

**St Andrew's Church Eccles  
Annual Report of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the Year  
Ending 31st December 2023**



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The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of  
St Andrew Eccles Manchester.  
Registered charity number 1132836

Aims and Purposes

St Andrew’s Eccles PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Clergy in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building.

Administrative Information

St Andrew’s Church is situated on Chadwick Rd, Eccles M30 0NZ. It is part of the Eccles Team Ministry in the Deanery of Salford and Leigh and in the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 11 Abbey Grove, Eccles M30 9QN. Website: [www.standrewseccles.org](http://www.standrewseccles.org)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Andrew, Eccles, Manchester is a registered charity (charity number 1132836). The method of appointment of PCC members and wardens is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are either ex officio (being ordained clergy, members of the Deanery or Diocesan Synod or Church Wardens) or are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting as PCC members. (Wardens and Deanery Synod representatives are also elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting). All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members who have served during 2023 and are ex officio

Rev Andrew Harper	Team Vicar and Chair
Rev Jennifer Lewis	Ordained Local Minister and Curate
Kevin Walton*	Church Warden (Lay chair)
Stephen Gibbison*	Church Warden and Safeguarding Coordinator
Richard Lewis*/**	PCC Treasurer

\* Deanery Synod member \*\* Diocesan Synod member

Elected members

Elaine Walton	Reader
Karen Gibbison	Authorised Lay Minister (Children’s work)
Jane Lowe	PCC Secretary (until November 2023) and Authorised Lay Minister (Community)
Gaynor Bland	
Aimee Downey	First elected 23rd April 2023 and PCC Secretary (from November 2023)

The PCC met 7 times in 2023. The average attendance was 77%.

Safeguarding Report

Statement of Intent: The parish will follow the Church of England guidance on safeguarding children and adults at risk, per the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Updated August 2019.

The C of E Parish safeguarding handbook can be accessed via a link within the diocese website, Navigate to it via Support for Parishes >> safeguarding >> Policies and Guidance Diocese of Manchester | Policies and Guidance (anglican.org)

If anyone would like a hard copy of the handbook, please ask the safeguarding co-ordinator.

The PCC reviewed and agreed to apply the Church of England model safeguarding policy on 13th March 2023. It was signed at the 2023 APCM on 23rd April 2023. A signed copy of the policy is on the notice board in church and it is also published in this annual report.

Where roles require it, we are continuing to get our volunteers DBS checked and to complete the required training courses.

Stephen Gibbison, Safeguarding Coordinator

The Parish of St Andrew’s, Eccles.  
SAFEGUARDING POLICY  
PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:


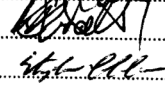

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mr Stephen Gibbison as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Incumbent: Rev. Andy Harper.....		Date: 21/5/23
Churchwardens: Mr Kevin Walton.....		Date: 23/4/23
Mr Stephen Gibbison.....		Date: 23/4/23

### **Church Wardens’ Report**

We wish to place on record, on behalf of the PCC and the congregation our thanks to Rev Jenny Lewis for her generous devotion to St Andrew’s, its congregation and the wider community, during the past year. She has been the glue that has held the parish together during a difficult period in the life of St Andrew’s and we are blessed that she has been placed here. She has worked tirelessly not only in the parishes of the Eccles Benefice, but has also ministered to the bereaved and officiated at Sunday Services in adjacent parishes. They also are blessed that she has made herself available to meet their needs.

In our 2022 report we looked at the average weekly attendance and noted that we had not recovered from the 2020 Covid epidemic. In 2023 our average weekly attendance was 27 adults and 5 children which is a marginal increase on 2022, but we have not recovered our pre-Covid average weekly attendance of 29 adults and 7 children. We must not be discouraged by this, as our mid-week activities have been better supported than in previous years, as other reports will reflect, showing that there is a need for the outreach we are undertaking to provide for the community. Our continuing goal now must be to work to bring the message of Jesus to these groups and to welcome them into our worshipping community.

The major piece of work for all four churches in the benefice this year was the composition of a Benefice Profile, to be used to advertise the post of Rector of Eccles. It has been made clear to the benefice that eventually there would be only one stipendiary clergy moving forward and therefore the writing and collation of the contributions from the four parishes had to be handled sensitively. However, in late October, Archdeacon Rachel Mann suggested to the Benefice PCC’s that Rev Jeremy Wisdom might join the Team as a Curate-in-Charge to add support to the stipendiary clergy and to complete his training. After discussion this proposal was accepted and subsequently an arrival date of January 2024 was agreed.

Maintenance of the building is a never ending task for the wardens and we have seen the refurbishment of the main entrance doors completed, refurbishment of the organ pedal board, preparation of a faculty application for pigeon deterrence on the tower and repair/replacement of tower windows, as well as pointing of the west boundary wall and painting of the flagpole.

Finally, Stephen and I would like to thank all those who have helped us maintain our worship during 2023 and those who, by various means, have been undertaking the pastoral care of our community throughout the year.

**Kevin Walton & Stephen Gibbison, Church Wardens**

### **St Andrew’s School Report**

2023 was another busy year for the school. Teaching was back to normal, but the shadow of Covid-19 is still affecting our children, especially the younger children joining us in nursery and reception who are often less developed as they were locked down so didn’t access as many experiences during their formative toddler years. Additional financial resources have been committed to provide extra trips and enrichment experiences to the children, especially as many of our families have been impacted by the cost-of-living challenges. The school was disrupted a little in February by a fire in the boiler room which started in the small hours of a Sunday morning. It could have been far worse. Fortunately, all the systems and protections that have been put in place worked well on the morning. The fire alarm summoned school staff and the fire service. The fire was contained within the boiler room and promptly extinguished. We are thankful for the prompt response of the school staff and fire service. The Local Authority emergency planning team were also excellent, they fitted and commissioned a temporary boiler within 2 days and the school was able to re-open on the Wednesday with working heating and the loss of only two days teaching.

We were the subject of an Ofsted Inspection in May 2023. It is fair to say that the school staff, particularly the Headteacher, were put under a great deal of pressure by the process and the intensity of some of the questioning that the inspectors applied. The timing was also terrible as it was during SATS testing week when staffing and pupils are already stretched in terms of their schedules and their nerves. The Headteacher and senior leaders had done a great job keeping the school prepared for this very overdue inspection and that preparation was effective during the inspection process. The Inspection result was very pleasing and reflected the hard work of all the St Andrews staff. The school was rated Good in all categories and Good overall, with the inspector making the following comments:

Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), thrive at St Andrew’s School. They are happy at school. Typically, pupils behave well and they develop positive attitudes to learning. Pupils strive each day to meet leaders’ high expectations of their learning and behaviour. Pupils value their diverse community. Many pupils at the school are new to the country. Nevertheless, they settle quickly, make new friends and catch up where they have missing knowledge. Pupils told inspectors that it does not matter who you are because everyone is treated the same at St Andrew’s School.

St Andrew’s School Report continued....

The full Ofsted inspection report is available on-line or I can provide a printed copy. Last year’s report referred to the Government pushing schools to academize. Once again, the legislation on this matter did not materialise, so we are continuing as we are for the time being. Academisation is still likely to happen at some point so we need to keep considering and looking for viable options. Until then we will continue to work in clusters with other Salford Schools to support and share best practice with each other.

The school is missing an ex officio foundation governor as Rev Andy Harper chose not to take up the role and no replacement was appointed. We hope the role will be filled in 2024.

As November 2023, the school was rather full with 227 pupils, 132 boys and 95 girls.  
113 children (49%) speak English as an additional language.  
93 children (40%) are classed as disadvantaged, and 40 are vulnerable.

**Stephen Gibbison, Foundation Governor & Vice Chair of Governors**

**Electoral Roll Report**

On 31st December 2023 there were 35 names on the Electoral Roll. During the year we welcomed two new members, Emma Harper and Aimee Downey. Sadly just near the end of the year Rose Sharpe died unexpectedly.

**Jane Lowe, Electoral Roll Officer**

**Community Report**

During the year St Andrew’s has hosted a distribution centre for the Salford Foodbank which is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Foodbank volunteers (some from Eccles Team churches and others from the wider community) served refreshments and gave out bags of food to people who came with vouchers issued by professionals or voluntary organisations. Advice was provided by advisors from St Anthony’s Centre and Salford Citizens’ Advice.  
Toddler Group for preschool children accompanied by an adult continued to take place on Tuesday mornings.  
Children had the opportunity to play with a variety of toys, listen to a Bible themed story and have a go at a craft activity based on the story.

**Community Report continued ....**

The Art and Craft workshop continued to run on Tuesday afternoons led by a professional tutor (financed by grants including one from the National Lottery Community Fund) providing an activity and a chance to socialise for mainly (but not exclusively) older members of the community.  
The Community Café on Friday mornings also continued to attract members of the local community as did the dementia friendly sessions for older sports fans run by the Sporting Memories Foundation while the cafe is open.  
All our activities saw an increase in the number of people using them during the year. It is our hope that all these activities as well as meeting local needs in a variety of ways will help us increase our links with the local community and show people the love of Jesus. I would also like to express my gratitude to all those who give up their time to help run these activities.

**Jane Lowe, ALM (Community)**

**SALT (Sunday School) Report**

Our families continue to regularly attend and we continue to learn together using games bible stories crafts and we are trying different ways to pray together.  
This year we have explored the book of Acts especially looking at Stephen, Barnabus and Silas and we have learned how Saul became St Paul and we went with him on his missionary journey .  
We have also looked at how God gives us different weather  
The children decorated plant pots so we could give them to the housebound and sick at Harvest time.  
We also held our Nativity play which was based on what the animals saw in the stable when Jesus was born. For this we made masks  
Our work is displayed on the noticeboard before being put into scrapbooks.  
Thank you to all our special children who bring us creativity and fun and to Marian for her help and patience and her creativity .  
Thank you to the congregation of St Andrew who show support and interest in the children  
Please continue to pray for the children, Kate and Karen.

**Kate and Karen, Salt Leaders**

## Home Group Report

The group was still meeting via Zoom when we restarted after the 2022/2023 Christmas break.

For the beginning of the year, our sessions were based on studies from the bibleproject.com website, a resource which is new to us. We followed a set of studies about the Character of God, looking in detail at God's attributes according to Exodus 34:6-7:

6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,  
7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.'

Over the course of six weeks, after a general overview of the verses, we considered each of the attributes mentioned in verse 6 in turn, as well as his justice which means that, while being able to forgive wickedness, rebellion and sin, God can't simply ignore it as if it doesn't matter. The background material went back to the various meanings of the Hebrew words used in the Bible in this description of God, which helped to enrich our understanding. Who knew that the Hebrew word for compassion is linked to the word for womb? Not me, for one! The Biblical images of God as a mother cherishing, protecting and nurturing her child, illustrating God's compassion, take on deeper significance with this understanding.

Jenny once more organised a Lent course on behalf of Churches Together in Eccles, using the study guide 'The Prayers of Jesus'. We met on Zoom and it was, as always, a joy to meet with Christians from other denominations during this time.

After Easter, we focused on the first 39 chapters of the book of Isaiah, under the heading 'Lessons in Trust'. During the turbulent time of the threat to Israel and Judah from the Assyrian Empire, the prophet Isaiah urged God's people to turn back to God and trust him, despite the circumstances they were living through.

From 23 May the group started meeting together in person again, at a new venue: the home of Rosemary Grovestock, from St Paul's Church. Meeting in person meant that three people were able to re-join the group, and we could enjoy refreshments together again afterwards!

## Home Group Report continued....

We decided that after the summer break we would continue going through the book of Isaiah, to get a whole picture of what God said to his people through this major prophet. And so from September until December, we read and discussed Isaiah chapters 40 onwards, under the heading 'Finding Hope'.

We delighted in, and were greatly encouraged by, the wonderful prophecies about Jesus.

The group is currently made up of people who belong to St Andrew's, Christ Church and St Paul's. New members are always welcome. I would love it if we could start an additional group because the current group grows too large, or if someone could host an afternoon group.

## Elaine Walton, Home Group Coordinator & Reader

### Churches Together In Eccles Report

The Annual Unity service was well attended with a majority of our member churches present.

We were not able to hold the Easter Walk of Witness and our Lenten group was held on line again. Armistice Day and Remembrance Day services were well attended, in spite of the weather. Carols round the Cross were supported by local residents and the Borough Band in December.

## Barbara Holmes and Emma Harper, CTE Representatives

### Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod has met three times during 2023, in March, July and November.

At the March Synod meeting the main discussion was about Focal Leadership and a presentation was received from Beverley Angier, the Diocesan Focal Ministry Officer, about Focal Ministry. Following the presentation there was a wide ranging discussion and some confusion surrounding the role of the Focal Leader. Some questioned whether the proposed role was not already being undertaken by a variety of office holders already and there were a number of questions left unanswered.

At the July Synod meeting we were provided with a paper 'Church Attendance in October 2022 Post Covid Trends, Patterns and Possibilities'. The paper

Deanery Synod Report continued ....

highlighted that attendance at weekly Sunday services had not recovered to the pre Covid levels, but there was evidence that a significant number of people were accessing their weekly worship via online Church at home. The conclusions of the paper are:-

1. Invite and welcome – who has not returned post Covid and have they been invited back? Enquirers’ courses and invitations to Sunday services can bear fruit if the interested can be identified. The technical experience and expertise churches have had to develop for their online operations should have improved their ability to use social media as part of their invitation and welcome initiative.
2. Plant new services and congregations
3. Make church and services available every week
4. Focus on children and families
5. Don’t abandon on line - develop it

The main topic for discussion was a presentation from Mike McGurk entitled ‘What are our five loaves and two fishes?’ The main outcomes from the presentation are not dissimilar to those noted in the paper mentioned above. At the November meeting the main topic for discussion was entitled ‘The extraordinary Gift of ‘Giving’’. Carolyn McGloughlin, the Diocesan Parish Support Officer, gave a presentation on Diocesan finances and how the parish share is spent. The diocesan income for 2023 is estimated at £12.1 million, including £6.5 million from parish share contributions. However, the budgeted expenditure is £13.1 million. The deficit of £1.1 million will be covered from unrestricted reserves and the sale of redundant vicarages. Clearly balancing a budget from reserves and sale of vicarages cannot balance budgets ad infinitum. Parishes are being asked to make payment of the parish share a priority, although the point was made that payment of parish share is voluntary. Logically, reduced income will inevitably mean fewer clergy. St Andrew’s has paid the requested Parish Share in full for at least the past 30 years.

**Kevin Walton & Stephen Gibbison, Deanery Synod Representatives**

**Financial Review 2023**

The full details of the income and expenditure for 2023 can be seen in the Accounts pages of this Annual Report.

Everything mentioned in this whole report is only made possible by your generosity.

Thanks to that generosity, St Andrew’s has again met all its commitments to support the ministry in our parish and in our Diocese. A special thank you to everyone who continued to set aside money each week in envelopes or each month by standing order direct to the bank. We noted in our 2022 report the death of a number of faithful and generous donors. Their passing meant that we had budgeted for a fall in giving but a couple of new members and increases by others have resulted in only a small reduction from £24,318 in 2022 to £23,853 in 2023. Our budget for 2024 hopes to return to the levels of income received in 2021.

2023 has been a year of continued consolidation for the church finances. Our annual gift day was very well supported with over £7,000 being received and this will be allocated to our planned building projects in 2024. We have also received other generous one-off gifts during the year. Therefore, the accounts show our unrestricted funds had a surplus of £7,354, and our restricted funds a surplus of £4,988.

There has been a couple of expensive building projects which were paid by generous donations from individuals, therefore not requiring a withdrawal of reserves. The Wardens report highlights a few other projects that were completed during 2023. The new heating system is working well, we have a warmer building and are using the amount of gas that we anticipated. We were grateful for a grant from the Diocese to help with utility costs. However, the significant increase in utility prices has affected the church just as much as we have all faced in our homes, with our total utility costs having increased from £3,310 in 2021 to £10,596 in 2023.

Our community outreach projects were able to run for the whole of the year and income from these activities has returned to the levels received in 2019.

The PCC continued to honour its commitment to donate 10% of collections and planned giving to charities. £3,420 was donated to our supported charities (see accounts page 3 for further details). Parish Share (our contribution to the costs of our Diocese) was £17,579. Inflation affects our Diocese just as much as any other organisation and our Parish Share is going to rise in each of the next 3 years.

Thank you.

Richard Lewis  
Hon Treasurer

The accounts on pages 1 to 4 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Kevin Walton (Church Warden and Chair of PCC at the meeting)

Independent examiner’s report to the PCC of St Andrew Eccles

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of St Andrew's Eccles PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Price

John Price  
23 Ellenhall Close,  
Harpurhey,  
Manchester M9 5XG

Date 08 February 2024

Parochial Church Council of St. Andrew, Eccles

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Receipts and Payments Accounts

RECEIPTS	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Building fund	Memorial or	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary receipts							
Planned Giving							
Gift aid donations		21,748	-	-	-	21,748	21,848
Other (non gift aided)		2,105	-		-	2,105	2,470
Tax recovered + GASDS		7,144	-	701	-	7,845	8,246
Collections (open plate)		1,891	-	-	-	1,891	1,722
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3a)	6,987	5,668	10,435	-	23,091	60,570
Activities for generating funds	3b)	542	-	-	-	542	511
Income from bank and investments		1,785	-	306	30	2,121	873
Income from church activities	3c)	6,678	-	-	-	6,678	4,887
Other Income	3d)	2,171	-	-	-	2,171	2,137
TOTAL RECEIPTS		51,051	5,668	11,442	30	68,192	103,263
PAYMENTS							
Church activities							
Mission giving and donations	3e)	2,565	856	-	-	3,421	3,590
Diocesan parish share		17,579	-	-	-	17,579	19,584
Clergy and staffing costs	3f)	2,453	-	-	-	2,453	2,441
Church running expenses	3g)	20,343	4,707	6,454	-	31,503	61,835
Costs of generating funds		455	-	-	-	455	456
TOTAL PAYMENTS		43,395	5,563	6,454	-	55,411	87,906
Revaluation gains on investments		212	0	0	0	212	(162)
Transfers between funds		(515)		0	515	0	-
Surplus / Deficit for the year		7,354	106	4,988	545	12,993	15,195
Balances brought forward at 1 January		44,119	3,965	25,988	3,634	77,705	62,510
Balances carried forward at 31 December		51,473	4,070	30,976	4,179	90,698	77,705



## Parochial Church Council of St. Andrew, Eccles

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Building Restricted £	Designated £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Deposit funds	46,372	4,070	30,976	4,179	85,597	72,816
Bank current account	300	-	-	-	300	300
	<u>46,672</u>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>30,976</u>	<u>4,179</u>	<u>85,897</u>	<u>73,116</u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>						
Lloyds Banking Group 10,107 shares at 31/12/23	4,801	-	-	-	4,801	4,589
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
Gift Aid recoverable	1,983	-	1,743	-	3,726	1,828
Refunds pending from VAT	-	-	-	-	-	516
Interest due on deposit account	702	-	-	-	702	-
Monies owed by other Team Churches	-	-	-	-	-	130
	<u>2,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,428</u>	<u>2,474</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Commitments to contracts awarded + clergy	170	-	-	-	170	3,094
Utility bills for usage in December	1,519	-	-	-	1,519	1,185
	<u>1,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,689</u>	<u>4,279</u>

#### Notes

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.
- The movements in the designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
<b>Restricted</b>				
Youth worker fund	1,382	-	-	1,382
Art & Craft workshops	2,575	4,800	4,707	2,668
Charities collections	8	868	856	20
Building renovation	25,988	11,442	6,454	30,976
	<u>29,953</u>	<u>17,110</u>	<u>12,017</u>	<u>35,046</u>

The Youth Worker fund represents the remaining funds (£1,382) from grants received previously. They are retained pending recruitment of a youth worker.

Four grants in support of the Arts and Craft groups were received in Autumn 2022, some of these grants were spent in 2022 the remaining funds were used by Summer 2023 when we were grateful to receive a further grant of £4,800 from the Communities Lottery Fund to continue this work through to Summer 2024.

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
<b>Designated</b>				
Memorial fund	2,511	30	-	2,541
Community Outreach fund	1,123	515	-	1,638

The designated funds consist of monies allocated by the PCC towards building upkeep and future mission projects. The PCC agreed to set aside 2% of the offerings received to build a fund for community outreach. In 2023 no payments were made from this fund. The PCC continues to discuss how best to utilise this fund.

## Parochial Church Council of St. Andrew, Eccles

### 3. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Building fund Restricted £	Memorial or Designated £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>a) All other giving/voluntary receipts</b>						
One-off tax efficient non recurring gifts	3,600	-	2,807	-	6,407	7,930
St Andrew's gift day	-	-	7,053	-	7,053	665
Sundry donations	457	-	-	-	457	1,120
Donations for charities	-	868	-	-	868	772
Collection at confirmation service	-	-	-	-	-	115
Legacies / in memorial gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants / Loans	2,930	4,800	576	-	8,306	49,968
	<u>6,987</u>	<u>5,668</u>	<u>10,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,091</u>	<u>60,570</u>
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>						
Funds raised via online shopping	215	-	-	-	215	259
Christmas Band Concert	327	-	-	-	327	252
	<u>542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>511</u>
<b>c) Income from church activities</b>						
Statutory fees to PCC for weddings, funerals etc.	402	-	-	-	402	1,085
Cafe in the church	2,175	-	-	-	2,175	1,527
Toddler group & art group	776	-	-	-	776	270
Rental received for use of church	3,326	-	-	-	3,326	2,005
	<u>6,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,678</u>	<u>4,887</u>
<b>d) Other income</b>						
Eccles Team - shared finances	2,171	-	-	-	2,171	2,137
	<u>2,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,171</u>	<u>2,137</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>e) Mission giving and donations</b>						

The PCC has adopted a policy of making grants to Christian charities equal to 10% of the money it receives from planned giving and open plate collections. The PCC also encourages the congregation to support charities by organising collections and special events to promote selected charities. The PCC is acting as an agent for the charities concerned, and has no control over the funds. The details of these donations during 2023 are as follows.

	From PCC	Events & appeals	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Children's Society	400	58	458	
ReVive International - Brazil	400	-	400	
Tear Fund	400	107	507	
C.M.S. (Andrew Young - Nepal)	400	35	435	
Scripture Union	400	-	400	
Christian Aid (Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal)	350	190	540	
National Churches Trust	100	-	100	
Barnabus	50	14	64	
Royal British Legion	40	82	122	
Greater Manchester Churches Trust	25	-	25	
Christian Aid	-	122	122	
St Ann's hospice	-	28	28	
Macmillan cancer support	-	48	48	
Salford foodbank	-	88	88	
Francis house	-	59	59	
Lifeshare (donations at band concert)	-	25	25	
	<u>2,565</u>	<u>856</u>	<u>3,421</u>	<u>3,436</u>

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**3. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts (continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Building fund Restricted	Memorial or Designated	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>f) Clergy and staffing costs</b>						
Clergy working expenses	659				659	343
Ordinand Support					-	398
Clergy housing costs	1,794				1,794	1,700
	2,453	-	-	-	2,453	2,441
<b>g) Church running expenses</b>						
Church building improvements	1,655		6,454		8,109	41,482
Church routine annual maintenance	1,390				1,390	1,577
Upkeep of grounds	12				12	-
Church utility bills	8,931	1,665			10,596	6,069
Church insurance	4,211				4,211	3,694
Upkeep of services	139				139	72
Mission support costs	321	3,042			3,363	5,344
Eccles Team - shared finances	2,041				2,041	1,834
Miscellaneous	1,371				1,371	1,555
Church administration	271				271	208
	20,343	4,707	6,454	-	31,503	61,835

**4 STAFF COSTS**

- a) Wages and salaries  
It is the custom of the PCC to charge for the services of organists and vergers at funerals & weddings, and to pass these fees on to the individuals providing the service. In 2023 the PCC paid £95 to maids and £80 to vergers at these occasional services. Fees for the clergy at such events belong to the Diocesan Board of Finance. These costs are netted off against fees received, because the PCC is acting merely as agent. Statutory fees income disclosed in note 3c) is net of all such costs. No amounts were sufficient to attract social security costs.
- b) Payments to PCC members  
No payments or expenses were paid to any PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

**5 ECCLES TEAM**

St Andrew's is responsible for administering the payments on behalf of Christ Church Patricroft PCC in relation to the team vicar's housing and working expenses.  
St Andrew's is responsible for administering the payments on behalf of other churches in the Eccles Team for any joint team events.

**6 RESERVE POLICY**

The PCC has a reserve policy to ensure adequate working capital. The policy specifies that reserves should be maintained equal to 3 months planned expenditure. This policy has been adhered to in 2023. For 2024 this requires the PCC to maintain at least £11,000 in immediately accessible accounts.

