

**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, Allison and Arthur Greaves, Sue Usher, Jemma Hart,
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.

**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 though 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 vergier, 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 benefice 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 McGough 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.

St Maxentius – Safeguarding

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.

Jo Haslam May 2024

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
£	£	£	£	£	£

Receipts & Payments Accounts

Receipts

Voluntary Receipts	36,971	-	-	36,971	36,358
Regular Giving	6,023	-	-	6,023	3,636
Receipts from donors	10,113	-	-	10,113	9,262
Planned giving	53,106	-	-	53,106	49,257
Income Tax recovered	1,803	-	4,408	6,211	29,137
Other voluntary receipts (note 4a)	4,410	-	1,530	5,940	5,984
Activities for generating funds (note 4b)	3,128	-	-	3,128	2,816
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,310	-	-	2,310	2,298
Investment income (note 4d)	64,757	-	5,938	70,695	89,492

Payments

Church activities	36,113	-	-	36,113	36,012
Diocesan parish share	24,830	110	13,944	38,884	31,550
Other payments (note 4e)	60,943	110	13,944	74,997	67,562
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,814	(110)	(8,006)	(4,302)	21,929
Transfer between funds	-	(20,000)	20,000	-	-
Bank current & deposit accounts 1st Jan	3,814	(20,110)	11,994	(4,302)	21,929
Bank current & deposit accounts 31st Dec	7,748	22,542	21,812	52,102	30,173
	11,562	2,432	33,806	47,801	52,102

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Cash Funds	11,562	2,432	33,806	47,801	52,102
Bank current accounts	-	-	-	-	-
CBF deposit fund	-	-	-	-	-
Other deposit funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets (note 2)	-	-	84,525	84,525	77,198
Investment Fund shares at market value	-	-	-	-	-
Assets retained for Church use	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities -	-	-	-	-	-

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
by Rev. 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
Restricted: Church Fabric Fund	18,521	2,714	12,939	0
Church Building Fund	2,715	22,564	0	0
Church Organ Fund	468	0	318	0
Flower fund	108	660	687	0
	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

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					

c) Receipts from Church Activities	3,128	-	-	3,128	2,816
	4,410	-	1,530	5,940	5,984

d) Investment income

Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	2,310
Dividends on CBF Investments	2,310	-	-	-	2,310
	2,298	2,310	-	-	2,298

e) Church activities - payments

Vicar expenses	23	-	-	-	23
Vicarage Upkeep	(677)	-	-	-	(677)
Team Expenses	1,820	-	-	-	1,820
Gas/Electricity/Water	11,595	-	-	-	11,595
Insurance	3,312	-	-	-	3,312
Repairs/Maintenance	177	-	-	-	177
Service Consumables	1,012	-	-	-	1,012
Cleaner	2,390	-	-	-	2,390
Magazine	1,085	-	-	-	1,085
Ground Rent	5	-	-	-	5
Organists	3,230	-	-	-	3,230
Event Expenses	472	-	-	-	472
Bonus Ball	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Fund transfer	110	-	-	-	110
Sundries	386	-	-	-	386
Flowers	-	687	-	-	687
	-	386	-	-	386
	-	110	-	-	110
	672	-	-	-	672
	1,620	1,530	-	-	1,620
	809	472	-	-	809
	2,740	3,230	-	-	2,740
	50	5	-	-	50
	969	1,085	-	-	969
	2,390	2,390	-	-	2,390
	857	1,012	-	-	857
	8,254	11,904	-	-	8,254
	3,041	3,312	-	-	3,041
	6,151	11,595	-	-	6,151
	1,500	1,820	-	-	1,500
	1,148	(677)	-	-	1,148
	-	23	-	-	-
	24,830	13,944	110	-	24,830
	31,550	38,884	-	-	31,550

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