110	13,944	-	74,997
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,814	(110)	(8,006)	-	(4,302)
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	3,814	(20,110)	11,994	-	(4,302)
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	11,562	2,432	33,806	-	47,801

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Cash Funds	11,562	2,432	33,806	-	47,801
Bank current accounts	11,562	2,432	33,806	-	47,801
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets (note 2)	-	-	84,525	-	84,525
Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	84,525	-	84,525
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities -	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11,562	2,432	33,806	-	52,102
Total	11,562	2,432	33,806	-	52,102

The attached notes on pages 2 & 3 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 19th March 2024 and signed on their behalf
and Mr Bryan Goodall (PCC treasurer) by Rev.

NOTES

1 The financial statements of the FCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts & payments basis.

2 All the funds are invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.

3 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Tax Rec	Bal c/fwd
Restricted: Church Fabric Fund	18,521	2,714	12,939	0	8,296
Church Building Fund	2,715	22,564	0	0	25,279
Church Organ Fund	468	0	318	0	150
Flower fund	108	660	687	0	81
	21,812	25,938	13,944	0	33,806

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Investment Assets which can only be spent for fabric maintenance.

The building fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Investment Assets which can only be spent on the church building

The organ fund represents accumulated donations which can only be spent for organ maintenance.

The flower fund represents accumulated donations and monies spent on flowers for the church.

4 Receipts and Payments analysis	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
a) Other voluntary receipts	£	£	£	£	£
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,803	-	4,408	6,211	29,137
	1,803	-	4,408	6,211	29,137

c) Receipts from Church Activities

Fees	3,128	-	-	3,128	2,816
------	-------	---	---	-------	-------

b) Activities for generating funds

Book of Remembrance	60	-	-	60	10
Donations - Votive Stand	99	-	-	99	240
Events - Bonus Ball	-	-	1,530	1,530	1,620
Events - Christmas Fair	1,972	-	-	1,972	2,060
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc	300	-	-	300	-
Events - Spring Fair	1,218	-	-	1,218	1,518
Events - Quiz	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine Sales	444	-	-	444	128
Magazine Adverts	175	-	-	175	125
Ground Rent	142	-	-	142	284
Misc	4,410	-	1,530	5,940	5,984

(d) Investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends on CBF Investments	2,310	2,310	-	2,310	2,298
	<u>2,310</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>2,298</u>

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	23	-	-	-	23
Vicarage Upkeep	(677)	-	-	-	1,148
Team Expenses	1,820	-	-	-	1,500
Gas/Electricity/Water	11,595	-	-	-	6,151
Insurance	3,312	-	-	-	3,041
Repairs/Maintenance	177	11,727	-	-	8,254
Service Consumables	1,012	-	-	-	857
Cleaner	2,390	-	-	-	2,390
Magazine	1,085	-	-	-	969
Ground Rent	5	-	-	-	50
Organists	3,230	-	-	-	2,740
Event Expenses	472	-	-	-	809
Bonus Ball	-	1,530	-	-	1,620
Sunday School	-	-	-	-	672
Designated Fund transfer	110	-	110	-	-
Sundries	386	-	-	-	866
Flowers	-	687	-	-	484
	<u>24,830</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>13,944</u>	<u>31,550</u>

5 The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their duties as PCC members. One member of the PCC received payment for cleaning the church on a weekly basis. One member received payment as our organist.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £64,757 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£60,943 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St. Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to pay our contribution in full.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,814. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at the 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £11,562.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months payments.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

ACCOUNTING RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE PCC

The accounts are simple and straightforward and are maintained on a spreadsheet.

There are no cash books and all the money is accounted for on detailed manual sheets completed each week at the time the receipts are counted and banked by a team of approved volunteers.

The treasurer then posts these receipts to the relevant columns on the spreadsheet.

This spreadsheet is the main accounting record.

Payments are made on production of invoices or vouchers which are then posted to the relevant column on the spreadsheet. These invoices and vouchers are all kept in date of payment order for inspection and are crossed-referenced with the cheque number.

The PCC has two bank accounts, one with the NatWest and the other with Santander which are maintained by the treasurer and all withdrawals require two signatures.

Even though there is a mixture of funds held in these accounts the treasurer maintains an up to date record of restricted and unrestricted funds.

The treasurer makes a report to the PCC at every meeting

At the end of the financial year the treasurer compiles the financial statements and all his records and computerised spreadsheets are passed to the Independent Examiner for his report.

B Goodall

Accounts

**Parish Of St Maxentius
Bradshaw**

**Annual Report
And**

Financial Statement.

Year ended December 31st 2021

St <Maxentius Church

Bolton Road, Bradshaw , Bolton, BL2 3EU

Diocese of Manchester, Bolton Episcopal Area

Walmsley Deanery, then Bolton Deanery

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Maxentius, Bradshaw

Registered Charity Number 1132522 *

Year ending December 31st 2021

Presented to the Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Sunday 15th May 2022

This report is compiled by members of the Parochial Church Council.

Background and general information.

The Anglican Parish of St Maxentius is part of the Turton Moorland ministry, among with the parishes of St Peter, Belmont, St Anne, Turton and Christ Church Walmisley. The team is on the Northern edge of the Manchester Diocese, consisting of suburban development, moorland villages and extensive rural areas. St Maxentius Church is situated on Bolton Road, Bradshaw, and serves a stable and settled community based on the village of Bradshaw on the northern outskirts of Bolton. Many of the local population have links with the church and many of the congregation have long standing local connections.

The address for all correspondence is St Maxentius Church, Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3UE.

Administrative information.

The Parochial Church Council, known as St Maxentius PCC is a registered charity, no 1132522. Church officers who served from Jan 1st 2021 until this report was approved are:

Team Rector	Canon Peter Reiss.
Team Vicar and Chant.	Vacant
Deputy Chant.	Jan Bennett
ALMs:	Jan Bennett, Jo Haslam
Churchwardens:	Joyce Armstrong, Jan Bennett
Deputy wardens:	Bryan Goodall, Dave Haslam, Don Taylor, Margaret Heaton, Tom Heaton, Ruth
PCC:	Carol Carr, Elaine Christian, Alison and Arthur Greaves, Sue Usher, Jenna Hart,
Eckersley,	Bryan Goodall, Jo Haslam, Don Taylor, Rebecca Smith, Chrs Sutcliffe, Katie
Treasurer:	Matthew Pearson
Secretary:	Bryan Goodall
	Carol Carr

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC at the next APCM. A third of the PCC will be elected every year to serve for 3 years.

Elected members are limited to 15, plus ex-officio and co-opted members.

Each year a third of the PCC is up for election to serve for 3 years.

Two churchwardens are elected every year at the Annual Parishioner's meeting immediately before the APCM. Any person on the electoral roll may attend and vote. Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop and ex-officio members of the PCC.

The PCC has responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection and safeguarding.

Day to day management is exercised by the Team rector, delegated as appropriate to the Team Vicar and churchwardens, and officers of the PCC assisted by the team administrator.

Team Rector's Report.

I will be off sick and out of action for a good time longer as I finish my chemo-therapy treatment and my body recovers. Thank you all who are praying and to all who have offered love, concern, sent cards and well wishes and for the dep sense I have of being part of our family of churches across our team.

Thank you to all who have had to do more in the past months because I have been absent' not least wardens and PCC secretaries who have had to prepare for the APCMs, and thank you particularly for those who have done their stints in key roles and those who are offering to step up to take on new responsibilities. We cannot function without these roles being filled. Together we can share the burden and do things as a team. As a team we thank Christine for her work as administrator.

Thank you to our clergy and lay ministers, who have also had to take on more. St Paul talks about the church as a body with many members, none indispensable and the last few months have shown this to be true. St Paul also knows there is a task in ministry, a work, and thank you to those who have done more "work". We do appreciate it greatly.

This past year has not seen the movements we would have liked, especially in the slow rate of change towards being a viable and visible Mission Community. In our team we said goodbye to Carol Hayden as she retired as Team Vicar, and the temporary restructuring has seen Hannah take on greater responsibility for the mission, ministry and worship at Walmisley, with Chrs Jameson continuing to be the focal leader/minister at Belmont, with me taking the focal lead at Bradshaw and Turton. We are not the solo leads however. In each of our parishes we want to build teams and groups who will lead and minister together. This is happening and we thank God for that. The changes in other parishes in the Mission Community seem to be very slow to happen. There have been some shared events. The clergy are looking at how we can work together and share together. We trust we will see more tangible changes in the coming year.

Money is always a challenge. We have projects in almost all our churches to make them better for the coming decades and to make good where there is damage from previous decades. These are costly and will need giving and the getting of grants. There are also the running costs. Not least with increased energy bills. This past year most of our parishes have not managed to pay the Parish Share. Looking at how we can increase our income through new streams of income, through more contrbuting, through teaching on generosity and giving (not by bashing the regulars on the head and asking for more-expecting the well to give more and more), these will need to be on our agenda and high on our agenda for the coming year. We are not alone in this, and Manchester

Dioecesis is struggling in comparison to other Dioeceses. We are seeing our churches growing younger as we have desired. Our Family services, whether Sundays or weekdays are growing and even thriving (and with the challenges that brings). We are seeing good numbers requesting baptisms (also things challenging!) Our churches are places for funerals, our churchyards places for remembering and grieving. Home Communion, Mothers' Unions, visiting and care for each other are our pastoral networks of care, and Coffee mornings, events, social groups provide a sense of community, along with those who use our various facilities, whether for a toddler group, a Post Office or for dancing.

I am sorry to be absent in person, but I feel a warm pride at being the Team Rector here. And I look forward to being back and being active again. I am deeply grateful to all who are doing so much so that our churches are not just buildings, but the people of God witnessing to the love of God and the grace of God, to those within and to all in our communities.

May God guide, guard and bless us in this coming year.

Peter

Church Report

2022 was our 150th anniversary of our church building and we had a hard working team pulling things together to make it special. Arthur greaves put together a wonderful history of our church building and its incumbents from 150 years ago to the present day and displayed this with photographs and memorabilia around the walls of the church. Bishop Mark Ashcroft presided in our church service and we had a beautiful cake decorated with a picture of the mosaic window.

We had our first Deanery Synod meeting at Bishop Bridgman school where we had some interesting seminars about Eco Church, Not only Sunday and other Dioecesan initiatives. We were also to meet and discuss in our new Mission Communities. It was a very positive meeting. We have shared services together and are making plans for some social events.

Many of us went to the cathedral to see Hannah being priested. In July and she subsequently presided here at St Maxentius for her first Eucharist service the day after. Nicola Pearson made her a cake which was shared after the service so we could chat and celebrate with her. As we gained Hannah we sadly had to say goodbye to Carol Hayden whose last service with us was 31st July. The team has missed her, Rev Peter and Rev Hannah have felt the strain. Rev Hannah now oversees all work at Walmsley, Rev Peter looks after St Annes and St Maxentius and Rev Chris Jameson looks after St Peters Belmont. We are blessed with support from retired clergy and OLM to cover services. We have been particularly blessed by Rev Marcus Bulcock helping us out more recently due to Peter's illness. On that note we pray and wish Peter well as he goes through his treatment and we hope for a good recovery. We miss him greatly, but he and his family are always in our thoughts and prayers. We had celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a Back to School Sunday where we blessed school bags and Year 4 and 5 came down to church for lessons about our church in October. We also had a school Carol service and a Christmas wiggle worship service for KS1. (Infant section!) Our links with school are strong. Jo Haslam is now chair of governors, and Rev Hannah and myself go into school on alternate weeks to take assembly on Tuesday afternoons. Year 4 organised and acted out an Easter service and the younger ones had their service in church too. We had our annual Christmas Fair in the school.

Wednesday Worship has flourished, and we have on average around 100 people, adults and children a week. We have introduced a nursery rhyme communion service once a month when Rev Hannah comes to preside. We are getting more support for church and we are getting some integration within our community. We introduced a quiet reflective service on Tuesday morning which is going well. It takes the form of communion service with Rev Peter before his illness, and Rev Marcus now, alternating with morning prayer taken by myself. I also take communion to several parishioners who cannot get to church. I feel we have services which suit everyone, and some people attend more than one service.

It has been wonderful how everyone has pulled together since Peter has been ill, and I would like to thank the whole team here at St Maxentius who have worked so tirelessly to keep things going. It just shows that God is with us all during this tough time, and that with his help we can continue to thrive.

Jan Bennet ALM

The electoral roll stands at 137 There have been 7 additions, and we lost five members. Church attendance around 75 people a week, but Worship at home is still sent out to over 100 people as this is also a good way to make sure information about events gets to them. Wednesday Worship is very well attended with over 100 children and adults. We also now have a Tuesday morning reflective service with either communion or morning prayer which is proving popular. There have been 2 weddings, 30 baptisms, 6 funerals and 4 burials of ashes.

Carol Carr, Electoral roll officer

At the last APCM Jan Bennett and Joyce Armstrong were elected as Churchwardens. Bryan Goodall was elected as Treasurer, and Carol Carr as secretary. We said goodbye to Ruth Scora, and we welcomed David Houghton, Sue Usher, Sam Dale, and Katie Eckersley to the PCC. Matthew Pearson and Emma Hart were co-opted onto the PCC. The Wednesday service for families and children continues to flourish. Social events are back, including the monthly coffee mornings are back. We had a very successful afternoon tea courtesy of Christliffe, on a beautiful sunny day. We also had a Spring Fair, as our Christmas Fairs were not allowed, but will be back this year. This was a huge success and we hope to repeat it. We also hosted a concert by Afterside Choir that was very enjoyable. Some of these events are now specifically for raising money for the Building Fund as we have been looking at ways of making our church more accessible for children's groups, coffee mornings and so on and it would be wonderful to have toilets inside the building. The PCC has also been looking at the matter of parking, as the Crofters had installed a licence plate identifying camera and people who were not put customers would be fined. Yogi had outsourced the parking to a private company but was happy to let us record our congregation's number plates and so we could park freely. That has not happened due to problems at the Crofters, but we are still hopeful. We also investigated the use of a card machine especially for Baptisms and Wednesday worship and we now have one. Another financial issue was the collection of ground rents from some houses on Turton Road and Rigby Lane. We had stopped collecting these as the income was barely worth the effort in collecting but the Diocese insisted that we did collect them. Bryan and Carol contacted all the owners and we did successfully bring most of them in and must continue to do so. Another issue has been making communion safe for people who are missing the cup. Some churches are using small individual cups, but the PCC was not keen on this and we decided to use the intinction method, with the water dipped by the priest and handed to the communicant. This seems to be working.

The new Tuesday morning reflective service is being introduced as we are the only church in the team who does not do this. It will occasionally be communion, occasionally morning prayer.

A highlight of the year was the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Maxentius Church. The Bishop of Bolton came to preach, and Arthur Creaves produced a spectacular illustrated history of our church which went all around the walls inside the building. It had to come down but is going to be resurrected in book form. Also during the year the PCC agreed to support Jan Bennett in going forward for AOM training. The PCC also agreed that Jan Bennett and Jo Haslam should be reaffirmed as ALMs, and they were thanked for all they had done to contribute to the worship in our church. This last year has been a busy one for the PCC. I expect next year will be the same with many new challenges. Thank you to all the members of the PCC. It has been good to have some new faces. Thank you to our hardworking wardens, Joyce and Jan, to Peter who has kept us on track and to Marcus who has taken many of our services. Although we are without our own priest we are managing to thrive, so thank you to the members of our congregation who make this church the warm place it is.

Carol Carr PCC secretary.

Deanery Synod report
The new Bolton Deanery held three meetings in 2022, one by ZOOM in February, one in the morning at Bishop Bridgman School in May, and one in the evening at St Peters Halliwell. One of the main focuses of the year would be looking at the role of Focal Leaders in the churches in the Mission Community and the Deanery MAP.

The first ZOOM meeting Keith Lewis, Lay Chair asked that the Synod would support a motion asking that the Diocese should look at the rising costs of energy within churches. Most churches in the Deanery have been struggling to pay their bills and meet the Parish share. A presentation about Focal Leaders was followed by breakout groups where we shared how our Mission Communities priorities. Our Mission Community Group seems to be getting on with things very well. Then there was a short presentation by Rachel Eden of Children Changing Places. This is now in its fourth year and works with children in schools as well as having started toddler groups with a Christian ethos. Canon Slade, St Catherine's and St James High schools all have chaplains to support pupils. Bolton Back to School Sunday would be held on September 4th. The next meeting at Bishop Bridgman, after a brief discussion about using communion cups, was concentrated mostly on the Deanery MAP, with representatives from ways different Churches on how they were including Eco Church, and realising Church is more than Sunday, things we already do.

The last meeting was at St Peters Halliwell and was very full. One of the themes was living in hard times, followed by a presentation by Jo Haslam about Children Changing Places which is now in its final year. Wiggle Worship is massively popular in school. Many Some parishes do not have schools so the team is looking at ways to address this. Shades, a group to tackle racism is running. The group will be restructured in 2023 and there will be personnel changes. There was then a Powerpoint presentation on Deanery Action plan which has still to be finalised. There was a review of how Mission Communities are working. WE are doing well, as we have a leader in Peter Reiss, and then the new names and logos for the Mission Communities were revealed and accepted. Rev Grace Thomas thanked churches that have registered for the Energy footprint and have become Eco Churches.

TH meeting ended with a reflection and prayer from Rev Peter Reiss.

Financial report.

The receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £60,739 and are detailed in the financial statements. £56,833 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The sum that the churches in the Deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a headcount of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to pay our contribution in full. The net result of the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,906. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year the balance carried forward at December 31st for unrestricted funds totalled £7,748. These accounts have been audited and found to be correct by Michael Renshaw.

Bryan Goodall, treasurer

Fabric Report

No major works were undertaken to the Church building during 2022. Whilst there are several essential repairs required the building itself remains wind and watertight. Repairs requiring early attention include areas of replastering and replacement of existing lighting although these may now be incorporated into any internal remodelling scheme. Expenditure during the year was primarily in respect of felling five trees and pruning a further six within the church grounds, the remainder being in respect of recurring annual maintenance costs. Works of repair on the Church tower has once again been held in abeyance due to the likely costs. The improvements to the Churchyards appearance are due to the many hours of work by a limited number of volunteers and the Monday Group to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.

Don Taylor, Fabric Committee Chair.

Safeguarding report.

JO Haslam took over as safeguarding officer after the last APCM. There have been no safeguarding issues. The PCC are all undergoing safeguarding training. DBS checks are also ongoing.

Jo Haslam

Choir report.

In a previous report I noted that the St Maxentius Choir had bounced back strongly after the Pandemic. In the year since we have been consolidating our position and going from strength to strength. We successfully executed the plan of singing prepared 4 part anthems for high days (Christmas, Easter and so on) with a mix of some new pieces and some much loved ones from the past. We practice weekly on a Thursday evening and these practices continue to be well attended. One very special development this year is that younger members of the congregation, especially those who attend the Wednesday Worship have joined us at the monthly all-age service. It has been a wonderful thing to see

younger people in the choir stalls lending their voices to the cause. Special thanks goes to Sue Usher for her work with the young people. We are still experimenting with the best way to harness the musical talent of the younger people in church. In the coming year we will try out different strategies to increase participation. A particular focus is some way of bridging the music and worship style of the Wednesday service with that of the Sunday one. Both forms of worship are equally valid and uplifting and I am eager to take the best of both traditions and blend them, rather than building artight silos. If I take a long term view of the choir and ponder what it will be like in 20 years time, then if the choir is still going and I hope it is, it will be because of children who started singing with us in their childhood.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so do let us know if you would like to sing with us.

Dr Matthew Pearson, Organist and Choirmaster.

Mothers Union Report

Since the absence of group meetings during Covid, we have adjusted our meetings in the light of access difficulties for meetings in the day school and the reluctance of members to drive at night. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in church and in January and February we will join with the reflective service and stay for coffee and a chat. Interesting meetings have included a Bible market, and the background to ordination for Hannah our curate, and our member Sue on her efforts to the survival of her business after in Manchester after the IRA bombing. We had a floral demonstration before Christmas, and we have contributed to the Spring and Christmas Fair and other Parish events. Edna Bowers, our branch leader for 17 years (her second stint) retired after Christmas and we gave thanks for her hard work and guidance. She was presented with flowers and a token and all our good wishes and grateful thanks.

Alison Greaves/June Lowe

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£
Total	36,358	3,636	36,358	3,636	89,491
Total 2022	49,257	9,262	49,257	9,262	113,252
Total 2021	2,004	2,032	2,032	2,032	8,777

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Receipts	36,358	-	-	-	36,358
Regular Giving	3,636	-	-	-	3,636
Receipts from donors	3,636	-	-	-	3,636
Planned giving	9,262	-	-	-	9,262
Collections other than giving	49,257	-	-	-	49,257
Income Tax recovered	2,004	19,964	7,169	-	29,137
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	4,364	-	1,620	-	5,984
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	2,816	-	-	-	2,816
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,298	-	-	-	2,298
Investment income (note 4d)	60,739	19,964	8,789	-	89,491
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,906	19,592	(1,569)	-	21,929
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	3,906	2,950	(1,569)	-	21,929
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	7,748	22,542	21,812	-	52,102

Payments

Church activities	36,012	-	-	-	36,012
Diocesan parish share	20,820	372	10,358	-	31,550
Other payments (note 4e)	56,833	372	10,358	-	67,563
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,906	19,592	(1,569)	-	21,929
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	3,906	19,592	(1,569)	-	21,929
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	7,748	22,542	21,812	-	52,102

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Cash Funds	7,748	22,542	21,812	-	52,102
Bank current accounts	7,748	22,542	21,812	-	52,102
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets (note 2)	-	-	77,198	-	77,198
Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	77,198	-	77,198
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

The attached notes on pages 2 & 3 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on xxth March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Rev. xxxxxxxxxxxx and Mr Bryan Goodall (PCC treasurer)

NOTES

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts & payments basis.

2 All the funds are invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.

3 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Tax Rec	Bal c/fwd
22,604	5,640	9,723	0	18,521
0	2,715	0	0	2,715
619	0	151	0	468
158	434	484	0	108
23,381	8,789	10,358	0	21,812

Restricted: Church Fabric Fund
Church Building Fund
Church Organ Fund
Flower fund

Designated: PCC yearly charity

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Investment Assets which can only be spent for fabric maintenance.

The organ fund represents accumulated donations which can only be spent for organ maintenance.

The flower fund represents accumulated donations and monies spent on flowers for the church.

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
2,004	19,964	7,169	29,137	13,491
2,004	19,964	7,169	29,137	13,491

4 Receipts and Payments analysis

a) Other voluntary receipts
Legacy
Donations

10	-	-	10	40
240	-	-	240	145
Events - Bonus Ball	-	1,620	1,620	1,815
Events - Christmas Fair	2,060	-	2,060	-
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc	-	-	-	-
Events - Safari Supper	1,518	-	1,518	-
Events - Quiz	-	-	-	-
Magazine Sales	128	-	128	32
Magazine Adverts	125	-	125	-
Ground Rent	284	-	284	-
Misc	-	-	-	-
4,364	-	1,620	5,984	2,032

b) Activities for generating funds
Book of Remembrance
Donations - Votive Stand
Events - Bonus Ball
Events - Christmas Fair
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc
Events - Safari Supper
Events - Quiz
Magazine Sales
Magazine Adverts
Ground Rent
Misc

2,816	-	-	2,816	2,227
-------	---	---	-------	-------

c) Receipts from Church Activities
Fees

d) Investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends on CBF Investments	2,298	2,298	-	2,298	2,222
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>2,222</u>

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Vicarage Upkeep	1,148	-	-	-	(160)
Team Expenses	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Gas/Electricity/Water	6,151	-	-	-	2,824
Insurance	3,041	-	-	-	2,950
Repairs/Maintenance	-	8,254	-	-	5,212
Service Consumables	857	-	-	-	675
Cleaner	2,390	-	-	-	1,895
Magazine	969	-	-	-	254
Ground Rent	50	-	-	-	-
Organists	2,740	-	-	-	1,090
Event Expenses	809	-	-	-	(100)
Bonus Ball	-	1,620	-	-	1,815
Sunday School	300	-	372	-	652
Sundries	866	-	-	-	468
Flowers	-	484	-	-	-
	<u>20,820</u>	<u>10,358</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>31,550</u>	<u>19,074</u>

5 The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their duties as PC members. One member of the PC received payment for cleaning the church on a weekly basis. One member received payment as our organist.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £60,739 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£56,833 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St. Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to pay our contribution in full.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £3,906. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at the 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £7,748

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months payments.

Examination of St Maxentius Church Accounts for the year ended 31st
December 2022

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Conditions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 Edition.

To complete the examination full reviews of the accounting records and comparison of the accounts that are presented with those records are required.

The examination also includes any consideration of any anomalies in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters.

This examination does not provide all the evidence that would be required by a full audit, therefore, I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

During my examination no matters have come to my attention.

This gives me reasonable assurance that the Trustees have met their requirements to ensure that:

1. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with Section 130 of The Act)
2. Accounts are prepared and agree with the accounting records, and these comply with all the requirements of The Act.

Signed,

Michael Keshaw

Accounts

**Parish Of St Maxentius
Bradshaw**

**Annual Report
And
Financial Statement.**

Year ended December 31st 2021

St Maxentius Church

Bolton Road, Bradshaw , Bolton, BL2 3EU

Diocese of Manchester, Bolton Episcopal Area

Walmsley Deanery, then Bolton Deanery

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Maxentius, Bradshaw

Registered Charity Number 1132522

Year ending December 31st 2021

Presented to the Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Sunday 15th May 2022

Foreword:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and prayers. (Acts 2, 42). The first Christian Community was marked by these four actions, their instinctive response to the miracle of the resurrection and the call of God in Jesus.

As we give thanks for the last twelve months and look forward to the next, let us recommit ourselves to that same service, with gratitude for all we have received and a fervent hope for all we might accomplish for the future.

This report is compiled by members of the Parochial Church Council .

Background and general information.

The Anglican Parish of St Maxentius is part of the Turton Moorland ministry, among with the parishes of St Peter, Belmont, St Anne, Turton and Christ Church Walmsley. The team is on the Northern edge of the Manchester Diocese, consisting of suburban development, moorland villages and extensive rural areas. St Maxentius Church is situated on Bolton Road, Bradshaw, and serves a stable and settled community based on the village of Bradshaw on the northern outskirts of Bolton. Many of the local population have links with the church and many of the congregation have long standing local connections.

The address for all correspondence is St Maxentius Church, Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3UE.

Administrative information.

The Parochial Church Council, known as St Maxentius PCC is a registered charity, no 1132522. Church officers who served from Jan 1st 2021 until this report was approved are:

Team Rector	Canon Peter Reiss.
Team Vicar and Chair:	Vacant.
Deputy Chair:	Jan Bennett
ALMs:	Jan Bennett, Jo Haslam
Churchwardens:	Joyce Armstrong, Jan Bennett
Deputy wardens:	Bryan Goodall, Dave Haslam, Don Taylor, Margaret Heaton, Tom Heaton, Ruth Scorah
PCC:	Edna Bowers, Carol Carr, Elaine Christian, Andrew Cox, Alison and Arthur Greaves, Bryan Goodall, Jo Haslam, Don Taylor, Ruth Scorah, Rebecca Smith, Chris Sutcliffe
Treasurer:	Bryan Goodall
Secretary:	Carol Carr

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation rules. All church attended are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC at the next APCM. A third of the PCC will be elected every year to serve for 3 years.

Elected members are limited to 15, plus ex-officio and co-opted members.

Each year a third of the PCC is up for election to serve for 3 years.

Two churchwardens are elected every year at the Annual Parishioner's meeting immediately before the APCM. Any person on the electoral roll may attend and vote. Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop and ex-officio members of the PCC.

The PCC has responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection and safeguarding.

Day o day management is exercised by the Team rector, delegated as appropriate to the Team Vicar and churchwardens, and officers of the PCC assisted by the team administrator.

Team Rector's Report.

A year ago we met on ZOOM and we thought that the blight of Covid might be over reasonably soon. This past year has seen the Omicron variant prove even more contagious, though thankfully less lethal.

We have tried to balance a more open and free way of worshipping and gathering with necessary precautions. It has not been easy nor was there an obvious answer. We had to judge as best we could and we may not have got everything right.

As a Team we have welcomed Hannah Lane as an assistant Curate, and what a blessing this has been in many ways. We have not had a replacement at Bradshaw and now we prepare to say thank you and farewell to Carol Hayden. It is a reminder that church is about people, community, it is about growth and change and development, it is about walking forwards with each other into God's future,

I want to offer a big thank you to all who have done so much in all our parishes to keep things going during Covid, and also to get things going, either new things like our midweek services, or things we have missed like a Team service, Turton Youth Church or Choirs. A particular thank you to the Wardens, across the Team who carry that extra responsibility.

Our team exists to support and enable our local churches. We want to face up towards God in worship. How lovely to share Holy week across the Team. We must look within at ourselves, both how we manage and govern and do things, in grace, with mercy and truth. We must face outwards, as yeast or salt in and for our community and the world. How good to raise so much for Christian aid through the shared walk last September.

This coming year will see more change as we form a larger Mission Community, and this may affect the Team as a structure, and we will need to look at this in the coming year. We will hopefully see new appointments made and more people discerning a sense of ministerial vocation in their parishes, whatever this may look like. I have been here now for just over 2 and a half years, and I feel both anxious and hopeful for the future.

Anxious because we do not live in easy times, and the world is dark in many places. Hopeful, because I know that as we live as people of grace, mercy and truth, then the Gospel is attractive and God's blessing will draw others to find him. We will make mistakes, though I hope others will not be hurt by them and we will get some things wrong. As we seek to be God's people in the places where God has called us, we may discover his blessing poured out on us and through us, and on to others. May the spirit of God guide us in the coming year. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Peter

Vicar's report

I wonder what our feelings are as we come to another APCM. This past year has been another strange one, Covid restrictions have finally eased, but so much of the year has been uncertain, though not as restricted and locked down as the previous one.

Easter is the season when the disciples discover the risen Jesus, even when the doors are locked and they are fearful, Easter is the season when the disciples are encouraged and challenged to go forwards with Jesus and not go back.

I would like to begin by thanking Jan and Joyce, our wonderful wardens, who have shouldered even more in the absence of a resident vicar, and have done so willingly and cheerfully. We have settled into a pattern of Sunday and Wednesday worship, with a Family Communion service once a month on a Sunday. It has been a joy to have Hannah Lane join our clergy team, and thank you also to Marcus Bulcock who has become more part of Sr Maxentius.

The mid-week service has grown and established itself and thank to Jo and Jan in particular for their leadership in this service. We have got much stronger links now with our school, and are rebuilding links with the uniformed organisations and will have quarterly parade services.

I hope we are a worshipping community, We are also a growing community – growing through invitation and welcome, growing in our own faith, and growing new ministries as new people discover what God is asking them to do. This must remain a priority, as it is so easy to be busy with "things" and lose the deeper truths.

Each of us I hope, will want to find ways to grow in prayer and in faith. I hope we can encourage one another. We are also called to be a transforming community, one that makes a difference, one that is outward looking, that has its doors open and where we are "out there" as Christians, not huddled "in". As individuals we will have various concerns that we support, as a church we want to make our building more flexible, useable and used. The church looks to support Urban outreach and Christian Aid. We had a very successful Team walk for Christian Aid. As individuals and the church we want to care for the lonely, the anxious, the frail. Again, if our building is more flexible then we can make more people welcome.

This coming year we will have new challenges, and the celebration of our 150th anniversary in the current building. It is a reminder that we are rooted but also called to grow and move onto new things. The new Mission Community will mean we learn to work and worship with our wider group of parishes. Like welcoming new members of a family there will be new joys and new challenges. As we look at God's faithfulness over the

last 150 years and more, so do we also trust that God is calling us on, calling us forward, calling us to be a people of grace and mercy.

May God continue to bless us, our congregation and our ministry, and our congregation.

We have much for which to give thanks.

Peter

Parish Report

The electoral roll stands at 136. There have been no new additions, and we lost one member. Church attendance, after re-opening is around 65 people a week, but over 100 still receive the Worship at home. Wednesday Worship continued through church closure via ZOOM, and then, and now back in church is very well attended with an average of 37 children and 21 adults at most services. There have been 2 weddings, 5 baptisms, 4 funerals and 2 burials of ashes.

Carol Carr, Electoral roll officer

PCC report

At the last APCM Jan Bennett and Joyce Armstrong were elected as Churchwardens. Bryan Goodall was elected as Treasure, and Carol Carr as secretary. The PCC met 6 times in 2021, 3 times by ZOOM and 3 time in person. We welcomed Ruth Scolah to the PCC and said farewell to Edna Bowers who has been a PCC member for many years and will be much missed. It was a joy to finally meet together in July. We have had a busy year looking at ways to open church safely, manage our finances and trying to keep St Maxentius open to all. Worship at home continues to be massively popular, reaching many more than our congregation via our Facebook page, which is has had a makeover and is now much more accessible. The Wednesday service for families and children continues to flourish. There have been no social events to oversee, but this should improve in 2022. The walk round the parishes for Christian Aid in September was wonderful, and we served refreshments outside suitably distanced. We did not pay the Parish share as our income was greatly reduced by Covid. Hopefully this will improve next year. One nice thing we had to do was spend some money which came as a windfall. One amount was from the Walmsley Deanery Synod which was disbanded when the Bolton Synod was formed. There was money left in their account which was split between the parishes in the Deanery. The money went towards providing a screen for use at Wednesday worship and much needed storage for at the back of church. Another legacy was left to provide memorial in church, so we purchased lectern falls in green, red and purple to complete the set, The donor family were delighted with them, and the purple one arrived just in time for Advent.

The disbanding of Walmsley Deanery, and the formation of the new Bolton Deanery has kept us busy. Parishes are being divided into very large Mission Communities and quite a lot of time was spent on consultation with PCCs as well as Deanery reps. After submitting our feedback it appears our team will be in the same Mission Community as all the churches previously in the Walmsley Deanery with the exception of St Augustines. Staffing and cover will become an issue here, but that is for the future.

After the Christmas services we were back into lockdown. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but we have kept our church available to all and I hope next year this report will be full of exciting things.

Thanks go to the Wardens, Jan and Joyce who have taken the brunt of the work this year, producing endless risk assessments and keeping the church safe. Thanks to Peter, who has been our rock and who has kept everything together, to Marcus for takings some of our services, to all the PCC for your support and to the people in our congregation who make this church so special.

Carol Carr PCC secretary.

Deanery Synod report

The last two meetings of Walmsley Deanery Synod were very much involved with discussing the move to a much larger Bolton Deanery, encompassing all the churches in Bolton, and how many people felt that Deanery Synod members were not being listened to, as arrangements for the new Mission communities look as if they had already been decided upon. The Turton Team was very concerned that the team was being split and Belmont removed. Keith Lewis said he would contact the Archdeacon and encouraged everyone to send in their concerns.

There was also a discussion about what to do with Diocesan funds and it was decided to split the money between each parish. It enabled Jo to buy some much needed storage and equipment for the family worship service.

The meeting ended with Julian Hartley, Chair of Walmsley deanery thanking officer and representatives and asking them not to get too caught up in thinking about the future but to give thanks for what we do have will continue to have and to look forward with hope.

The inaugural meeting of the new Bolton Deanery was held on July 7th via ZOOM. The new Area Dean, Simon Cook, led the act of worship posing two questions: What are we here for and why?

Keith Lewis, lay chair, introduced himself, and welcomed everyone including Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Jean. The discussion for breakout groups was If you had one prayer for your community what would it be? After verbal feedback, Simon Cook asked for feedback about the proposed Mission Communities to be sent to him.

The September meeting was at Christ Church Heaton. Diocesan Synod representatives were elected, and the discussion again turned to Mission communities. There was a lot of speculation about what would happen, and Simon said the Diocese was willing to listen to feedback from parishes. He asked representatives to go back to their parishes for further discussion.

Bolton West submitted a resolution that individual cups be used to distribute wine. This was passed and it will go to the Diocesan Synod.

The October meeting was at Bishop Bridgman School. After a presentation by the Children's Chaplain Meesha and head of Ethos awe broke into Mission Community groups to discuss three [positive points, two questions two concerns and one next step which would be forwarded to the Diocese. Mission Community Group 3 which is the one St Maxentius is basically the old Walmsley Deanery minus St Augustines.

Mission Communities will be formed and leaders appointed in 2022.

Chris Sutcliffe, Walmsley deanery secretary

Financial report.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £51,803 and are detailed in the financial statement.

£50,735 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the Deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to ay in full and did not get a discount.

The net result of the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £1,068. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year the balance carried forward at the 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £3,841.

The PCC aims to retain a balance of "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments at least equal to three months payments.

These accounts have been audited and found to be correct by Michael Renshaw.

Bryan Goodall, treasurer

Fabric Report

No major repair work has been undertaken o the church building during 2021 and annual costs in respect of general maintenance have been well below previous years.

A new health survey by arboriculturists on the trees within the churchyard revealed the need for substantial work and a faculty was subsequently obtained for the felling Of 5 trees and the pruning of a further 6.

The lightening conductor on the tower has been upgraded in line with the insurer's requirements.

The underground electricity supply to the tower has been damaged resulting in the clock no longer functioning. Negotiations are ongoing to have the supply replaced at no cost.

Any works to the tower have been held in abeyance. Due to the estimated initial cost for obtaining a schedule and associated works from the church architects in the order of £6,600.

Volunteers have continued to devote a great deal of time and effort to maintain and improve both the churchyard and the church building.

Don Taylor, Fabric Committee Chair.

Safeguarding report.

Since Covid we have not resumed Junior Church due to prior restrictions, and now nearly all safeguarding training and DBS checks need to be redone. Myself and Jo Haslam have renewed ours through the Diocese, and the decision has been made that Jo take over as safeguarding officer.

It seems that not only had the Diocese not replied to our requests for help with DBS and training, they had also lost all information on our change over of personnel. Jo has now got the necessary forms and is in the process

of changing things with Church House so hopefully we will then be able to function with Junior Church again. As Jo is DBS and safeguarding trained Little Church continues to operate.

During the time we have not had any causes for concern, and PCC passed the resolution for Jo to take over as safeguarding officer.

Jan Bennett

Choir report

The pandemic presented some big challenges for church choirs across the land, but the St Maxentius choir has weathered these very well. And therefore we only really have positive news to report. Once we were allowed to sing again the members returned on a regular basis. Not singing regularly does mean voices get a little rusty but after a few services we were back to singing hymns in 4 parts to a high standard and supporting the congregation in musical worship. New members have joined the choir during the pandemic phase and we are now back to practicing once a week. We continue to rehearse and sing anthems, with choir anthems performed at Christmas and three anthems during the Easter season. We recently joined forces with the choir of St Anne's Turton for the Maundy Thursday service and attended the Good Friday service at Turton. I therefore conclude that the choir is in a good place and we will continue our important mission of singing God's praise. As always we are delighted to welcome new members, so do let us know if you would like to sing with us.

Dr Matthew Pearson, choir master and organist.

Mothers Union Report

For many years St Maxentius Mother's Union held two meetings a month in the day school at 7.30pm. Due to Covid 19 we have had to make several changes, and we now meet monthly in church at 2pm. Our first meeting in 2021 was 12th October in church and most members were happy with the new arrangements for meetings. In November we held a bible market which raised £47. 80 and we also had a trip to Bents garden centre. The Christmas meeting was a short service followed by readings, music and seasonal refreshments.

Edna Bowers

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw
Charity No
1132522
Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts & Payments Accounts						
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts						
Regular Giving						
Receipts from donors						
Planned giving	36,613	-	-	-	36,613	37,806
Collections other than giving	635	-	-	-	635	903
Income Tax recovered	8,777	-	-	-	8,777	11,171
	46,025	-	-	-	46,025	49,881
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	1,112	1,190	11,189	-	13,491	12,243
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	217	-	1,815	-	2,032	5,438
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,227	-	-	-	2,227	2,230
Investment income (note 4d)	2,222	-	-	-	2,222	2,146
	51,803	1,190	13,004	-	65,997	71,938
Payments						
Church activities						
Diocesan parish share	39,127	-	-	-	39,127	46,000
Other payments (note 4e)	11,607	652	6,816	-	19,074	33,995
	50,735	652	6,816	-	58,202	79,995
Excess of Receipts over Payments	1,068	538	6,188	-	7,795	(8,057)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,068	538	6,188	-	7,795	(8,057)
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	2,773	2,412	17,193	-	22,378	30,435
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	3,841	2,950	23,381	-	30,173	22,378

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
Cash Funds

Bank current accounts	3,841	2,950	23,381	-	30,173	22,378
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3,841	2,950	23,381	-	30,173	22,378

Other Monetary Assets

	-	-	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---	---	---

Investment Assets (note 2)

Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	87,446	-	87,446	76,453
--	---	---	--------	---	---------------	---------------

Assets retained for Church use

	-	-	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---	---	---

Liabilities -

	-	-	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---	---	---

The attached notes on pages 2 & 3 form part of these financial statements

**Approved by the PCC on 15th March 2022 and signed on their behalf
by Rev. P Reiss and Mr B Goodall (PCC treasurer)**

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2021

NOTES

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts & payments basis.

2 All the funds are invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.

3 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Tax Rec	Bal c/fwd
Restricted: Church Fabric Fund	16,515	12,754	6,665	0	22,604
Church Organ Fund	520	250	151	0	619
Flower fund	158	0	0	0	158
	<u>17,193</u>	<u>13,004</u>	<u>6,816</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,381</u>
Designated: PCC yearly charity	-	-	-	-	-

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Investment Assets which can only be spent for fabric maintenance.

The organ fund represents accumulated donations which can only be spent for organ maintenance.

The flower fund represents accumulated donations and monies spent on flowers for the church.

4 Receipts and Payments analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a) Other voluntary receipts					
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,112	1,190	11,189	13,491	12,243
	<u>1,112</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>11,189</u>	<u>13,491</u>	<u>12,243</u>
b) Activities for generating funds					
Book of Remembrance	40	-	-	40	20
Donations - Votive Stand	145	-	-	145	150
Events - Bonus Ball	-	-	1,815	1,815	4,005
Events - Christmas Fair	-	-	-	-	-
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc	-	-	-	-	377
Events - Safari Supper	-	-	-	-	-
Events - Quiz	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine Sales	32	-	-	32	362
Magazine Adverts	-	-	-	-	525
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>5,438</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees	<u>2,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,227</u>	<u>2,230</u>

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw

Charity No

1132522

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2021

d) Investment income

Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends on CBF Investments	2,222	-	-	2,222	2,146
	<u>2,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>2,146</u>

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	-	-	-	-	775
Vicarage Upkeep	(160)	-	-	(160)	3,333
Team Expenses	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
Gas/Electricity/Water	2,824	-	-	2,824	3,499
Insurance	2,950	-	-	2,950	2,940
Repairs/Maintenance	211	-	5,001	5,212	13,399
Service Consumables	675	-	-	675	761
Churchyard	-	-	-	-	3,276
Cleaner	1,895	-	-	1,895	405
Magazine	254	-	-	254	225
Organists	1,090	-	-	1,090	1,050
Event Expenses	(100)	-	-	(100)	2,218
Bonus Ball	-	-	1,815	1,815	-
Sunday School	-	652	-	652	-
Sundries	468	-	-	468	581
Flowers	-	-	-	-	33
	<u>11,607</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>6,816</u>	<u>19,074</u>	<u>33,995</u>

5 The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their duties as PCC members. One member of the PCC received payment for cleaning the church on a weekly basis.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £51,803 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£50,735 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St. Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. We will have to find more as we were unable to pay our contribution in full.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £1,068. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at the 31st December for unrestricted funds totalled £3,841

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months payments.

Accounting Records maintained by the PCC St Maxentius Church Bradshaw Bolton 2021

The accounts are recorded and maintained on a spreadsheet in a straightforward manner.

Receipts

Manual sheets re used each week to record in detail all the monies received, these sheets are completed by a dedicated team of approved volunteers who also count and bank the monies.

The Treasurer receives the completed sheet each week and records the monies to the relevant columns on the spreadsheet.

No cash book is used the spreadsheet forming the main accounting record.

Payments

Payments are made on production of invoices or vouchers, these are then posted to the relevant columns on the spreadsheet, and the invoice/voucher cross referenced with the cheque number, these records are maintained in date order.

General

The PCC have two bank accounts with Santander and NatWest, both accounts are under dual control with transactions requiring two signatures, and they are maintained by the Treasurer.

Both accounts contain restricted and unrestricted funds, but these are recorded separately and in detail on the spreadsheet which forms the prime record.

PCC meetings are held every other month and the Treasurer makes a detailed report at each.

The Financial records, statements and computerised spreadsheets are compiled at the Year End and passed to the Independent Examiner for their report.

Signed



Michael Renshaw

9/12/22

Examination of St Maxentius Church Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Conditions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition.

To complete the examination full reviews of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts that are presented with those records are required.

The examination also includes any consideration of any anomalies in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters.

This examination does not provide all the evidence that would be required by a full audit, therefore, I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

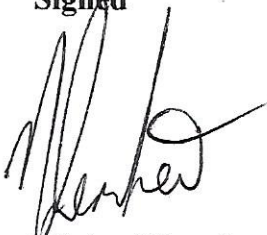
Independent Examiners Statement

During my examination no matter has come to my attention.

This gives me reasonable assurance that the Trustees have met their requirements to ensure that:

1. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act).
2. Accounts are prepared and agree with the accounting records, and these comply with all the requirements of the Act

Signed



Michael Renshaw.

9/2/27

Accounts

Parish of St Maxentius Bradshaw

Annual Report And Financial Statement

Year ended 31st December 2020

**St Maxentius Church
Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3EU
Diocese of Manchester, Bolton Episcopal Area, Walmsley Deanery
The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Maxentius,
Bradshaw
Registered Charity Number 1132522
Year Ending 31st December 2020**

**Presented to the Annual Parochial Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th May 2021
By ZOOM**

Foreword:

“They Devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. (Acts 2,42). The first Christian Community was marked by these four actions, their instinctive response to the miracle of the resurrection and the call of God in Jesus. As we give thanks for the last twelve months and look forward to the next, let us recommit ourselves to that same service, with gratitude for all we have received and a fervent hope for all we might accomplish for the gospel.

Back ground and general information.

The Anglican Parish of St Maxentius is part of the Turton Moorland Team Ministry, along with the Parishes of St Peter, Belmont, St Anne, Turton and Christ Church, Walmsley. The Team is on the northern edge of the Diocese of Manchester, consisting of suburban development, moorland villages and extensive rural areas. St Maxentius Church is situated on Bolton Road, Bradshaw, and serves a stable and settled community based on the village of Bradshaw on the northern outskirts of Bolton. The area has little obvious deprivation but there are hidden pockets of need. Many of the local population have links with the Church, and many of the Congregation have long standing family connections.

The address for all correspondence is: St Maxentius Church, Bolton Road, Bradshaw, Bolton, BL2 3EU.

Administrative information.

The Parochial Church Council, known as St Maxentius PCC, is a registered charity no 1132522. Church officers and PCC who have served from Jan 1st 2016 until this report was approved are:

Team Rector:	Canon Peter Reiss					
Team Vicar and Chair:	Rev Jan Ainsworth Till June 2020, PTO till December 2020					
Assistant Priest:	Rev Robin Usher					
Churchwardens:	Jan Bennett	Joyce Armstrong				
Deputy Wardens	Margaret Heaton	Don Taylor	David Haslam			
	Bryan Goodall	Tom Heaton	Ruth Scolah			
PCC:	Edna Bowers	Carol Carr	Chris Sutcliffe	Elaine Christian	Andrew Cox	Alison
Greaves	Arthur Greaves	Bryan Goodall	Jo Haslam	Don Taylor	Gillian Schofield	Rebecca Smith
Treasurer	Bryan Goodall					
Secretary	Carol Carr					

Structure, governance and management.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the next A.P.C.M. Elected members are limited to 15, plus ex-officio members and co-opted members.

There are two Churchwardens elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting which immediately precedes the Annual Parochial Meeting, and which any person whose name is on the electoral roll may attend and vote.

Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop and ex-officio members of the PCC.

The PCC has responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the Parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination and child protection.

Day to day management is exercised by the Team Rector, delegated as appropriate to the Team Vicar and Churchwardens, and officers of the PCC assisted by the Team Administrator.

The PCC twice in person, 3 times by ZOOM and the standing committee met twice by ZOOM

Turton Moorland Team Rector’s Report

Two thirds of my time as Team rector has been with restrictions from Covid. Many of the ideas that were being discussed a year ago have been forcibly paused, but not all by any means. Our parishes have adapted and learnt new ways to live out the Five Marks of Mission, or, put more simply, our three threads from our team logo.

The challenge in the coming year is going to be how to *look forwards*, as well as *look within, face up* and *face outwards*. Things have changed as a result of Covid, and it would be foolish to try and reclaim all the things we used to do and have. God is calling us forward - in the Resurrection message from Mark - *he has gone before you...*

The gospel message is unchanging- God’s love for us, God’s call on us -but how we share this is ever changing. Our church buildings are historic centres of our communities. After a year and more of changing people want to be together. How do we offer our buildings for gatherings, for worship, for social support, for practical help? The Covid virus has brought grief and uncertainty- it has upended various things we took for granted- it has destroyed many businesses and jobs while giving others new opportunities. Our Easter message is of a God who is among us and offers peace. How can we share that peace with others? How do we support those who are struggling and how do we welcome in the young and make sure our churches are places where they too can thrive and grow?

The Diocese is bringing in new structures and we will be part of a much larger Deanery by July, and we are likely to be forming part of a much larger Mission Community in the coming years. The Diocesan finances can no longer support the current number of paid clergy; however many active church people are also facing more demands and none of us are getting any younger. We cannot do everything and an exhausted church is not an attractive church.

Along with the challenge to *face outwards and face forwards in mission*, we will need to *look within at our structures and our sustainability*, and we must always be *looking up and listening up to hear the Spirit of God* (as we approach Pentecost particularly.)

Those who take too much on a journey are weighed down by it all, those who do not take enough are stranded. Those who travel together can share what they bring, but they must also focus on the task ahead. We need to

discern what we need to carry, and what we might let go. We have permission to let go – we have learnt this in the past year.

I think in all our churches, as we begin to emerge from the restrictions, we would do well to continue *in temporary mode, in journey mode, in explore-mode*; we need to sense what it is that God is calling us to, to remind ourselves that God has been with us this past year and more, and that we have done things we never would have imagined. Let us for a joy in our freedom under God, and for wisdom as we make decisions.
Peter

Vicar's Report.

2020 started in the usual way, until the new virus Covid 19, began to travel fast across the globe. Gradual restrictions were brought into place until there was a full lockdown in England resulting in churches being required to close from Mothering Sunday, March 22. No services were held at St Maxentius Church from the until Sunday July 12. All face to face church activities ceased from that time.

To maintain worship an order of service was devised for various people to use at home. Various contact lists were collated and compared with the electoral roll to compile a mailing list. Some regular worshippers were not on email so a printed copy was delivered to them, with one or two posted to people living away.

Called St Maxentius Worship at home the readings for the day, a reflection and intercessions were included. The reflections and intercessions were prepared by Jan B in her role as ALM and the Vicar. Jo Haslam prepared children's material each week, and formatted the weekly service sheet. Jo also uploaded the service onto the church Facebook page and a number of people followed it from there.

We also took part in the Team service recorded each week by Revd Peter Reiss, the Team rector. On occasion members of St Maxentius provided the reflection, including for St Maxentius Day in June when a choir made up of various members from across the team recorded the St Maxentius hymn sung every year on the saint's day. The weekly mailing was much appreciated during the period of church closures but also continued after it was possible to hold services in church again. A significant number of the congregation were shielding or not comfortable being back in church so Worship at Home continued to be their lifeline.

The first service held in church was on 12 July, after extensive risk assessment by the PCC. All the recommended provisions were put in place, including a one way system and through ventilation, the chancel door used for exit, hand sanitiser at entrance and exit, alternate pews roped off, sitting with 2 metre distance, no books or papers, chapel out of use. It felt very strange to have no singing and little congregational input to minimise movement. But the value of being together was felt by all, even when alongside anxiety about whether we had done enough. The later requirement to wear masks was also taken in our stride.

Keeping to social distancing rules, the capacity of our church is around 45-60 depending on how many households sit together. The numbers attending have stabilised around the 35-40 mark, well down on our usual attendance of 85-120.

We realised more of our families would be returning after the summer holidays. We would not be able to accommodate them all in the Sunday service, so we initiate a new service, Wednesday Worship at 6pm. This is aimed at families who would usually be part of Little Church and Junior Church, with children from 2 to 8 years old. This has been a success with a steady attendance so far of about 20 adults and 30 children. There is a special liturgy incorporating a prayer of preparation, confession and absolution, a reading and talk, prayers and a weekly challenge for them to carry out at home. The results of the challenge are displayed on the church noticeboards outside and in the porch.

With the cessation of church services regular giving suffered a major drop. But asking people to switch to paying by regular standing order was a success, with the result that income kept pace with essential costs, including the Diocesan Parish Share. This is in stark contrast to many churches and we are truly grateful to our congregation who have supported the church throughout the continuing restricted circumstances.

That's the final word of this report. When we returned to worship together in our building it became obvious how much this means to all of us. Our faith is indeed a matter between ourselves and God, but it finds its true expression hand in hand with others. We are comforted, treasured and sustained by encountering the Word of God and receiving the bread of life together. We see reflected in each others faces the desire for him and the wish to serve him in the best way we can. It enables us to go on, through the uncertainty and sadness of our present times.

I owe a huge debt not only to the Standing Committee and the PCC but the whole congregation for their commitment and steadfastness. We are still here, and still opening our hearts to the God of our salvation and his Son., Jesus.

Revd Jan Ainsworth.

Lockdown prevented us from having a remembrance Service in November so Revd Jan videoed our wreaths and short service at the Cenotaph with a few onlookers from the road. We then carried on with Worship at home and going forward our Team rector Peter started the videoed service online. We were able to have some of our Christmas services but obviously quite limited in numbers. Revd Jan retired at the end of December, her last service on December 27. It was a lovely, well attended service and she was presented with some lovely gifts.

We went straight into lockdown after that and have stepped up with our online and home delivery service and we have had fantastic support from the team clergy. I have been doing the Worship at Home sheets and Joyce has been instrumental in starting up the new website with help from Nicki Barlow at St Anne's. We are now looking forward to reopening again.

Joyce and I would like to thank Peter and the clergy team for their support. An advert has gone out for a new team vicar for us and we await our new incumbent and our future.

Jan Bennett, ALM

Parish report.

The updated electoral roll now has 137 people on it which is a slight increase from last year.. Average church attendance when we were able to reopen was around 45 people per week.

PCC Report.

At the APCM in October 2020, Jan Bennett and Joyce Armstrong were elected as Churchwardens. Bryan Goodall was re-elected as Treasurer, and Carol Carr was re-elected as PCC secretary. We had two meetings in January and March 2020 when we were together in church, and then Covid changed everything. Church had to close, and the PCC had to think of new ways to keep our church community together. The Sunday worship was developed and sent by email or posted to over 100 people. It has proved very popular and thanks go to Rev Jan Ainsworth, Jo Jan Bennett and Chris Sutcliffe for putting it together and distributing the printed copies. It has been a real lifeline for many people during this difficult time. The PCC has also been kept busy looking at ways to keep the church safe when it was allowed to open, a lot of the business being conducted by Standing committee Zoom meetings and consultation with all PCC members. We opened church safely in Summer which was lovely and had around 40 people at the first Sunday service we were safely able to hold. The APCM was moved to October which we held during the service in October, welcoming Rebecca Smith to the PCC. Church was closed again at Christmas, but not before a Christmas Day service and a last service for Jan Ainsworth on December 27th when we said goodbye to her with gifts and cards. She gave us 6 months more than we were expecting as she originally planned to retire in June, and for that we are very thankful. We began to have full PCC meetings by ZOOM and they have been successful but it will be lovely to meet together soon. We have had no social events, and it was not possible to have the Christmas raffle that normally happens at the Christmas Fair so fundraising has been non-existent. The parish Share has been paid for 2020 as Bryan had negotiated a reduced amount, but next year may be harder to manage. Thanks to standing order giving and the Bonus Ball which continue to bring in some money our finances are in good shape.. One good piece of news is that St Maxentius received the Silver Eco award, so thanks to Jan Bennett and all the people who helped to achieve this. We are now going for Gold.

We have a website and Facebook page and the magazine goes online. We hope this also helps to keep people connected.

We hope next year will be a safer one for everyone. Church is open now and we are looking forward to welcoming people back. Our sidespersons have had nothing to do in 2020, but hopefully will be back at work soon, so thanks to them for their patience. Thank you also to the Deputy wardens, and to Jan and Robin for our services.

Carol Carr, PCC secretary. .

Deanery Synod Report.

The deanery Synod met once by ZOOM.

The key items discussed included forthcoming changes to the Deaneries and the development of Mission Communities. There was concern expressed about how the process was being carried out.

Parishes were asked to consider which other parishes they think would fit as possible partners so there was some input from local churches prior to the arrival of the new Dean. There was some concern at St Maxentius that Belmont was being removed from the team and replaced with St Matthew's, Little Lever. This seems a poor decision to split a team that is working well. Our feelings were put in writing to the Diocese.

Walmsley Deanery will cease to exist on May 31st, when it will merge with Deane and Bolton deaneries to become the new Deanery of Bolton. There are no plans to hold a celebration or ending service as we do not know what restrictions will be and it was felt energy was better put into the inauguration of the new Deanery.

Finance.

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £56,721 and are detailed in the financial statement.

£61,990 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from St Maxentius Church including the contribution to the Diocesan parish share., which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that we have to pay for our Parish Share is based on meetings with the Diocese and is agreed with us on a three yearly basis. This year I am pleased to say we paid in full but this meant we used a large portion of our reserves due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of the church.

The net result of the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £5,270. Adding the bank balance brought over from the beginning of the year the balance carried forward at the 31st December 2020 for unrestricted funds totalled £2,773. .

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months payments.

The accounts have been scrutinised and approved by Michael Renshaw, an independent examiner. and found to be correct...

Bryan Goodall, Treasurer

Fabric

Externally the church building remains in fairly satisfactory condition although a number of repairs remain outstanding from the past Quinquennial report. These are being undertaken on an ongoing basis although this has been somewhat restricted because of the covid pandemic.

No major repair works have been undertaken during then year and the fabric costs shown in the treasurer's report are in respect of the partial costs of the major works undertaken to the roof and gutters in 2019 and general maintenance work.

We have continued to maintain and improve the graveyards and grounds through the ongoing efforts of the volunteers and Monday Group which has contributed to the church receiving the silver award in the Eco Church project.

Don Taylor

Fabric Committee Chair

Safeguarding.

Obviously things have gone very quiet over the last 12 months, and the support workers from the Diocese are now working from home.

Elaine has kept a diary of all our personnel who need to have DBS and safeguarding qualifications and when they are up for renewal. As we get back into business and open up Church and services and so on we will take stock of where we are up to and keep up with renewals and new applications. We have asked for advice from the Diocese but they have been unable to help us up to now, but hopefully as they get back to Church House they may be more pro-active with parishes needing assistance. In their defence they are running an emergency support service and fortunately we have not needed that.

The safeguarding team at Church are working hard to stay within the Diocesan protocols and guidelines. We have the latest safeguarding newsletter on the noticeboard at the back of church and we will continue to keep up to date with all the checks necessary to ensure the safety of all our congregation, vulnerable children and adults.

Jan Bennett on behalf of the safeguarding team.

Choir

Following the 2019 Carol service the choir practised hymns and music for Holy Week and Easter, and then we had the Covid shutdown. When we returned to church later in the year our music was still there waiting to be sung! We were pleased to meet again after the latest lock-down and sing, quietly, 2 hymns during communion. Congregational singing then and now is still suspended. With Jan's retirement we will miss her valuable support and contributions - not least at choir birthday parties.

Hopefully we will be able to sing again soon and there will be room for more voices, so please consider adding to our number. New music is in the pipeline and younger voices will be made most welcome. We practice for an hour on Thursday evenings, followed by the occasional birthday party! Sunday services follow

This is my last report as "stand-in" choir director for the last 10 years Organist Matthew has agreed to take over at Christmas, and I know he will inspire us to an exciting future once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Arthur Greaves

Mothers Union

We started the year with 46 members as 5 chose not to renew their membership. We are still one of the larger branches in the Diocese.

The two meetings in January were both very enjoyable. The speaker at the first was Jo Haslam, the second meeting was held at the Red Lion in Hawkshaw, where we had an excellent meal. In February our AGM took place chaired by Revd Jan Ainsworth. All officers and committee were happy to continue for another year. George Skinner was the speaker in March, when his talk was about evacuees in Belmont during World War Two. The second meeting should have been the Spring deanery Meeting sadly and this and all the other meetings had to be cancelled due to Covid19. Members have been ringing each other, and some have been walking together, suitably socially distanced. Of course it was good to see friends when church was open again, but like everyone else we are looking forward to the time when we can meet properly again.

Edna Bowers

16th Bolton Brownies.

At the beginning of 2020 Brownies started the "local history badge", As part of the badge the Brownies visited Turton Tower, shortly after which we had to close down due to Covid.

A good number of our Brownies had moved up to Guides, and we haven't been in a position since to recruit new Brownies, which has meant our numbers are slightly depleted.

The Guiding movement promoted zoom meetings in the latter part of 2020. For Brownies this entailed a parent being present. The majority felt zoomed out due to home schooling so unfortunately this never took place. We are looking forward, hopefully in the near future, to welcoming our Brownies and new recruits back.

Karen Greenhalgh

16th Bolton St Maxentius Guides.

Guide meetings stopped in March 2020. We have not held any face to face meetings since then. In mid November we started to host virtual guide meetings by zoom. During these sessions the girls have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and discuss topical issues. In addition, they participate in activities that involve them in collecting items, drawing or writing and playing games.

We presently have 7 guides, 1 young leader and 4 leaders that regularly attend the meetings.

Tracey Hamer.

16th Rainbows.

We only had 6 meetings early on last year unfortunately. We played games and made Chinese lanterns for the New Year, made and ate pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and played flipping games, and then it all went wrong and we have not had a meeting since. We chose not to do virtual.

Mandy Tidy and leaders.

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Receipts & Payments Accounts				
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Receipts from donors				
Planned giving	37,806	-	-	-
Collections other than giving	903	-	-	-
Income Tax recovered	11,171	-	-	-
	<u>49,881</u>	-	-	-
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	1,031	-	11,212	-
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	1,433	-	4,005	-
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,230	-	-	-
Investment income (note 4d)	2,146	-	-	-
	<u>56,721</u>	-	<u>15,217</u>	-
Payments				
Church activities				
Diocesan parish share	46,000	-	-	-
Other payments (note 4e)	15,990	-	18,005	-
	<u>61,990</u>	-	<u>18,005</u>	-
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(5,270)	-	(2,788)	-
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>(5,270)</u>	-	<u>(2,788)</u>	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	8,043	2,412	19,980	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	<u>2,773</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>17,193</u>	-

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**Cash Funds**

Bank current accounts	2,773	2,412	17,193	-
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,773</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>17,193</u>	-

Other Monetary Assets

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

Investment Assets (note 2)

Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	76,453	-
--	---	---	--------	---

Assets retained for Church use

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

Liabilities -

	-	-	-	-
--	---	---	---	---

The attached notes on pages 2 & 3 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 18th May 2021 and signed on their behalf

by Rev. Canon Peter Reiss and Mr Bryan Goodall (PCC treasurer)

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2020

NOTES

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounts 2011 using the receipts & payments basis. SORP (FRS102)

2 All the funds are invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.

3 The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Tax Rec
Restricted: Church Fabric Fund	14,923	10,694	9,101	0
Church Organ Fund	4,270	0	3,750	0
Church Graveyard Fund	657	4,464	5,121	0
Flower fund	131	60	33	0
	<u>19,981</u>	<u>15,217</u>	<u>18,005</u>	<u>0</u>
Designated: PCC yearly charity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The fabric fund represents accumulated donations, appeals and monies transferred from Investment Assets which can only be spent for fabric maintenance.

The organ fund represents accumulated donations which can only be spent for organ maintenance.

The flower fund represents accumulated donations and monies spent on flowers for the church.

4 Receipts and Payments analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
a) Other voluntary receipts				
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Donations	1,031	-	11,212	12,243
	<u>1,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,212</u>	<u>12,243</u>
b) Activities for generating funds				
Book of Remembrance	20	-	-	20
Donations - Votive Stand	150	-	-	150
Events - Bonus Ball	-	-	4,005	4,005
Events - Christmas Fair	-	-	-	-
Events - Pancake, BBQ etc	377	-	-	377
Events - Safari Supper	-	-	-	-
Events - Quiz	-	-	-	-
Magazine Sales	362	-	-	362
Magazine Adverts	525	-	-	525
Misc	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>5,438</u>
c) Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees	<u>2,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,230</u>

St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw

Charity No

1132522**Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2020**

d) Investment income

Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends on CBF Investments	2,146	-	-	2,146
	<u>2,146</u>	-	-	<u>2,146</u>

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	775	-	-	775
Vicarage Upkeep	3,333	-	-	3,333
OLM Expenses	-	-	-	-
Team Expenses	1,500	-	-	1,500
Gas/Electricity/Water	3,499	-	-	3,499
Insurance	2,940	-	-	2,940
Repairs/Maintenance	548	-	12,851	13,399
Service Consumables	761	-	-	761
Churchyard	-	-	3,276	3,276
Cleaner	405	-	-	405
Magazine	225	-	-	225
Organists	1,050	-	-	1,050
Event Expenses	373	-	1,845	2,218
Sunday School	-	-	-	-
Sundries	581	-	-	581
Flowers	-	-	33	33
	<u>15,990</u>	-	<u>18,005</u>	<u>33,995</u>

5 The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their diocesan PCC members. One member of the PCC received payment for cleaning the church on a weekly basis.

Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £56,721 and are detailed in the financial statement. £61,990 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St. Maxentius Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that we have to pay for our Parish Share is based on meetings with the Diocese and is agreed with us on a 3 yearly basis. This year I am pleased to say we paid in full but meant we used a large portion of our reserves due to the Covid19 pandemic and closure of the church.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £5,270. Adding the bank balance brought forward from the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at the 31st December unrestricted funds totalled £2,773

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves to provide working capital and to meet any future shortfalls in receipts or unexpected payments, at least equal to three months' expenditure.

Total 2020	Total 2019
£	£

37,806	41,332
903	3,314
11,171	11,931
49,881	56,577
12,243	3,543
5,438	9,363
2,230	1,986
2,146	2,083
71,938	73,552

46,000	41,831
33,995	39,792
79,995	81,623
(8,057)	(8,071)
-	-
(8,057)	(8,071)
30,435	38,507
22,378	30,435

22,378	30,435
-	-
-	-
22,378	30,435

-	-
----------	----------

76,453	71,515
---------------	---------------

-	-
----------	----------

-	-
----------	----------

ting Regulations

Bal c/fwd

16,515

520

0

158

17,194

-

ment

nce.

Total

2019

£

-

3,543

3,543

40

111

3,695

2,789

1,622

499

100

508

-

-

9,363

1,986

-
2,083
2,083

1,036
3,101
-
1,500
3,595
2,898
12,489
1,091
2,711
2,390
1,125
2,750
3,713
405
664
324

39,792

uties as
basis.

ements.

ontribution

alance
ber for

onths payments.

Accounting Records maintained by the PCC St Maxentius Church Bradshaw Bolton 2020

The accounts are recorded and maintained on a spreadsheet in a straightforward manner.

Receipts

Manual sheets are used to record in detail all the monies received, these sheets are completed by a dedicated team of approved volunteers who also count and bank the monies.

The Treasurer receives the completed sheet and records the monies to the relevant columns on the spreadsheet.

No cash book is used the spreadsheet forming the main accounting record.

Payments

Payments are made on production of invoices or vouchers, these are then posted to the relevant columns on the spreadsheet, and the invoice/voucher cross referenced with the cheque number, these records are maintained in date order.

General

The PCC have two bank accounts with Santander and NatWest, both accounts are under dual control with transactions requiring two signatures, and they are maintained by the Treasurer.

Both accounts contain restricted and unrestricted funds, but these are recorded separately and in detail on the spreadsheet which forms the prime record.

PCC meetings are held by Zoom every other month and the Treasurer makes a detailed report at each.

The Financial records, statements and computerised spreadsheets are compiled at the Year End and passed to the Independent Examiner for their report.

Signed



Michael Renshaw

29/3/21

Examination of St Maxentius Church Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Conditions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition.

To complete the examination full reviews of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts that are presented with those records are required.

The examination also includes any consideration of any anomalies in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters.

This examination does not provide all the evidence that would be required by a full audit, therefore, I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

During my examination no matter has come to my attention.

This gives me reasonable assurance that the Trustees have met their requirements to ensure that:

1. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act).
2. Accounts are prepared and agree with the accounting records, and these comply with all the requirements of the Act

Signed



Michael Renshaw.

Accounting Records 2020 – St Maxentius Church Bradshaw Bolton

I have looked at and audited the following

1, Main Accounts to Spreadsheet (receipts)

Date	Amount	Description	Source	Breakdown
26/1/20	1092.70	Envelope/collection	Doc in Prime	543.70
		baptism		52.00
		Bonus ball		400.00
		Gift Aid		5.00
		Magazine Money		38.00
		Headstone inscription		<u>54.00</u>
				<u>1092.70</u>
28/6/20	226.00	Envelope/collection	Doc in Prime	215.00
		Copy marriage cert		11.00
		Bonus Ball(banked direct)	£85.00	
				<u>226.00</u>
4/10/20	123.00	Envelope	Doc in Prime	<u>123.00</u>
				<u>123.00</u>
25/12/20	330.00	Envelope/collection	Doc in Prime	80.00
		Donation		70.00
		JA Collection		<u>180.00</u>
				<u>330.00</u>

Main accounts to spreadsheet (Payments)

24/1/20	7967.00	William Kay Roof Repairs
10/6/20	3750.00	Howard Davies Renovation work to organ
9/10/20	60.00	Multicopy
15/12/20	147.36	Able Fire Security

Spreadsheet to main accounts (Receipts)

12/01/20	571.03	Collection	451.03
		Graveyard	100.00
		Book of R/brance	<u>20.00</u>
			<u>571.03</u>
14/06/20	10020.00	Legacy	10,000.00
		Bonus Ball	<u>20.00</u>
			<u>10,020.00</u>
26/07/20	700.69	Collection	488.00
		Magazine	20.00
		Café Max	111.35
		Lent appeal	<u>81.34</u>
			<u>700.69</u>
01/11/20	230.00	Collection	185.00
		Christian Aid	<u>35.00</u>
			<u>230.00</u>

Spreadsheet to main accounts (Payments)

16/02/20	2,792.83	Parish Share	
	7,967.00	William Kay	Fabric Fund
			£10,759.83
24/05/20	109.81	Gas	£109.81
05/07/20	200.00	graveyard maintenance	£200.00
15/11/20	125.00	Team Office Expenses	£125.00

All the above entries have been reconciled to the bank accounts.

Michael Renshaw.



4/4