

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ELLESMERE PORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1132859

Details

Other names ELLESMERE PORT PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-11-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all at 2 worship centres, St Thomas and All Saints Church and St Lawrence church. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Teaching of Christianity. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Promoting the whole mission of the church. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£171,950	£169,463	-	-
2023-12-31	£207,369	£208,609	-	-
2022-12-31	£180,125	£184,035	-	-
2021-12-31	£154,442	£157,466	-	-
2020-12-31	£136,004	£157,042	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Price		2021-05-09
DAVID GERARD BLAIR		2023-04-30
DAYNA MARGARET HARRISON		2023-04-30
DIANA MARY BURTON BA		
GILL FOSTER		2013-08-06
Gaynor Lyth		2017-05-01
HELEN REID BURGESS		2023-04-30
JEAN WELCH		2023-04-30
JUDITH DERBY		2017-05-01
Jane Chance		2021-05-09
Janet Tomlinson		2021-05-09
Karen Milne		2020-10-21
Michael Burton		2024-04-21
Pamela Maxwell		2022-04-24
RUBY KAREN ROSE MILNE		2023-04-30
Rev RICHARD ANTHONY MONTGOMERY		2023-03-19
Rev Rachel Leanne Newell		2024-05-29
Susan Mayers		2021-05-09
Win Moorcroft		2021-05-09

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of Ellesmere Port
2024 Annual Report

Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2024



Ellesmere
Port
Parish



Reference and Administrative Details of Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council, its
Members and Advisors

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009, registration number 1132859. Prior to this date, the PCC was a charity excepted from registration, by statutory instrument 2007 No. 2655.

Principal Office: Parish Office
 Whitby Road
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Staff Team

Revd Rachel Newell (Rector)	Appointed 28 th May 2024 -Chair
Revd Gill Foster	(Associate Rector)
Revd Ricky Montgomery	(curate in training)
Mrs Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield	Community Development Worker
Mrs Charmaine Maw	Parish Administrator

Church wardens

Keith Nelson	St Thomas & All Saints
Susan Mayers	St Thomas & All Saints
Jan Tomlinson	St Lawrence
Jane Chance	St Lawrence

Deanery Synod Representatives expires

		Term of office
Sue Johnson	Licensed Pastoral Worker	2026
	(Stepped down during 2024)	2026
Helen Burgess		2026
Gemma Alexander -Bloomfield		2026
Karen Milne	<i>Parish Safeguarding Officer</i>	

Elected Members

Pam Maxwell		2025
Anne Williams		2025
Dayna Harrison	St Lawrence	2026
Jean Welch	St Lawrence	2026
David Blair		2026
Ruby Milne		2026
Amanda Price		2026

Win Moorcroft	2027
Geraldine Young (stepped down during 2024)	2027
Mike Burton	2027

The following were co-opted:

Diana Burton	Assistant treasurer
Judith Derby	Gift Aid Secretary
Gaynor Lyth	Treasurer
Kath Lyth	Licensed Pastoral Worker-RIP October 2024

Advisors and Agents

The PCC's Bankers: Barclays Bank
Leicester LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner: Mr WJ Ford. A.C.M.A
7 Plymyard Close
Bromborough
Wirral

The PCC's Investment Managers: CCLA Investment Management Ltd
80 Cheapside
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The PCC's Insurers are: Ecclesiastical
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
Gloucester
GL1 1JZ

The PCC's Treasurer is: Mrs Gaynor Lyth
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Whitby
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Introduction

The Parish consists of two worship centres: St Thomas & All Saints Ellesmere Port and St Lawrence, Stoak. The mission statement of the Parish is 'Christ in the centre of the Church; the Church at the centre of the Community'.

The staff team consisted of Revd Rachel Newell (Rector), who was appointed on the 28th May 2024 and Revd Gill Foster (Associate Rector), Revd Ricky Montgomery (Curate in training), a Community Development Worker and a Parish Administrator. The PCC has the responsibility for implementing the mission statement through the programmes of the parish. The parish has one retired Clergy member with PTO: Revd Gordon Welch who is based at St Lawrence. We are also blessed with one reader emeritus: Frank Mawdsley who serves mainly at St Lawrence Church. And One Reader: Mrs Linda Tudor, who was licensed on October 12th, 2024.

One of our Licensed pastoral workers passed away in October 2024 and our other pastoral worker surrendered her licence due to ill health. We had two Ordinands begin placement with us in September, and one person exploring ordained ministry. One congregation member also began training to become an Occasional Worship Leader.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that Charities explain how their work has a positive benefit on their beneficiaries. This report seeks to do this in its description of the parish's activities in 2024. In summary, the parish provides for church members:

- Regular opportunities to gather for worship and prayer
- Teaching on the Christian faith and how to apply it to everyday life
- Pastoral support and guidance.
- A network of cell groups in which members can develop closer relationships with other members.
- Opportunities to engage in the work of the Church in the wider community and beyond

In addition, the parish provides for the wider community:

- The occasional offices of baptism, marriage and the funeral service
- Opportunities to explore the Christian faith and to ask questions about why Jesus Christ is important for their lives.
- A high level of volunteering in the community is offered by church members.

The Ellesmere Port Church of England College(voluntary-aided) is a member of the Frank Field Trust, together with Ellesmere Port Christ Church – Church of England primary School, provides opportunities for partnerships between the church and the schools.

The Clergy team have a strong relationship with Ellesmere Port College. A church member serves as Chair of Governors at Bishop Wilson & Christ Church Federation. There are also several church members serving as Foundation Governors on the federated board. We are also welcomed into many of the local primary schools in the parish, leading acts of worship/assemblies together with our assembly team, who take Bible stories into many local primary schools in the parish.

In these ways the Parish carries out the aims expressed in its Mission Statement.

Membership and Committees

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio* or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022.

The PCC operates as the leadership of the parish, in conjunction with the Staff Team. There is a Finance Committee which oversees the Parish Budget, and which makes recommendations to the PCC concerning the giving strategy of the Parish.

In 2024, the PCC met on seven occasions, All PCC members completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding Training and were DBS cleared.

In between meetings, the Finance Team met to discuss finance and fabric matters, and to make recommendations to the full PCC. The Standing Committee, consisting of the Associate Rector, Wardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer met once in 2024. Much of the day to day running of the Parish is devolved to the Staff Team.

The parish outgoings are made up of daily housekeeping and ministry costs together with the stipends of two full time ministers.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Review of the Year

Introduction

As a parish, our mission statement is "Christ at the centre of the church, the Church at the centre of the community"

As part of the process of appointing a new Rector, we reached out to the PCC and the wider church family to talk about our dreamed vision for the future:

- Taking and planting worship across the whole parish.
- nurturing and growing bible teaching through Cell groups and enquirers courses.
- having an open door to promote innovative ways of sowing the seeds of faith.
- the completion of the Beacon Project by
- developing partners in worldwide mission.
- specific healing services.
- building a music group.
- Improve ecumenical relationships in our town

We hope to develop and refine this in the coming year. Our prayer for growth, which is used in every service has helped us to keep this at the forefront of our mind. The staff team have certain roles and responsibilities in order for the above goals to be achieved.

St Thomas: Church Life and Activities

We began 2024 in interregnum as the Rector had retired in April 2023, after 21 years. We continued the process of appointing someone new, who would help lead the parish into a new season of mission and ministry. The process was surrounded by Prayer. In February, a new Rector was appointed, and she was licensed in May.

Our daily online morning prayer has continued into its fourth year and has continued to flourish. It has become a central part of the prayer life of the parish. This year, we have had new people join the rota of those who lead, as well as others joining to pray. In addition to this, a committed group also continued to meet online with a focus on healing, praying for the church family and beyond. A group also meet regularly to pray for the Clergy and the Beacon project. Our prayer chain has also been active during the year. Prayer ministry is offered during every 10. 45 communion service at St Thomas. All of the above have meant that prayer has been central in the life of the parish.

The two Sunday services continued to thrive with many visitors joining our café style service on the first Sunday of the month. We chose to host café church throughout August. This was an opportunity for those who have never led or offered a reflection to have a go and see what it feels like. Café church has proved to be a stepping stone for newcomers and enquirers some of which have come as a result of our community work. We have also welcomed several asylum seekers into our Sunday services providing them with Common Worship service books and Bible readings in their native language if requested.

Our curate Revd Ricky Montgomery, continued to settle into the parish as a curate in training. His ministry in a local care home is continuing to form a visiting team. He has also trailed faith in film nights where adults can get together and discuss a film and relate it to their faith and life. as a curate-in-training who has settled into the life of parish

Ignite which is our Sunday group for children continued with a small group of committed volunteers teaching our children week by week, with the privilege of planting seeds of faith into young and exploring minds, however this is an area for growth and consideration as we move forward.

The parochial church council continues to work in sub-groups to give focus in certain aspects of church life – finance, fabric, Eco Church and Community Outreach.

A new group was launched in September of 2024 for young people in year six upwards. This was down to a growing need to keep our older children engaged and provide something more tailored to them. It has begun to see growth and we have consistent attendance. We spent the first term building relationships and getting to know each other. This group is currently run by the two clergy members.

The clergy team hosted the annual Remembrance Service in the Civic Square where a large congregation joined together made up of church members but largely the local community, members of the armed forces, uniformed organisations and schools in giving thanks and remembering those who died serving their country. Our Community Development Worker was also asked to lay a wreath representing our Community Outreach Group.

We joined with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from churches in Ellesmere Port and brought some joy to the shoppers in the local shopping centre singing our Easter Praises and then again bringing Christmas cheer with our carol singing.

The relationship with our Scouting groups has continued to develop. Our curate now serves as their Chaplain, and they were invited to the Harvest service where we had over 120 adults and children present. The scouts also hosted a very successful summer fair in the grounds of the church where everyone was welcome to join in with the games and tuck into the delights from the barbecue.

The PALS group continued to grow from strength to strength, meeting in the church hall on the fourth Friday of the month to enjoy a home cooked meal together, whilst enjoying fun and fellowship. PALS has been a lynchpin in bringing the congregations from St Thomas and St Lawrence together for support and friendship. This group also welcomes many lonely and isolated folk in from the community.

Our knitters were kept very busy this year, knitting both Our Easter Chicks and then Christmas Angels which were spread around the community sharing God's love and hopefully bringing a smile to brighten people's day.

The news of the parish continued to be shared via a monthly newsletter emailed out to the church family with hard copies available for those without access to the internet. This was in keeping with our efforts to be more Eco conscious and saving paper.

Cell groups continued to meet again in person in homes. This is an area of church life that is so valued by its members and is an area of ministry and support to be developed.

We hosted several fundraising events in 2024 to aid the ever-increasing costs of running a parish. These also proved as excellent social events where congregation members were able to easily invite people and attracted members of the local community. Highlights were 'the singing vicar' which included a cream tea and our famous Christmas fair.

Our work with local schools continued and was strengthened even more 2024. Seven local primary schools were invited to join us for our Experience Easter Week to come and hear more about what the story of Easter means for them. This initiative was a great success and enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. We have also been more involved with The Ellesmere Port Church of England College hosting their year 7 welcome service, offering a reflection for Remembrance Day and leading and speaking at their Christmas Service, which has resulted in us being invited to speak to various classes during the year. We are also working in partnership with the school in running our Food initiative group. Each time the school send a group of year 12/13. They are a testament to the school and a lovely way of serving the community together.

It has been a pleasure to welcome into church, class visits looking at baptism, special places, buildings and music amongst other topics. It has also been a great privilege to be invited into schools to talk about subjects such as weddings. We also supported our local COFE school with their Values day where the children focused on the term value for an entire day. The clergy and our community worker gave a distinctly Christian approach which was a real privilege. We have also hosted Messy Church sessions each half term at Christ Church which has had the added bonus of family members and friends joining us and hearing more about Jesus! As well as leading collective Worship, the clergy lead a half termly communion service in the school where church members, and parents are also invited. This ministry is complimented by our assembly team who take bible stories into many of our local primary schools. We also welcomed schools into church for their Christmas and Easter Services which was a great blessing at the end of the year for all involved.

The number of weddings remained low, we conducted several Baptisms but had a very busy year with funeral ministry. We continue to offer support to our bereaved families writing to them not long after their bereavement and inviting them to our Tea at Two, afternoon tea and to a Blue Christmas service which was particularly appropriate for those who were spending their first Christmas without their loved one. Each bereaved family also received a 'goody bag' at Christmas just to remind them we were still thinking of them. We hosted our marriage preparation day,

which was a thoroughly enjoyable day as we learned more about Christian marriage together and the logistics of the wedding service – hoping to allay any nerves on the big day.

We had a varied and full Christmas programme reaching out to the community, serving the community and ministering to those in our church family. We supported 'give a gift to a stranger' with our local hostel for young homeless adults. Churches together along with local schools supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal sending gifts overseas to children who would otherwise be without on Christmas Day. We hosted our Christmas fair which is always very well supported by the community, and it was so good to welcome old and new faces into the building to enjoy fun and fellowship whilst raising much needed funds for church. As well as our many Christmas services, which always connect with those that don't usually attend church.

We have so much to be thankful for with regards to the many blessings we take for granted each day, particularly giving thanks that we have managed to just keep our heads above water with regards to church finances which is something we do not take for granted.

All of the above would not be possible without the energy and commitment of many from the church family doing as Jesus did in caring, loving and serving others, using their gifts, skills and talents and perhaps more importantly giving their time. Time is precious and so we must use our time wisely and do what He commanded us to do and that is to make disciples and it is our hope that all that is done in His name will one day come to bear fruit, fruit that will last. We are blessed that we are growing disciples who have a passion to share the Gospel message in so many creative and thoughtful ways. We are encouraged to see others joining the church community who are learning more about the God who loves them.

Saint Lawrence, Stoak: church life & activities

Our witness to the love of Christ continued and developed as we entered 2024 with several people taking on new roles in the life of St Lawrence and with visiting preachers immersing themselves in the life of our church as we began the year still in vacancy. We are very blessed to have the continued ministry of Revd Gordon Welch and our reader emeritus Frank Mawdsley, who provide regular ministry alongside the wider ministry team and clergy. Thanks to Frank anyone who attends St Lawrence is guaranteed a great welcome and a wonderful smile as he stands outside the church to greet people, whatever the weather.

Sadly, the steady numbers attending worship has declined due to the ill health of some of the congregation and also the sad loss of some very faithful members of the congregation. This though has highlighted the wonderful pastoral care the congregation have one to the other. They have illustrated in so many ways what it means to be the Body of Christ, being there for each other in good times and in those challenging times.

We are blessed with a small number of children who attend our Sunday services, and it is wonderful to see them reading lessons and helping with the collection. Our ABC service specifically designed for Children and families, has continued to flourish and to see new faces. Some of these families want to have their children baptised,

and it provides a great opportunity to teach all ages about faith and to enjoy some excellent food provided by our wonderful volunteers. Our ABC children did a wonderful job of leading our Nativity, it was a great highlight in our church year.

We have also encouraged the congregations to get involved with the outreach initiatives of the parish and so many gifted knitters joined in with the Easter chick and angel projects and felt a real sense of doing their bit in sharing the Good News of Jesus. Our local pub was recently re opened with new management. We have built a good relationship and hosted the first 'Curry and Carols' event. It was supported by members of both churches who found it an easy event to invite friends and family too. It attracted some from the local community as well as surprised customers who had gone along for a quiet pint or meal. It was well received, and we are looking forward to seeing how our relationship develops.

A great encouragement has been welcoming several St Lawrence folk to the parish's PALS lunch and Tea at Two. This has helped in bringing the two ends of the parish together and really strengthened the notion of the Body of Christ in the parish.

Work has continued to try and bring the churchyard back into order and to comply with Chester Diocesan Churchyard Rules 2007. This continues to be done sensitively and empathetically, but not without difficulty. We began the process of getting permission to erect a notice board which will enable us to clearly explain the expectations when one chooses to have a loved one buried in the church yard. We continue to be thankful for the many volunteers who work together to help keep the churchyard looking neat, tidy and a peaceful place to be. We are continually grateful to the pay it forward project, which, despite a short break in 2024, has mowed the grass, which is such a huge blessing.

In November, Jonathon Starkey, our organist and a very talented musician, hosted a fundraising event. it was a wonderful night with great refreshments, the opportunity to listen to some beautiful music, talk to each other and raise some much-needed funds for the parish. We had some extremely generous donations for which we are very thankful.

An ancient building brings with it many challenges of maintenance but with two very enthusiastic wardens, they have overseen much-needed work with the help of others from the church family. Our quinquennial has highlighted some significant work that needs to be done, and we have begun the process of talking with the diocese about the way forward.

We continue to look to the future with the growth of our ABC service and seeking God's will as we witness to his love in the village of Stoak and beyond.

Revd Rachel Newell

Outreach and Community

The Community Outreach Group now has its vision statement and logo, and this has been vital in moving our work forwards and being visible throughout the community. We are now a real 'brand' wherever we work, and our aims are clearly visible. The community are aware of who we are, and understand where we are from and what we are about.

Our work with schools supporting families with our food hamper project continues to flourish, however perhaps a little too well? We have huge concerns over the growing numbers of families seeking this support, and we aim to meet with both the schools and our MP to discuss this further. Our community partners supporting us with donations, van hire and support on packing days are such a blessing towards this initiative.

Furthermore, our family fun day project also thrives. We offered a range of activity days with meals during every school holiday, and this allows a growing fellowship between families within the community. During the year fantastic feedback has been received from families and funders, and some of our families are now attending church services too. A further way of reaching into the community has been our Cinema nights with families enjoying a film whilst tucking into hotdogs and pizza, and yet again, numbers here have also grown. There is certainly a trend of growth.....

Toms Tots, our toddler group has a wonderful group of volunteers who have taken on additional roles throughout the year, whether that be leading worship, organising crafts, or preparing snacks, the team ensure this fellowship is well organised week in, week out. Again, some of our tots families have ventured towards our other church services too, and we are seeing that growth in spiritual commitment towards our parish.

Tea at Two is bursting at the seams! Open to anyone who would like company, a good cup of tea and some unbelievably delicious cake courtesy of the fantastic bakers we are so blessed to have within our parish, this has attracted fresh faces to attend from the community along with the many regulars attending from both churches. We have added additional tables to fit everyone in. Do we see our trend in growth again....

We trialled a new initiative during the summer of 2024 called 'COG on the Move'. A group of faithful volunteers and a gazebo went out and about to Wolverham playing fields once a month to take our work quite literally out to the community. We spent a couple of hours on a Friday evening, with craft and sports equipment, quite simply being with our community, letting them know who we are, what we are about. The dates were always the Friday before a Café Church service, so we handed out invitations to people for this. The sessions were always well received by those who attended, however our position in Wolverham was perhaps not the best choice, as it was not as well populated as we had expected. This is something to review before we decide whether or not to try again this year - perhaps we go 'on the move' elsewhere?

The above work has been funded by a number of grants and donations, to which we are truly thankful.

The Beacon Project - the re-ordering of St Thomas Church is moving at good pace, and given the growth of all of our community work, we can see why this is very much needed. There had been much work already undertaken with the architects, and planning permission paperwork has now been submitted to the local authority, as has the faculty paperwork to the DAC. There have been some questions returned from both of these, which have been answered, and we now await the outcomes. With a third of the funding already in place, we are in a positive position to start moving forwards to look for the next amounts of funding, however this will be

supported by having permissions granted, as many funding applications ask for this evidence.

So much to be thankful for, so much excitement and strength with our community outreach, so a huge thank you to all the faithful volunteers who are involved in all of these initiatives, as it is all the COG's turning that enable this work to grow and flourish, and to build the kingdom.

Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield
Community Development Worker

Finances

Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements for the year ended
31st December 2024

Accountants Report

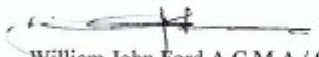
I report on the accounts of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

The P.C.C. Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. 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 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 view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, **no matter has come to my attention:**

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.
- have not been met, or
- to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


William John Ford A.C.M.A./ C.G.M.A.

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
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8th April 2025

Finance Report – Year End 31 December 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank those who have donated to our churches and helped fund raise during 2024, without this financing we could not continue to do God's work.

Brief Overview

The accounts show total income from **all** sources as **£203,559.45** this incorporates all fund-raising & our Community Outreach Group [COG]. Our total income is down £3,809.55 on 2023. During 2024 we allocated interest of £8,916 to the General fund and £6,160 to the Beacon Project. However, moving forward the interest will be split in accordance with relevant fund balance and therefore in 2025 will mainly go to the Beacon Project.

Our total expenditure again including COG was **£239,215.37** this is an increase of £30,606 on 2023 and gives us a deficit of **£35,655.92** for the year.

A large part of the increase in spending has been on professional fees for the Beacon Project and staff wages both of which are coming from the designated Re-Ordering fund.

If we take out COG and Beacon Project income and expenses our total income (including interest) was £172,245.05 and our expenditure £179,333.08 giving a deficit of **£7,008.03**.

We had available £5,091 in the donation fund which we were able to use towards the purchase of equipment and maintenance of our buildings which is why this fund now stands at zero.

Mission

During 2024 via fundraising and donations we were able to give:

Foodbank	£155.50
The Children' Society	£270.55
Forum housing	£374.50
Total	£800.55
Food Initiative Group	£22,351.00
Total	£23,151.55

Ten percent of our total income would be £20,359.

There were also things like the Christmas Shoe Boxes, Easter Chicks and Christmas Angels which did not have a monetary cost to our finances, but were still gifts to our community and part of our mission. Not to mention the donation of people's time in raising the funds and hosting the various events.

The PCC are concerned that we have not been giving 10% of our income away but when you are running at a deficit and trying to balance the books it is extremely difficult to do this. The clergy have asked that we look to give a minimum of 3% in 2025 and then increase on an annual basis until we are back at 10%.

How our individual funds stand at 31 December:

General Fund £13,976.59

The balance is significantly higher than the £1,822 held at year end December 2023 but this is because £10,000 had to be taken from our reserves in March in order to be able to pay for the building insurance costs.

The General Fund handles our regular giving and operating costs. Income **from all sources** to this fund amounted to **£171,950**.

Planned giving, weekly collections, donations and gift Aid from church members amounted to £101,025 and represented 59% of our income. This was an increase of £3,441 compared to 2023.

In addition, we have rental income from Childsplay Nursery, St Thomas Car Park and St Thomas Room and Hall Hire. This totalled £35,451 which is an increase of £3,434

Our income from weddings and funerals was £20,200 which is a 49% increase on the 2023 figure which had in turn been significantly down on 2022.

Expenditure in total was **£169,464** an increase of £3,467.

The main expenditure is the Parish Share to the Diocese was £107,634 an increase of £5,126. Other significant costs to this fund were the salary for our part-time administrator and the assigned fees to the diocese.

Our utility bills were £12,886.75 which was slightly lower than 2023 largely due to the oil delivery for St Lawrence not filling the tank.

The building insurance was £6,575 which was a reduction of £422 for all the buildings.

Trying to raise additional revenue and cut costs remains a priority and the PCC now aim to have a minimum of 4 major fund-raising events each year.

Donation Fund - £0 (Designated)

This fund is designated for church use but cannot be used towards general running costs for the church and stood at £5,091 in December 2023.

The PCC received no donations to this fund during 2023.

The money was used for the Repair of the sound system at St Thomas and also towards the cost of a new boiler.

St Thomas - Reordering Fund - £229,567 (Designated)

Otherwise known as the Beacon Project, this fund stood at £259,432 in December 2023. The fall in value is largely due to payment of professional fees to enable us to apply for planning consent, plus the payment of Community Workers salary & pension.

Total investment income, fund-raising & donations during the year were £7,448. Expenditure amounted to £37,313.24 hence the overall drop of £29,865

St Lawrence Fund - £295 (Restricted)

This is a restricted fund used to hold grants, donations and fund raising for specific projects at St Lawrence Church. We received additional donations during the year of £295 which was specifically for the notice board.

The sound system was paid for at the beginning of 2024 at a cost of £4,563.60 and there was also some maintenance work at £215 in April.

A donation of £853 was also received to pay for the oil at St Lawrence but as this goes from the General fund, that donation was **not** allocated to the St Lawrence fund. The person who made the donation for the oil, was made aware of the mix up with the delivery and was happy for us to retain the money for oil in 2025 or the St Lawrence boiler servicing whichever came first.

Food Initiative Group - £15,436 (Restricted)

The Community Outreach Group raise money for FIG from various sources on a restricted basis in order to provide food hampers and fun activity days during school holidays to support vulnerable families in our community.

A total of £23,865 was raised during 2024 and £22,569 was spent. Thus, giving a balance as of 31 December £15,436.

Building Fund - £20,501 (Designated)

There has been no movement on this fund. The building Fund was expected to be needed in the coming years to resurface St Thomas car park as there is noticeable pitting. However, it is currently anticipated that the car park will be resurfaced as part of the Beacon Project. Thus, leaving us with a healthy balance for our church buildings which is likely to be required towards work highlighted in the quinquennial report.

Reserve Contingency Fund - £17,002 (Designated)

This has reduced by £10,000 as money needed to be transferred to the General Fund in March to cover the insurance costs.

CCLA Endowment Account - £22,329

This fund had an investment value of £21,249 as of 31 December 2023.

We had good investment returns during the year and the value has risen to £22,329.

This Endowment is available to the PCC for our own charitable purposes, and we will be looking to transfer the money to bolster our contingency fund at a future date.

If the **Reserve** and **Endowment** Fund were added together it would give us total contingency funds of **£39,331**. Our contingency fund should be a minimum of £40,500 based on average 3 months expenditure for 2024. Although we are below this, we do also have our building fund that could be used in an emergency.

AGENCY FUNDS - £10,351.06

As of 31 December, we held:

General Agency Account - £437.76

Of this money £230.21 was being held for the payments made on the Barclay card for Gifts for a Stranger and the balance of £207.55 was raised at the Christingle Service and was sent to the Children's Society in early January.

PALS - £197.37

Following the Christmas raffle and lunch Pals had a balance of £197.37

Contact Centre Fund - £9,715.93

Contact Centre money is nothing to do with our charity and its income and expenditure only distorted our figures. Thus, this money is ringfenced as an Agency Fund on behalf of Contact Centre. The balance as of 31 December 2023 was £10,625.66, they received grants of £2,500 during 2024 and expenditure totalled £3,409.73.

Looking ahead to 2025

The Treasury Team and PCC are looking at a variety of ways we can increase our funding and decrease expenses, but with rising inflation and heating costs the latter will be extremely difficult to achieve.

We are a charity, and like all other charities we only survive with donations. The turmoil people face on a daily basis highlights the importance of all our ministries, and these can only continue with **regular unrestricted donations**. So, please do keep giving, consider increasing your donations and where possible gift aid. Plus, if you have not already done so, leave the church a legacy in your Will so God's work can continue when your regular donations stop.

Finally, as treasurer I would like to thank the people who assist in performing the finance functions of the church. These include but are not limited to, the assistant Treasurer (Mrs Diana Burton without whom I could not manage, the other banking team volunteers (Mrs Sylvia Bestwick and Mrs Jan Tomlinson), and our Gift Aid Officer (Mrs Judith Derby).

Gaynor Lyth

Ellesmere Port Parish Treasurer

Ellesmere Port PCC
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	68,780.50	-	-	68,780.50	66,262.80
Collections and other giving	9,314.87	560.45	555.50	10,430.82	25,919.90
Other voluntary receipts	5,531.00	728.00	23,103.24	29,362.24	32,832.56
Gift Aid recovered	17,399.05	-	-	17,399.05	21,783.16
Other receipts	-	-	292.17	292.17	-
Activities for generating funds	6,355.77	-	209.91	6,565.68	5,053.42
Investment Income	27,646.26	6,160.13	-	33,806.39	27,893.80
Receipts from church activities	36,922.60	-	-	36,922.60	27,623.70
Total income	171,950.05	7,448.58	24,160.82	203,559.45	207,369.34
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	48.78	-	-	48.78	1,343.51
Missionary and Charitable Giving	-	-	-	-	1,444.50
Parish Share	107,634.84	-	-	107,634.84	102,509.40
Clergy and Staffing costs	26,950.94	24,998.00	-	51,948.94	41,298.41
Church Running Expenses	27,857.73	17,406.21	4,996.65	50,260.59	39,677.91
Hall Running Costs	6,657.35	-	-	6,657.35	9,784.01
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	313.87	-	-	313.87	1,057.20
FIG	-	-	22,351.00	22,351.00	21,967.00
Total expenditure	169,463.51	42,404.21	27,347.65	239,215.37	219,081.94
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,486.54	(34,955.63)	(3,186.83)	(35,655.92)	(11,712.60)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	10,000.00	-	331.90	10,331.90	20,410.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(331.90)	(10,000.00)	-	(10,331.90)	(20,410.60)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	2,365.84
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	12,154.64	(44,955.63)	(2,854.93)	(35,655.92)	(9,346.76)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	1,821.95	677,141.13	18,786.40	697,749.48	709,462.08
Total funds carried forward	13,976.59	632,185.50	15,931.47	662,093.56	700,115.32

Ellesmere Port PCC
Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Intangible Assets	365,000.00	365,000.00
Tangible Assets	115.00	115.00
	365,115.00	365,115.00
Current assets		
Investments	301,221.98	315,064.23
Cash At Bank And In Hand	28,437.19	49,883.24
	329,659.17	364,947.47
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,351.06	11,064.32
	10,351.06	11,064.32
Net current assets less current liabilities	319,308.11	353,883.15
Total assets less current liabilities	684,423.11	718,998.15
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	684,423.11	718,998.15
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	13,976.59	1,821.95
Designated		
Designated - Building Fund For Churches	20,500.89	20,500.89
Designated - Contingency Fund	17,002.14	27,002.14
Designated - Donation fund not for general use	-	5,090.97
Designated - Property and Furniture + Dep	365,115.00	365,115.00
Designated - St Thomas Reordering Fund	229,567.47	259,432.13
Restricted		
Restricted - Agency collection	200.00	200.00
Restricted - Community Outreach Group	15,436.47	13,807.80
Restricted - St Lawrence Fund	295.00	4,778.60
Endowment		
Endowment - CCLA - Acc 500850001R	22,329.55	21,248.67
Fund Totals	684,423.11	718,998.15

Notes

Liabilities / Creditors is the money held in Agency Funds.

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of Ellesmere Port
2023 Annual Report

Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023



Ellesmere
Port
Parish



Reference and Administrative Details of Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council, its Members and Advisors

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009, registration number 1132859. Prior to this date, the PCC was a charity excepted from registration, by statutory instrument 2007 No. 2655.

Principal Office: Parish Office
 Whitby Road
 Ellesmere Port
 Cheshire
 CH65 6UW

Staff Team

Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness	(Rector) - retired 26 April 2023
Revd Gill Foster	(Associate Rector) Chair
Revd Ricky Montgomery	(curate in training) – joined 19 March 2023
Mrs Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield	Community Development Worker – joined 1 June 2023
Mrs Charmaine Maw	Parish administrator

Church wardens

Keith Nelson	St Thomas & All Saints
Susan Mayers	St Thomas & All Saints
Jan Tomlinson	St Lawrence
Jane Chance	St Lawrence

Deanery Synod Representatives

	Term of office expires
Sue Johnson	2026
Helen Burgess	2026
Michael Edwardson	2026
Karen Milne	2026

Elected Members

Elected Members

Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield	Parish Safeguarding Officer	2024
Win Moorcroft		2024
Amanda Price		2024

Pam Maxwell		2025
Anne Williams		2025

Dayna Harrison	St Lawrence	2026
Jean Welch	St Lawrence	2026

David Blair	2026
Sabine Chadwick	2026 – left 6.2023
Ruby Milne	2026

The following were co-opted:

Diana Burton	Assistant treasurer
Judith Derby	Parish representative for interview panel & Gift Aid Secretary
Gaynor Lyth	Treasurer
Kath Lyth	Licensed Pastoral Worker

Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield stepped down as Parish Safeguarding Officer on 31 May 2023 due to her appointment as Community Development Worker. Mrs Karen Milne was then appointed as the Parish Safeguarding Officer with effect from 1 June 2023.

Advisors and Agents

The PCC's Bankers:	Barclays Bank 100 Whitby Road Ellesmere Port CH65 0AD
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Independent Examiner:	Mr WJ Ford. A.C.M.A 7 Plymyard Close Bromborough Wirral
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The PCC's Investment Managers:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
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The PCC's Insurers are:	Ecclesiastical Beaufort House Brunswick Road Gloucester GL1 1JZ
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The PCC's Treasurer is:	Mrs Gaynor Lyth 27 Fern Road Whitby Ellesmere Port CH65 6PA
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Introduction

The Parish consists of two worship centres: St Thomas & All Saints Ellesmere Port and St Lawrence, Stoak. The mission statement of the Parish is 'Christ in the centre of the Church; the Church at the centre of the Community'.

The staff team consisted of Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness (Rector), who retired on 26 April 2023 and Revd Gill Foster (Associate Rector). Revd Ricky Montgomery joined the staff team on 19 March 2023 as a curate-in-training. The PCC also appointed a Community Development Worker on 1 June 2023 to enhance their work in the community and to strengthen link with local schools. The PCC has the responsibility for implementing the mission statement through the programmes of the parish. The parish is blessed with one reader emeritus : Frank Mawdsley who serves mainly at St Lawrence Church. Mrs Julia McGuinness also served in the parish as a licensed lay reader until 26 April 2023.

We have two licensed pastoral workers - Mrs Kath Lyth and Mrs Sue Johnson. Mrs Linda Tudor continued her reader training to become a licensed lay reader and we have two other people exploring ordained ministry.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that Charities explain how their work has a positive benefit on their beneficiaries. This report seeks to do this in its description of the parish's activities in 2023.

In summary, the parish provides for church members:

- Regular opportunities to gather for worship and prayer
- Teaching on the Christian faith and how to apply it to everyday life
- Pastoral support and guidance.
- A network of cell groups in which members can develop closer relationships with other members.
- Opportunities to engage in the work of the Church in the wider community and beyond

In addition, the parish provides for the wider community:

- The occasional offices of baptism, marriage and the funeral service
- Opportunities to explore the Christian faith and to have their questions asked about why Jesus Christ is important for their lives.
- A high level of volunteering in the community offered by church members.

The Ellesmere Port Church of England College together with Ellesmere Port Christ Church – Church of England School (voluntary-aided) Primary School provides opportunities for partnerships between the church and the schools. During 2021 Ellesmere Port Christ Church School became federated with Bishop Wilson Church of England (Aided) Primary School).

The Rector served as the Chair of Governors at the college and continues to serve as the chair in his retirement and a church member serves as Chair of Governors at Bishop Wilson & Christ Church Federation. There are also a number of church members serving as Foundation Governors on the newly formed federated board. We are also welcomed into many of the primary schools in the parish leading acts of worship/assemblies together with our assembly team which takes Bible stories into 3 primary schools in the parish.

In these ways the Parish carries out the aims expressed in its Mission Statement.

Membership and Committees

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022.

The PCC operates as the leadership of the parish, in conjunction with the Staff Team. There is a Finance Committee which oversees the Parish Budget and which makes recommendations to the PCC concerning the giving strategy of the Parish.

In 2023, the PCC met on seven occasions; together with one social gathering. All PCC members completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding Training and were DBS cleared.

In between meetings, the Finance Team met to discuss finance and fabric matters, and to make recommendations to the full PCC. The Standing Committee, consisting of the Associate Rector, Wardens, PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, met once in 2023. Much of the day to day running of the Parish is devolved to the Staff Team.

The parish outgoings are made up of daily housekeeping and ministry costs together with the stipends of two full time ministers.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Review of the Year

Introduction

2023 continued with a focus on the vision set for 2021 which stated that we are looking 'To be welcoming and caring church families made up of disciples of all ages that are growing, prayerful and underpinned by God's Word; to be those who are discerning God's will together, to further His Kingdom in Ellesmere Port Parish and beyond'. We gave extra focus to this with the addition of a prayer for growth used at many PCC meetings and church services. The staff team have certain roles and responsibilities in order for the above goals to be achieved and so this report is split into three sections giving an overview of the life in the parish during 2023 - St Thomas' Church Life and Activities & St Lawrence (Gill Foster) and Outreach and Community (Gemma Alexander).

St Thomas: Church Life and Activities

We began 2023 in the knowledge that the incumbent would be retiring on Easter Day and so the future life of the parish continued to be underpinned with prayer as we looked towards the inevitable interregnum. A celebration was held giving thanks for the ministry of the incumbent and his wife as licensed reader as they retired after serving the parish for 21 years.

Our daily online morning prayer continued into it's third year, something that was started through necessity during the pandemic and has continued to flourish and which also strengthens the prayer life of the parish. In addition to this a committed group also continued to meet online with a focus on healing – praying for the church family and beyond, facilitated by a pastoral worker and a further small group meet and pray regularly online for clergy welfare. We also ran a Christmas prayer campaign encouraging schools, businesses and the community to pray during Advent. In this same vein our prayer chain was very active during the year with many folks requesting prayer and this together with the reintroduction of prayer ministry at the 10.45am service has meant prayer has been central in the life of the parish.

The two Sunday services continued to thrive with many visitors joining our café style service on the first Sunday of the month apart from the month of August. We chose to host café church throughout August and invited five people to dip their toe in the water and share God's Word with us during those services. The talks were extremely powerful and very well received by those in the congregation and such an encouragement and a blessing. Café church has proved to be a stepping stone for newcomers and enquirers and is this is the service to which we invite parents looking to have their children baptised. We have also welcomed a number of asylum seekers into our Sunday services providing them with Common Worship service books and Bible readings in their native language.

We also welcomed Revd Ricky Montgomery as a curate-in-training who has settled into the life of parish. Following an invitation from a new build care home, he regularly visits this home and has begun to form a visiting team to assist him in this work.

Ignite which is our Sunday group for children continued with a small group of committed volunteers teaching our children week by week, with the privilege of planting seeds of faith into young and exploring minds.

The parochial church council split into sub-groups to give focus in certain aspects of church life – finance, fabric, Eco Church and Community Outreach and each group led and spoke at a appointed Sunday service order for the church family to be fully informed as to the responsibilities of the PCC.

We welcomed the mayor, members of the Council and our Member of Parliament to their annual civic service in church and joined with them in the annual Remembrance Service in the Civic Square where a large congregation joined us and members of the armed forces, uniformed organisations and schools in giving thanks and remembering those who died serving their country. Our Community Development Worker was also asked to lay a wreath representing our Community Outreach Group.

We joined with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from churches in Ellesmere Port and brought some joy to the shoppers in the local shopping centre singing our Easter Praises and then again bringing Christmas cheer with our carol singing. We also supported Tearfund, a mission agency with a joint BIG QUIZ, raising much needed funds and also enjoying fellowship with our friends from other churches in the town.

We hosted a very successful tea in celebration of King Charles' coronation and enjoyed lots of homemade cakes and scones and toasted his majesty. The scouts also hosted a very successful summer fair in the grounds of the church where everyone was welcome to join in with the games and tuck into the delights from the barbecue.

The PALS group continued to grow from strength to strength now meeting in the church hall on the fourth Friday of the month to enjoy a home cooked meal together, whilst enjoying fun and fellowship. PALS has been a lynch-pin in bringing the congregations from St Thomas and St Lawrence together for support and friendship. This group has also opened it's doors to welcome many lonely and isolated folk in from the community.

Our faithful knitting crew created Easter Chicks and then Christmas Angels which were spread around the community sharing God's love and hopefully bringing a smile to brighten people's day.

The news of the parish continued to be shared via a monthly newsletter emailed out to the church family with hard copies available for those without access to the internet. This was in keeping with our efforts to be more Eco conscious and saving paper.

Cell groups continued to meet again in person in homes. This is an area of church life that is so valued by it's members and is an area of ministry and support to be developed.

We ran a Lent course together with a course entitled 'Growing Good' in the Autumn, a course produced by the Church Urban Fund which encourages the church to connect the dots between social action, discipleship and growth, which complimented the development and growth in our Community Outreach work.

Our work with local schools continued and was strengthened during 2023 following our Experience Easter week. Seven local primary schools were invited to join us to come and hear more about what the story of Easter means for them. This initiative was a great success and enjoyed by pupils and teachers alike. We have also been more involved with The Ellesmere Port Church of England College hosting their year 7 welcome service, offering a reflection for Remembrance Day and also leading and speaking at their online Christmas Service which has resulted in us being invited to speak to various classes during the year.

We were also very honoured to host a memorial service for a much-loved teacher from one of our primary schools who sadly passed away very suddenly, which meant we welcomed pupils, teachers and parents and offered them a place for them to grieve and to give thanks for her life.

It has been a pleasure to welcome into church, class visits looking at baptism, special places, buildings and music amongst other topics. It has also been a great privilege to be invited into schools to talk about subjects such as The Kingdom of God and partake in Christ Church School Values Day. We have also hosted Messy Church sessions each half term at Christ Church which has had the added bonus of parents and friends during us and hearing more about Jesus! This ministry is complimented by our assembly team who take bible stories into 3 of our local primary schools. We also welcomed schools into church for their Christmas Services which was a great blessing at the end of the year for all involved.

The number of occasional offices remained very low apart from our funeral ministry. We continue to offer support to our bereaved families inviting them to the annual memorial service, inviting them to our Tea at Two, afternoon tea and to a Blue Christmas service which was particularly appropriate for those who were spending their first Christmas without their loved one. Each bereaved family also received a 'goody bag' at Christmas just to remind them we were still thinking of them. We hosted our marriage preparation day, which was a thoroughly enjoyable day as we learned more about Christian marriage together and the logistics of the wedding service – hoping to allay any nerves on the big day.

Our Christmas programme took as its theme the Church of England's 'Follow the Star – join the song' and planned a very full and varied programmed reaching out to the community, serving the community and ministering to those in our church family. We supported 'give a gift to a stranger' with our local hostel for young homeless adults. Church together with local schools supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal sending gifts overseas to children who would otherwise be without on Christmas Day. We hosted our Christmas fair which is always very well supported by the community and it was so good to welcome old and new faces into the building to enjoy fun and fellowship whilst raising much needed funds for church.

We have so much to be thankful for with regards to the many blessings we take for granted each and every day, particularly giving thanks that we have managed to just keep our heads above water with regards to church finances which is something we do not take for granted.

All of the above would not be possible without the energy and commitment of many from the church family doing as Jesus did in caring, loving and serving others using their gifts, skills and talents and perhaps more importantly giving their time. Time is precious and so we must use our time wisely and do what He commanded us to do and that is to make disciples and it is our hope that all that is done in His name will one day come to bear fruit, fruit that will last. We are blessed that we are growing disciples who have a passion to share the Gospel message in so many creative and thoughtful ways.

Saint Lawrence, Stoak: church life & activities

Our witness to the love of Christ continued and developed as we entered 2023 with a number of people taking on new roles in the life of St Lawrence and with visiting preachers immersing themselves in the life of our church due to the parish being in vacancy. We were fortunate to secure the ministry of Revd Ray Dent on a regular basis and so with him and Revd Gordon Welch together with the regular staff team all services were covered at St Lawrence during the year. Our reader emeritus Frank Mawsdley always being on hand to welcome everyone as they approach the church door, standing outside in all weathers with a smile and a welcome is much appreciated by all. We also joined with St Thomas on a number of occasions for celebration joint services which really encouraged the church to be seen as the Body of Christ in Ellesmere Port.

Sadly, the steady numbers attending worship has declined due to the ill health of some of the congregation and also the sad loss of some very faithful members of the congregation. However, this has highlighted the wonderful pastoral care the congregation have one to the other. They have illustrated in so many ways what it means to be the Body of Christ, being there for each other in good times and also in those challenging times.

We have continued to encourage our ABC families to join with the morning services at major festivals and have had the enjoyment of seeing our children leading worship. Our monthly ABC service brings together many families who have joined us to have their children baptised and a great team of volunteers join together to oversee our 'party style' tea which is always welcomed by the children and their families.

We have also encouraged the congregations to get involved with the outreach initiatives of the parish and so many gifted knitters joined in with the Easter chick and angel projects and felt a real sense of doing their bit in sharing the Good News of Jesus.

A great encouragement has been welcoming a number of St Lawrence folk to the parish PALS lunch and Tea at Two. This has helped in bringing the two ends of the parish together and really strengthened the notion of the Body of Christ in the parish.

It was quite apparent that the churchyard needed some 'TLC' and so a major project was begun at the beginning of 2023 to try and bring some form of order back into the churchyard complying with Chester Diocesan Churchyard Rules 2007. This was done sensitively and empathetically working with the many families who visit the churchyard some on a regular basis and others not

so. To date we have managed to correspond with or speak with most families who visit their loved one's grave and have managed to restore some order. This is an ongoing issue but one that needs addressing with empathy and understanding.

We welcomed the local Women's Institute into church for their annual carol concert in December which was a very joyful occasion.

An ancient building brings with it many challenges of maintenance but with two very enthusiastic wardens they have overseen much needed work with the help of others from the church family.

We continue to look to the future with the growth of our ABC service and seeking God's will as we witness to his love in the village of Stoak and beyond.

Revd Gill Foster

Outreach and Community

The mission and outreach subcommittee within the PCC was rebranded to the Community Outreach Group or COG. The reasoning behind this was to work on a vision for the group, to enable us to ensure that we are best supporting our community. We also wanted to look at a 'brand' for the group, a way of reaching out to the community so that we are instantly recognised. A logo was created and this is used alongside the parish motto.

We continued working with a number of schools supporting families with our food hamper project which now operates smoother than ever, despite the numbers being larger than ever. We have had new community partners supporting us with donations, van hire and support on packing days etc. In addition, our family fun day project also grew which supports the families receiving the food hampers. We offered activity days with meals during every school holiday with the support of our local supermarkets. During the year fantastic feedback has been received from these events, and some of our families are now attending church services too. A further way of reaching into the community has been our Cinema nights with families enjoying a film whilst tucking into hotdogs and pizza!

Toms Tots, our toddler group was re-launched in September. The group runs in a very structured manner with a theme each week, song time, planned activities (craft and play), snack time, story and prayer time. Numbers have grown and we have a wonderful attendance each week.

What was once the bereavement tea is now known as our Tea at Two initiative. Open to anyone who would like company, a good cup of tea and some unbelievably delicious cake courtesy of the fantastic bakers we are so blessed to have within our parish. This has attracted fresh faces to attend from the community along with the many regulars attending from both churches.

A warm hub was trialled during the winter months of 2023, with additional funding gained from an outside source. Following research into other warm hubs within the area, there appeared to be a missed opportunity in terms of opening a warm hub that was for families, and so a decision was made to open ours after school hours, so that families could attend and have a light tea, and spend time in a warm environment, and also access some fun activities for children. Whilst we did have a small number of regular attendees, the number was indeed small, and the initiative was not well attended. If repeating a warm hub project, a different approach during daytime hours for a different clientele would be considered.

We worked successfully with a number of other community partners to host an event on World Refugee Day. Working with others we invited local refugees and asylum seekers into church, gave them a hot meal, and advertised the services available to them in Ellesmere Port. The event was advertised by the local press and supported by our local MP and councillors. It was a huge success.

The above work has been funded by a number of grants and donations.

The Beacon Project – the re-ordering of St Thomas Church was re-ignited. There had been much work already undertaken with the architects and planning permission paperwork has been drawn up and will be entered in the near future.

Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield
Community Development Worker

Statement of Financial Activities 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	66,263	-	-	66,263	66,533
Collections and other giving	22,511	3,409	-	25,920	9,655
Other voluntary receipts	2,404	30,429	-	32,833	26,487
Gift Aid recovered	21,783	-	-	21,783	17,611
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	191,860
Activities for generating funds	4,454	599	-	5,053	2,662
Investment Income	27,894	-	-	27,894	26,691
Receipts from church activities	27,624	-	-	27,624	30,530
Total income	172,932	34,437	-	207,369	372,028
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	84	1,259	-	1,344	5
Missionary and Charitable Giving	1,445	-	-	1,445	3,582
Parish Share	102,509	-	-	102,509	99,524
Clergy and Staffing costs	41,298	-	-	41,298	29,452
Church Running Expenses	29,205	-	-	39,678	28,841
Hall Running Costs	9,784	-	-	9,784	5,286
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	1,057	-	-	1,057	813
New Building work	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Seymour Drive	-	-	-	-	(140)
FIG	-	21,967	-	21,967	16,674
Total expenditure	185,383	23,226	-	208,609	184,035
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(12,451)	738	-	(11,713)	187,993
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	20,411	-	-	20,411	113,081
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,516)	(14,894)	-	(20,411)	(113,081)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	2,366	2,366	(1,867)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,444	(14,156)	2,366	(9,347)	186,127
Total funds brought forward	676,519	32,943	18,883	728,345	542,218
Total funds carried forward	678,963	18,786	21,249	718,998	728,345

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
Intangible Assets	365,000	365,000
Tangible Assets	115	115
	365,115	365,115
Current assets		
Investments	315,064	322,871
Cash At Bank And In Hand	49,883	40,639
	364,947	363,510
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	11,064	280
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Net current assets less current liabilities	353,883	363,230
Total assets less current liabilities	718,998	728,345
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Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	1,822	7,795
Designated		
Designated - Building Fund For Churches	20,501	20,501
Designated - Contingency Fund	27,002	12,148
Designated - Donation fund not for general use	5,091	3,384
Designated - Property and Furniture + Dep	365,115	365,115
Designated - St Thomas Reordering Fund	259,432	264,394
Designated - Trust Held By Diocese	-	3,183
Restricted		
Restricted - Agency collection	200	200
Restricted - Child Contact Centre	-	8,383
Restricted - Community Outreach Group	13,808	6,269
Restricted - St Lawrence Fund	4,779	1,978
Restricted - Trust Held By Diocese	-	16,113
Endowment		
Endowment - CCLA - Acc 500850001R	21,249	18,883
Fund Totals	718,998	728,345

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The Rector currently serves as the Chair of Governors at the college and a church member serves as Chair of Governors at Bishop Wilson & Christ Church Federation. There are also a number of church members serving as Foundation Governors on the newly formed federated board. We are also welcomed into many of the primary schools in the parish leading acts of worship/assemblies together with our Open the Book team which was re-started in 2022 following a hiatus due to COVID restrictions.

In these ways the Parish carries out the aims expressed in its Mission Statement.

Membership and Committees

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rule 2020.

The PCC operates as the leadership of the parish, in conjunction with the Staff Team. There is a Finance Committee which oversees the Parish Budget and which makes recommendations to the PCC concerning the giving strategy of the Parish.

In 2022, the PCC met on eight occasions; four of which were live meetings at St Thomas & All Saints, one was a social gathering and the remainder were online meeting. All PCC members completed the required Diocesan Safeguarding Training and were DBS cleared.

In between meetings, the Finance Team met to discuss finance and fabric matters, and to make recommendations to the full PCC. The Standing Committee, consisting of the Rector, Associate Rector, Wardens, PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, met once in 2022. Much of the day to day running of the Parish is devolved to the Staff Team.

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The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Review of the Year

Introduction

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St Thomas: Church Life and Activities

Many areas of church life continued to flourish as we moved into 2022 leaving behind the many restrictions imposed on the church due to COVID 19. The two main church services on a Sunday continued to thrive with many visitors joining the family service at 10.45am noticeably families from overseas who had re-located to the UK, some of which are now part of the church family. We were still very reticent to re-introduce prayer ministry during the services being cautious with regards to the proximity of persons, however as the year progressed prayer ministry was re-introduced and was a very welcome addition to the Sunday services. In addition to this a committed group continued to meet weekly for prayer online with a focus on healing – praying for the church family and beyond, facilitated by a pastoral worker. This together with daily online morning prayer has given the church a stronger and deeper-rooted prayer life.

Ignite which is our Sunday group for children continued with a small group of committed volunteers teaching our children week by week, with the privilege of planting seeds of faith into young and exploring minds.

The PALS group continued to grow from strength to strength now meeting in the church hall on the fourth Friday of the month to enjoy a home cooked meal together, whilst enjoying fun and fellowship. PALS has been a lynch-pin in bringing the congregations from St Thomas and St Lawrence together for support and friendship. This group has also opened it's doors to welcome many lonely and isolated folk in from the community. After many false starts 'Tea at Two' began again at the end of the year another group aiming to offer support and friendship to the lonely and isolated and also to any bereaved families. Invites to 'Tea at Two' are sent to those families for which we have conducted funerals during the year.

Easter saw many knitted chicks spread around the community filled with the obligatory egg, given as a gift to hopefully bring smiles and brighten people's day. It was sent with the reminder from Psalm 33: 2 'May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you'. Christmas also saw many knitted 'angels of hope' distributed in the community.

We made the decision not to re-introduce a weekly notice sheet but to stick with a monthly newsletter which is emailed to everyone with dates for the forthcoming month together with news. Hard copies are always available for those without access to a computer.

Cell groups continued to meet again in person in homes. This is an area of church life that is so valued by its members and is an area of ministry and support to be developed. Our youth and children's cells continued meeting in person in church once a fortnight.

We continued to develop our work in the community with the FIG (Food Initiative Group) project, joining with 6 of our local schools in supporting vulnerable families - as outlined in the outreach section of this report. This work has been very much appreciated by the families concerned and has also expanded and strengthened the relationships we have with the schools. It has been a pleasure to welcome into church, class visits looking at baptism, special places, buildings and music amongst other topics. It has also been a great privilege to be invited into schools to talk about 'life as a vicar', community projects and other topics as requested by the schools. This ministry is complimented by the Open the Book team which also re-started in 2022 taking bible stories into 3 of our local primary schools. We also welcomed four of the schools into church for their Christmas Services which was a great blessing at the end of the year for all involved. Four volunteers trained on a 'Here to Listen' course and volunteered their services to our church schools providing a listening ear to children and young people, giving them the opportunity to talk in a safe and secure environment. We had planned an Experience Easter event which sadly had to be cancelled due to COVID rearing its head once more, reminding us that we were still not over it!

Sunday Supper ran its course and so not just to continue for the sake of it we decided to park this initiative for the time being, with thanks to those who had shared their stories of their personal faith journeys with us.

The Queen's Jubilee Weekend saw the Scouts host a wonderful barbecue and fun afternoon which was enjoyed by all. Sadly, of course later in the year following the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we were to host the civic memorial book at St Thomas. The church was open to all for private prayer and remembrance and was manned by volunteers welcoming all into the building.

The number of occasional offices remained very low apart from our funeral ministry. We did however manage to hold an 'in person' Blue Christmas service which was particularly appropriate for those who were spending their first Christmas without their loved one together with our usual memorial service in May. We were able to host our marriage preparation day, the first in a number of years and we welcomed five couples getting married in the parish. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all as we learned more about Christian marriage together and the logistics of the wedding service – hoping to allay any nerves on the big day.

Bearing in mind current guidelines we began visiting nursing homes on invitation.

Our Christmas programme took as its theme the Church of England's 'Follow the Star – the Great invitation' and planned a very full and varied programmed reaching out to the community, serving the community and ministering to those in our church family. We supported 'give a gift to a stranger' with our local hostel for young homeless adults. Church together with local schools supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal sending gifts overseas to children who would otherwise be without on Christmas Day. We hosted our Christmas fair which is always very well supported by the community and it was so good to welcome folk back into the church building some of whom we had met through our hamper project during the summer holidays – relationships being re-kindled and built once more. We continued to build on our prayer initiatives and gave the opportunity to local schools, nursing homes, businesses to add their prayers to our Christmas

prayer chain which was then hung around the church during the Christmas season – immersing the prayers in the life of the church.

We also delivered a 'thinking of you' goody bag to every bereaved family that we had looked after during 2022 giving the opportunity to re-connect with them once again.

Following on from COVID we have had to learn to work in a hybrid way – working online and in person taking into account the environmental impact of both. Ensuring that no one gets left behind and that pastoral care and support is there for everyone taking into account personal circumstances but throughout we have that knowledge that God has and is continuing to walk with us.

We have so much to be thankful for with regards to the many blessings we take for granted each and every day. In the parish we are extremely thankful that we have managed to keep our heads just above water with regards to our finances but this is an area that we need to give more focussed attention during 2023.

All of the above would not be possible without the energy and commitment of many from the church family doing as Jesus did in caring, loving and serving others using their gifts, skills and talents and perhaps more importantly giving their time. Time is precious and so we have to use our time wisely and do what He commanded us to do and that is to make disciples and it is our hope that all that is done in His name will one day come to bear fruit, fruit that will last. We are blessed that we are growing disciples who have a passion to share the Gospel message in so many creative and thoughtful ways.

Revd Gill Foster

St Thomas and All Saints: Outreach and Community

2022 started with the long climb out of Covid restrictions- we were still wearing masks in church and keeping our distance. My observation of the year was that a side effect of Covid was that 'mission' and 'church community' activities seemed to overlap more. For example, the daily online prayers, which continued well after Covid restrictions had been lifted, included a focus on mission and outreach, as we regularly prayed for our 'stones', those we love and who we long to know the love of God for themselves. In fact, online prayer is still ongoing, and all that we are doing in the community to make Christ known, is soaked in prayer.

Prayer has also deepened the discipleship of many church members and increased their confidence in reaching out with the Good News of Jesus; many who serve on the FIG (Food Initiative Group) would say that their experience of prayer has led them to get involved. FIG itself is an example of how a Covid inspired pastoral activity has grown into an outreach ministry that is reaching many families in our community, through food hampers, fun days and other activities hosted or arranged by people in the church. In all these activities we ensured that we kept Jesus at the centre, letting people know why and in whose name we were carrying out our programme. 2022 also saw the return of church and community coming together in civic worship. The annual civic service re-commenced as did the Remembrance service, but with one important difference: there was no service in church. Instead, the act of remembrance was followed by an outdoor service, including music and drama from the CofE Collage, readings, prayers and a talk. The

weather was very kind, and because we were outdoors the congregation was much larger than could have been accommodated in St Thomas. In the days after, people stopped me in the street to say how much they had been impacted by the service. Silver linings...

Sadly, the Covid crisis gave way to other challenges to our community and country: the invasion of Ukraine had the knock on effect of rising prices and by the end of the year the cost of fuel was sky rocketing. As Christians, we were not immune to the struggles of our neighbours, but we did have access to the spiritual resources God provides. As such, our witness to Christ could shine just a bit more visibly given the darkness of our times. As we move forward, it might be the case that a part of our evangelism may be the way we meet and deal with, crises that affect everyone. This sort of outreach was encouraged and strengthened by our Lent course 'On the Breadline', which sought to have us thinking and acting Christianly in areas where there is real physical as well as spiritual poverty.

Gill and I attended the Clergy Conference in May where the focus was on effective evangelism in today's world. What has become clear is that, whereas courses like Alpha still have their place, those outside the church are needing to see the difference Jesus makes to the lives of their Christian friends, more than they are needing to be persuaded of the truth of our faith. The challenge to the church, including ourselves, is not to leave evangelism to the 'professionals' and instead, get into the habit of sharing our stories, of how God is active in our day to day lives. Call it 'friendship evangelism' if you like, but it's something we can all do.

The year also saw us hosting an art exhibition in the church, which drew in 254 visitors, (including our Mayor), 9 schools (100 plus children) and which raised the church's profile in the town. The exhibition included 20 exhibits by 17 local artists, and was inspired by our own 'Artist in Residence', Charmaine (aka the Parish Administrator!)

As the year progressed we resumed something like our normal activities: assemblies at Christ Church and other primary schools, the welcome service for the College Yr 7s and carol singing in the Arcades during the Christmas season.

We also ran a Falcon Camp, jointly with Christ the King, Birkenhead, which meant a reunion with Debbie Wilkinson. Despite it being run during the hottest summer on record, a good time was had by all, and we had the privilege of sharing God's love through fun activities with young people who might otherwise not had a summer holiday away from home.

This will be my last report to our parish APCM as I move into retirement. As is the usual practice, I will have a 6 month sabbatical before being allowed to resume any sort of public ministry. My hope and prayer is that the friendship evangelism I described above may be something that flourishes in my new community. Maybe I'll be invited back to tell you how things are going....

Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness

Saint Lawrence, Stoak

2022 began the transition in the life of St Lawrence with the retirement of Revd Gordon Welch on Easter Day. A day which everyone knew was looming but with a heavy heart! Gordon and his wife Jean had served the congregation at St Lawrence for many years and had fostered a great sense of belonging with the love shared with those in their pastoral care. However, knowing

this day would finally arrive the transition process brought new people on board in overseeing matters within the life of the church which has been a huge encouragement.

A great sense of being the Body of Christ in Stoak was most apparent with the sad loss of some very faithful members of the congregation coming together to support the bereaved families in their time of great sadness which was very much appreciated by those concerned. This however has meant that the steady numbers attending worship on a Sunday has declined and is something that we are acutely aware. With this in mind, we have encouraged our ABC families to join us for major festivals and it was a joy to welcome them to the Harvest festival service in which they played a major part in leading the service. They also led a nativity service something quite new for St Lawrence and which was enjoyed by all who attended. This is something we shall be building on in 2023 together with the joint services which have been enjoyed by many in 2022.

We have also encouraged the congregations to get involved with the outreach initiatives of the parish and so many gifted knitters joined in with the Easter chick and angel projects and felt a real sense of doing their bit in sharing the Good News of Jesus.

A number of folk have joined in with the PALS lunch and Tea at Two which is very encouraging in bringing both ends of the parish together.

Keeping on top of the fabric has been a challenge but with two very enthusiastic wardens they have overseen the cleaning of tower together with other minor jobs such as electrical work that has to be done in order for the services to run smoothly.

November 2022 saw Frank Mawdsley, our reader step back and retire from his leading and preaching duties, he has however kept on with his role of welcoming folk into church – standing outside in all weathers with a smile and a welcome is much appreciated by all.

And so, we move into 2023 without many of the much-loved members of our congregation who passed away in 2022 but looking to the future with the growth of our a ABC service and seeking God's will as we witness to his love in the village of Stoak and beyond.

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Ellesmere Port PCC
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	66,532.50	-	-	66,532.50	67,887.76
Collections and other giving	6,895.00	2,760.29	-	9,655.29	8,084.89
Other voluntary receipts	5,301.80	22,820.32	-	28,122.12	5,615.50
Gift Aid recovered	17,610.53	-	-	17,610.53	22,717.45
Other receipts	191,859.84	-	-	191,859.84	-
Activities for generating funds	880.06	146.50	-	1,026.56	1,926.73
Investment Income	26,691.19	-	-	26,691.19	21,896.88
Receipts from church activities	30,530.25	-	-	30,530.25	26,312.42
Total income	346,301.17	25,727.11	-	372,028.28	154,441.63
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	4.50	-	-	4.50	-
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,582.00	-	-	3,582.00	4,499.59
Parish Share	99,523.68	-	-	99,523.68	97,330.74
Clergy and Staffing costs	29,451.54	-	-	29,451.54	18,667.56
Church Running Expenses	22,930.52	5,910.51	-	28,841.03	30,618.36
Hall Running Costs	5,285.87	-	-	5,285.87	3,435.29
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
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New Building work	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Seymour Drive	(140.43)	-	-	(140.43)	2,186.00
FIG	-	16,673.70	-	16,673.70	-
Total expenditure	161,450.82	22,584.21	-	184,035.03	157,465.77
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	184,850.35	3,142.90	-	187,993.25	(3,024.14)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	91,820.83	510.62	20,749.41	113,080.86	6,245.00
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Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	(1,866.58)	(1,866.58)	5,074.98
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	186,664.68	1,328.57	(1,866.58)	186,126.67	2,050.84
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	489,854.56	31,614.27	20,749.41	542,218.24	540,167.40
Total funds carried forward	676,519.24	32,942.84	18,882.83	728,344.91	542,218.24

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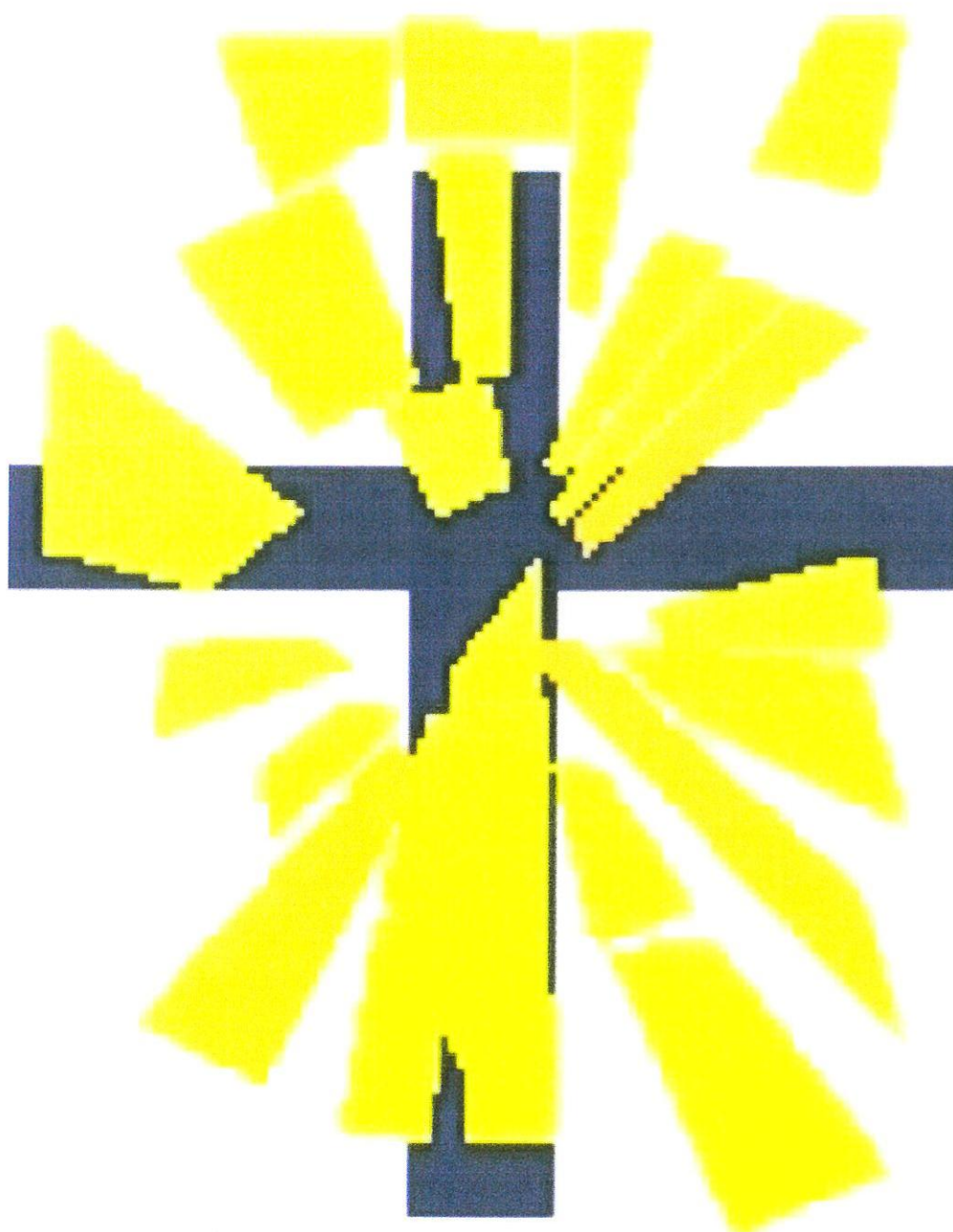
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In addition, the parish provides for the wider community:

- The occasional offices of baptism, marriage and the funeral service
- Opportunities to explore the Christian faith and to have their questions asked about why Jesus Christ is important for their lives.
- A high level of volunteering in the community offered by church members.

The Ellesmere Port Church of England College together with Ellesmere Port Christ Church – Church of England School (voluntary-aided) Primary School provides opportunities for partnerships between the church and the schools. During 2021 Ellesmere Port Christ Church School became federated with Bishop Wilson Church of England (Aided) Primary School).

The Rector currently serves as the Chair of Governors at the college and a church member serves as Chair of Governors at Bishop Wilson & Christ Church Federation. There are also a number of church members serving as Foundation Governors on the newly formed federation board. We are also welcomed into many of the primary schools in the parish leading acts of worship/assemblies together with our Open the Book team this however was curtailed in 2021 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

In these ways the Parish carries out the aims expressed in its Mission Statement.

Membership and Committees

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rule 2017.

The PCC also co-opts some members involved in specific ministries. The PCC operates as the leadership of the parish, in conjunction with the Staff Team. There is a Finance Committee which oversees the Parish Budget and which makes recommendations to the PCC concerning the giving strategy of the Parish. It also plans the annual Thanksgiving and Gift Day Sundays.

In 2021, the PCC met on 8 occasions; two of which were live meetings at St Thomas & All Saints, the remainder were online meeting.

In between meetings, the Finance Team met to discuss finance and fabric matters, and to make recommendations to the full PCC. The Standing Committee, consisting of the Rector, Associate Rector, Wardens, PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, did not meet in 2021. Much of the day to day running of the Parish is devolved to the Staff Team.

The parish outgoings are made up of daily housekeeping and ministry costs together with the stipends of two full time ministers; and so to enable our ministry and mission to grow we continued with the Parish Giving Initiative which started in 2015.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Review of the Year

Introduction

2021 continued where 2020 left off with regards to the challenges that beset the church and the world with regards to life and ministry with COVID 19 ever present. We continued with a focus on the vision set for 2021 which stated that we are looking 'To be welcoming and caring church families made up of disciples of all ages that are growing, prayerful and underpinned by God's Word; to be those who are discerning God's will together, to further His Kingdom in Ellesmere Port Parish and beyond' which we carried out with the best of intentions due to the constraints placed upon every person. The staff team have certain roles and responsibilities in order for the above goals to be achieved and so this report is split into three sections giving an overview of the life in the parish during 2021 - St Thomas' Church Life and Activities (Gill Foster), Outreach and Community (Gordon McGuinness) and St Lawrence (Gordon Welch).

St Thomas: Church Life and Activities

After being introduced to zoom during 2020 we continued into 2021 determined that the life, worship and witness of the church would continue as best as possible using the technology that we had come to know during the previous year.

An area of church life that continued to flourish was the online prayer life of the church. The daily office of morning prayer becoming a regular slot in the life of many. Whoever would have thought a pandemic would release and revitalise the prayer life of the parish in such a way. This continued throughout 2021 being led by staff and laity. Feeling confident using technology a further prayer group began meeting weekly during the year this time with a focus on healing prayer. We were not able to offer prayer ministry directly in our Sunday services so this was the alternative – praying for healing for those in the church family and beyond, this is facilitated by our pastoral worker.

We continued with our online worship at the beginning of the year before moving back into church for our 9am service. We did not want to lose that sense of being the church family – the Body of Christ in Ellesmere Port even though many people were still not able to physically meet together for worship and fellowship so other initiatives began. We began a weekly zoom coffee morning which was open to everyone which enabled folk to see each other and catch up with news; this was facilitated by the clergy. Another such group started bringing those together who enjoyed knitting and craft and they met each Friday morning for a natter online.

We welcomed asylum seekers into our fellowship during 2021 joining us for Sunday worship and getting involved in the life of the church was an encouragement to all. One has recently been baptised.

To encourage those who were shielding to still feel part of the ministry of the church a group of ladies knitted Easter Chicks. These were given to every child in our church school filled with the

obligatory Easter egg! They also knitted many other 'trinkets' which were given out in the community during the summer holidays – given as a gift to hopefully bring smiles and brighten people's day. It was sent with the reminder from Psalm 33: 2 'May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you'. Christmas also saw them knit many 'angels of hope' which were also distributed in the community.

We continued to keep in touch with the church family through a weekly newsletter which was either received by email or through the post. We were very intentional in making sure that those without access to the internet were not forgotten. We also kept in contact with each other through the telephone network which was set up when the pandemic first struck and this was appreciated by those who continued to have to self isolate due to long standing health conditions. Cell groups continued to meet online at the first part of the year before gradually meeting again in person in homes.

One area of ministry that continued to be quite a challenge during 2021 was our work with children and young people. Ignite which is our Sunday group re-started in September with a good number of children returning but sadly a number of children who for various reasons did not return to this group. Our youth and children's cells began to meet again in September taking their first tentative steps meeting in person in church again once a fortnight.

We continued with our Sunday Supper initiative meeting each time on zoom and eating our supper in our own homes! A testimony is shared and this together with informal liturgy and worship has been a huge blessing to the church family as they have learned and grown in their faith journey and has also been a vehicle for keeping connected during the lockdown. We have learned so much more about each other's faith journey which has been such an encouragement in this difficult time.

The number of occasional offices remained very low apart from our funeral ministry which was tailored to the situation, clergy either doing pre-funeral visits online or on the telephone which was not ideal but in the circumstances our only choice. The bereavement support group did not begin again due to the many COVID restrictions that were in place. We did however manage to hold an 'in person' Blue Christmas service which was particularly appropriate for those who were spending their first Christmas without their loved one. Once again, this service held quite a poignancy this year. We were unable to host our marriage preparation day but with the restrictions over major gatherings we only held two weddings in church during 2021.

Our visiting to the housebound and care homes had to stop during the first part of the year with the COVID regulations in place, however we were able to visit some at the latter part of the year but always bearing in mind current guidelines.

As we approached the end of the year we were struck with the conundrum as to whether or not to go ahead with the planned Christmas activities taking into account the ever changing guidance regarding COVID. The PCC decided that we would go ahead with our plans and if they had to change at the last minute so be it. Fortunately, all plans went ahead apart from singing in the arcades which had to be cancelled due to health and safety! We hosted our Christmas fair which is always very well supported by the community and it was so good to welcome folk back into the church building some of whom we had met through our hamper project during the summer holidays – relationships being re-kindled and built once more.

We supported 'give a gift to a stranger' with our local hostel for young homeless adults and sent a number of hand made blankets as gifts to three local nursing homes together with sending

Christmas gifts to our local women's refuge. Church together with local schools supported the Christmas Shoebox appeal sending gifts overseas to children who would otherwise be without on Christmas Day.

We also delivered a 'thinking of you' goody bag to every bereaved family that we had looked after during 2021 giving the opportunity to re-connect with them once again.

We provided 134 Christmas Hampers to vulnerable families in our local community. The funds for these hampers raised by the church family and local businesses.

2020 was the year that we stopped because we had to, lockdown was enforced and so we stopped. We thought at the time it was challenge but what we hadn't or didn't realise the stopping was the easy bit! 2021 and coming out of lockdown has been very demanding on many counts not least in reflecting on what should re-start or what should be laid to rest. Learning how to work in a hybrid way – online and in person taking into account the environmental impact of both. Ensuring that no one gets left behind and that pastoral care and support is there for everyone taking into account personal circumstances but throughout we have that knowledge that God has and is continuing to walk with us. We have so much to be thankful for with regards to our financial situation in the parish – we have managed to keep our heads above water (just) and for which we give thanks and praise to the one who is our provider.

And so, we continued into 2021 to grow disciples even though we spent some of the year once again in lockdown the abovementioned initiatives are going some way in doing that in securing and establishing disciples of Christ who have a passion to share the Gospel with the many people who cross their path and in their own individual way bring others to Christ.

Revd Gill Foster

St Thomas and All Saints: Outreach and Community

It's unusual for me to find myself preaching on Boxing Day, especially when the subject is the martyrdom of Stephen, but that's what happened in Christmas 2021. As a result, I found myself reflection on what happened next concerning the church in Jerusalem. 'What happened next' seemed disastrous. A persecution broke out against the believers, all of whom, excepting the 12 disciples, were kicked out of the city. As a result, they lost everything- their place of worship (the Temple), their leaders and teachers (the 12) and the close fellowship they had enjoyed when meeting in member's homes. The Pentecost Party was well and truly over. And yet... Luke records that, wherever they went, they spoke about Jesus. And so Jesus' promise, recorded at the beginning of Acts, began to come true: 'you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem and Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth'.

I hear echoes of our own experience in the New Testament story. We lost much during the pandemic- our places of worship, our opportunities for fellowship, even, to some extent, our ability to learn together and share our faith with others through church events and programmes. But we didn't lose Jesus- and the challenge we faced in 2021, and indeed, in 2022 and beyond, was to keep Jesus in our hearts and hence to have Jesus on our lips.

2021 was a slow and somewhat painful journey into a 'post pandemic world'- though, as I write, that pandemic is far from over. What's more, much as we may have wanted it to be the case, it has not been a journey back to March 2020.

Our last pre-pandemic services in St Thomas were on 15th March 2020. The 9 am service resumed, without singing, and without sharing the common cup in Communion, on 2nd August of that year,

but we did not resume 10.45 worship until 1st August 2021, again with restrictions that limited what we could and could not do.

Our patterns of worship reflect patterns of outreach and engagement with the community, at least as far as how we used our buildings. Very few baptisms or weddings took place in the year because of number restrictions, and church funerals required social distancing, mask wearing, no singing, and mourners being confined to their 'bubbles'.

However, as the year progressed we were able to open up the St Thomas site, and welcome back many of our regular hall and lounge users, so that by the end of the year it was, more or less, 'business as usual'; we also took on a new Parish Assistant, Charmaine Maw, who has settled in well and is managing our site interface with the community very ably.

In last year's report I described the hamper project that we began during the pandemic- well, that project has grown and is a means by which we have made a significant contribution to the lives of the most economically challenged families in our community. 2021 included several hamper deliveries and a summer programme including trips out for the families involved.

As our schools reopened we were once again able to take assemblies 'face to face' though surges in infections within the school communities did mean that we found ourselves back on line, even after September. Most of our interaction with the College was online though we were able to host the Year 7s at St Thomas for their Welcome Service.

I remember saying to Gill during the year that it was a lot easier going into a lockdown than it would be coming out of one, and this did prove to be the case. Some regular events returned to the church, such as the Civic Service, but not the Parade Service on Remembrance Sunday. Instead, we put together an outdoor service, which combined the act of remembrance at the War Memorial with elements of the Church service. As it happened, there was a very large turnout, many more than we would have been able to accommodate in St Thomas.

And that is perhaps the pattern we have seen during 2021. The need to adapt to less than ideal conditions, but resulting in unforeseen blessings and impact upon our community. I had many people in the days after the Remembrance service, coming up to me and commenting favourably about it.

During the pandemic, we learned new skills and new ways of doing things, which I believe God wants us to continue to use in our engagement with our community and in pursuit of our outreach. Churches throughout the country are reporting that online outreach is more attractive to enquirers than church based courses- how might we use our newly acquired skills to share our faith more effectively with others?

We are also rebuilding our website, intentionally making it a 'community facing platform' designed to tell our neighbours about who we are, what we do, and why. Hopefully, it will be up and running in 2022.

Like those early disciples who took to the road after Stephen's death, there is 'no going back to Jerusalem'- not for them and not for us. But the road ahead is one that we will travel in the company of Jesus, and on which we will find new opportunities to bless our community and share our faith. Our challenge in the new world we find ourselves in, is to make sure we have Jesus in our hearts. If that's the case, then his name will be on our lips, and will be the reason we do what we do in the community, in the service of his kingdom.

Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness

Saint Lawrence, Stoak

As 2021 began, the sense in the country was of great weariness. The restrictions had been relaxed for the end of 2020 including church services. Then, at the end of 2020, the brakes came on again as the number of infections rose. One of the consequences was the closure of churches and we had to go back to providing service outlines and sermons by email and hand delivery. January 2021 saw the peak and by April we were allowed to reopen just in time for

Easter. We returned to our previous practice of socially distant services, with communion in one kind and recorded hymns with a repeat on Wednesday morning. That lasted until the beginning of August which saw the relaxing of the rules about social distancing, hymn singing and communion. Our last Wednesday communion was on 28th July. ABC (children and adults) services had been held but these took the form of picnics in the churchyard taking advantage of the fine weather and the numerous benches which had been donated over the years. The first service inside the church was on 8th August. The number of people attending Sunday Morning services picked up quickly and the average for October was 30 with 28 children and adults at ABC.

The sum of the Sunday and Wednesday congregations for Easter was 38. For Christmas 2021, we had both a Carol Service, a midnight Communion and a Christmas Day said communion. Numbers were somewhat down on previous years at 45, 23 and 19 respectively – presumably because we asked people to book rather than just turn up.

A year or more ago when I said to the PCC that I would be retiring after Easter 2022, it all seemed a long time off. During the last year, we have formed a transition group at St Lawrence to oversee the preparation for my retirement. The idea was to make sure that everything that I and Jean have done was covered. This included such diverse things as service preparation and setting the heating and providing the refreshments. The congregation at St Lawrence has responded wonderfully and people have stepped up to do what was required and to fill in the gaps.

With Jan and Jane we have two enthusiastic and very able wardens. One job being organised by Jan is getting the tower cleaned and made inaccessible to pigeons. This can only be done by properly equipped professionals, so it will not be cheap. On the other hand, the current state of the tower has health implications as well as being an eyesore. So far progress has been very slow and has extended from 2021 into 2022. One contractor has had to withdraw and another is sizing up the job. However, progress is being made so let's hope it will be completed very soon. It is a reminder that a warden's job can be rather frustrating sometimes.

So what about the future? Laying down the responsibility of being curate, even at the age of 75 and after a time of ill health and family problems, is not easy and we have very mixed emotions. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve God here in Ellesmere Port and we look forward now to what else might be coming along.

Revd Dr Gordon Welch

Ellesmere Port PCC
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	68,023	-	-	-	68,023	69,653
Collections and other giving	8,085	-	-	-	8,085	5,421
Other voluntary receipts	2,981	-	2,500	-	5,481	9,550
Gift Aid recovered	22,717	-	-	-	22,717	8,912
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	200
Activities for generating funds	1,927	-	-	-	1,927	772
Investment Income	21,897	-	-	-	21,897	22,244
Receipts from church activities	24,223	2,090	-	-	26,312	19,413
Total income	149,852	2,090	2,500	-	154,442	136,165
Payments						
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	205
Missionary and Charitable Giving	2,637	1,563	300	-	4,500	4,164
Parish Share	97,331	-	-	-	97,331	96,806
Clergy and Staffing costs	18,668	-	-	-	18,668	22,555
Church Running Expenses	23,180	6,318	1,120	-	30,618	28,425
Hall Running Costs	3,435	-	-	-	3,435	2,627
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	202
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	728	-	-	-	728	611
Seymour Drive	1,156	1,030	-	-	2,186	1,648
Total expenditure	147,135	8,911	1,420	-	157,466	157,043
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,717	(6,821)	1,080	-	(3,024)	(20,878)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,800	4,445	-	-	6,245	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,445)	(300)	(1,500)	-	(6,245)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	3,048	3,048	3,205
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	72	(2,676)	(420)	3,048	24	(17,673)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	853	491,504	30,109	17,702	540,167	557,841
Total funds carried forward	924	488,829	29,689	20,749	540,191	540,167
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	924	-	-	-	924	853
Designated						
Building Fund For Churches	-	20,501	-	-	20,501	23,101
Contingency Fund	-	20,300	-	-	20,300	20,300
Donation fund not for general use	-	3,384	-	-	3,384	5,000
Pritchard Legacy	-	65,787	-	-	65,787	65,787
Property and Furniture + Dep	-	365,115	-	-	365,115	365,115
St Thomas Reordering Fund	-	7,857	-	-	7,857	8,524
Tithed Giving	-	2,582	-	-	2,582	-
Trust held by Diocese	-	3,182	-	-	3,182	3,182
Youth Work Fund	-	122	-	-	122	496
Restricted						
Agency collection	-	-	200	-	200	500
Child Contact Centre	-	-	10,911	-	10,911	10,824
Don for Kenya Church Link	-	-	-	-	-	-
Giving Against Period Poverty Initiative	-	-	134	-	134	325
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Lawrence Fund	-	-	3,571	-	3,571	3,571
Trust held by Diocese	-	-	14,088	-	14,088	14,088
Worship Fund	-	-	784	-	784	801

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Endowment						
Trust held by Diocese	=	=	=	20,749	20,749	17,702

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Ellesmere Port PCC

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets		
1400: Freehold Property	365,000	365,000
1402: Furniture & Fittings	7,842	7,842
1403: Accum Depn F & F	(7,727)	(7,727)
Total Fixed assets	365,115	365,115
Current assets		
1410: Trust Held by Diocese	38,019	34,971
1501: Bardsley current account	33,932	24,600
1502: Beacon Project	7,857	565
1505: 609094001D	96,029	113,972
1506: 609094002D	-	1,322
1507: Petty Cash	100	100
1514: 609094004D	-	13
Total Current assets	175,936	175,543
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	860	490
Total Liabilities	860	490
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	540,191	540,167
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(3,024)	(20,878)
Z01: Starting balances	540,167	557,841
Z02: Gains and losses on investments	3,048	3,205
Z03: Gains and losses own use	-	-
Total Reserves	540,191	540,167

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	924	853
Designated	488,829	491,504
Restricted	29,689	30,109
Endowment	20,749	17,702
Total	540,191	540,167

Ellesmere Port PCC

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
10% - Tithed Giving	-	-	1,563	4,145	-	-	2,582
Pritchard - Pritchard Legacy	65,787	-	-	-	-	-	65,787
General - General fund	853	149,852	147,135	(2,645)	-	-	924
Building - Building Fund For Churches	23,101	-	2,600	-	-	-	20,501
Reserve - Contingency Fund	20,300	-	-	-	-	-	20,300
SLaw - St Lawrence Fund	3,571	-	-	-	-	-	3,571
Youth - Youth Work Fund	496	-	374	-	-	-	122
Trusts - Trust held by Diocese	34,971	-	-	-	-	3,048	38,019
Contact - Child Contact Centre	10,824	2,500	913	(1,500)	-	-	10,911
Reordering - St Thomas Reordering Fund	8,524	2,090	2,757	-	-	-	7,857
Worship - Worship Fund	801	-	17	-	-	-	784
Donation - Donation fund not for general use	5,000	-	1,616	-	-	-	3,384
GAPPI - Giving Against Period Poverty Initiative	325	-	190	-	-	-	134
Fixed Ass - Property and Furniture + Dep	365,115	-	-	-	-	-	365,115
Totals	539,667	154,442	157,166	-	-	3,048	539,991

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Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
10%							
Designated	-	-	1,563.00	4,145.00	-	-	2,592.00
Sub-totals	-	-	1,563.00	4,145.00	-	-	2,592.00
Pritchard							
Designated	65,786.50	-	-	-	-	-	65,786.50
Sub-totals	65,786.50	-	-	-	-	-	65,786.50
General							
Unrestricted	852.59	149,851.81	147,135.13	(2,645.00)	-	-	924.27
Sub-totals	852.59	149,851.81	147,135.13	(2,645.00)	-	-	924.27
Building							
Designated	23,101.29	-	2,600.40	-	-	-	20,500.89
Sub-totals	23,101.29	-	2,600.40	-	-	-	20,500.89
Reserve							
Designated	20,300.00	-	-	-	-	-	20,300.00
Sub-totals	20,300.00	-	-	-	-	-	20,300.00
S/Law							
Restricted	3,571.05	-	-	-	-	-	3,571.05
Sub-totals	3,571.05	-	-	-	-	-	3,571.05
Youth							
Designated	495.54	-	373.73	-	-	-	121.81
Sub-totals	495.54	-	373.73	-	-	-	121.81
Trusts							

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Designated	3,181.68	-	-	-	-	-	3,181.68
Restricted	14,087.78	-	-	-	-	-	14,087.78
Endowment	17,701.75	-	-	-	-	3,047.66	20,749.41
Sub-totals	34,971.21	-	-	-	-	3,047.66	38,018.87
Contact							
Restricted	10,824.33	2,500.00	913.17	(1,500.00)	-	-	10,911.16
Sub-totals	10,824.33	2,500.00	913.17	(1,500.00)	-	-	10,911.16
Reordering							
Designated	8,524.46	2,089.82	2,757.09	-	-	-	7,857.19
Sub-totals	8,524.46	2,089.82	2,757.09	-	-	-	7,857.19
Worship							
Restricted	800.91	-	16.60	-	-	-	784.31
Sub-totals	800.91	-	16.60	-	-	-	784.31
Donation							
Designated	5,000.00	-	1,616.44	-	-	-	3,383.56
Sub-totals	5,000.00	-	1,616.44	-	-	-	3,383.56
GAPPI							
Restricted	324.52	-	190.21	-	-	-	134.31
Sub-totals	324.52	-	190.21	-	-	-	134.31
FixedAss							
Designated	365,115.00	-	-	-	-	-	365,115.00
Sub-totals	365,115.00	-	-	-	-	-	365,115.00
Totals	539,667.40	154,441.63	157,165.77	-	-	3,047.66	539,990.92

Ellesmere Port PCC
Receipts and payments

Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
10% - Tithed Giving (Designated) Fund			
Payments			
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
10% missionary giving - current		1,250	-
10% Missionary giving - past		313	-
		1,563	-
Total Missionary and Charitable Giving			
		1,563	-
Total Payments		(1,563)	-
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Transfers to/(from)		4,145	-
Total carried forward balance		2,582	-
Pritchard - Pritchard Legacy (Designated) Fund			
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		65,787	65,787
Total carried forward balance		65,787	65,787
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		50,388	48,285
Gift Aid - Envelopes		6,167	10,117
Planned giving non g/aided		11,468	11,251
		68,023	69,653
Total Planned giving			
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		5,872	2,195
Other Cash Collections		1,173	701
One-off Gift Aid gifts		1,040	1,230
		8,085	4,126
Total Collections and other giving			
Other voluntary receipts			
Giving through church boxes		32	16
Donations appeals etc		2,949	4,494
Children and family worker		-	50
Non-recurring one-off grants		-	2,000
		2,981	6,560
Total Other voluntary receipts			
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Giving		22,717	8,912
		22,717	8,912
Total Gift Aid recovered			
Activities for generating funds			
Fund Raising		1,893	374
Magazine income - advertising		-	128
Parish magazine sales		34	100

Note	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021		01 January 2020 31 December 2020	
Photocopier income				170	772
Investment Income			1,927		
Dividends			409	395	
Bank and building society interest			57	488	
Rent from Childsplay Nursery			11,250	11,250	
Rent from St T Car Park			10,180	10,111	
			21,897	22,244	
Total Investment Income					
Receipts from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals			14,755	14,277	
Fees for Memorials, Searches			1,652	1,092	
Church hall lettings - objectives			6,999	3,504	
St T Church Room Hire			817	540	
			24,223	19,413	
Total Receipts			149,852	131,680	
Payments					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of stewardship			-	135	
Costs of fees & other events			-	70	
			-	205	
Total Cost of generating funds					
Missionary and Charitable Giving					
10% missionary giving - current			-	3,964	
10% Missionary giving - past			2,604	-	
Christchurch School Donation			32	-	
			2,637	3,964	
Total Missionary and Charitable Giving					
Parish Share					
Ministry parish share etc			97,331	96,606	
			97,331	96,606	
Total Parish Share					
Clergy and Staffing costs					
Assigned Fees			6,042	7,527	
Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals			90	40	
Salary of parish administrator			4,633	6,149	
Working expenses of Incumbent			2,013	2,980	
Council tax			4,359	4,151	
Water Rates Vicarage			420	743	
Parsonage - water			441	215	
Vicar's telephone			869	749	
			18,668	22,555	
Total Clergy and Staffing costs					
Church Running Expenses					
St Thomas Youth Group			183	-	
Outreach			-	677	
Social Event Payments			19	28	
Fund Raising Costs			56	-	
Messy Church			15	-	
Childrens Work			54	138	
Youth Work			-	375	
Parish training and mission + away days			5	84	
Church running - Insurance			5,282	4,908	
Church office - telephone			176	382	
Church maintenance			2,455	2,287	
Church Consumables			27	24	

	From To	01 January 2021 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 31 December 2020
Church Equipment			
Books + Service Material		1,207	354
Gardening		723	669
Upkeep of services - wine, candles, wafers		840	800
Administration Office Costs		274	139
Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)		3,530	1,284
Miscellaneous Payment		200	-
Church running - electric		838	791
Church running - gas		742	657
Church running - water		1,659	1,926
Church running - oil		673	340
Church running - heating and lighting		1,185	680
Printing + Stationery expenses		96	-
		2,942	2,997
		23,180	19,550
Total Church Running Expenses			
Hall Running Costs			
Hall running - electricity		691	640
Hall running - gas		324	422
Hall running - insurance		-	651
Hall running - maintenance		2,278	767
Hall running - water		142	147
		3,435	2,627
Total Hall Running Costs			
Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
St Francis Hall/Nursery		728	611
		728	611
Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
Seymour Drive			
Seymour Drive - Insurance		1,156	1,128
Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration		-	71
		1,156	1,200
Total Seymour Drive			
Total Payments		147,135	147,318
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		2,717	(15,638)
Brought forward balance		853	15,572
Transfers to/(from)		(2,645)	-
Adjustments		-	918
Total carried forward balance		924	853
Building - Building Fund For Churches (Designated) Fund			
Payments			
Church Running Expenses		2,600	-
Church maintenance		2,600	-
		2,600	-
Total Payments		(2,600)	-
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		23,101	23,101
Brought forward balance		20,501	23,101
Total carried forward balance		20,501	23,101
Reserve - Contingency Fund (Designated) Fund			
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		-	-
Brought forward balance		20,300	20,300
Total carried forward balance		20,300	20,300

StLaw - St Lawrence Fund (Restricted) Fund

Payments

Church Repairs & Maintenance
Church interior and exterior decorating

Total Payments

Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure
Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

		202
	-	202
	-	202
	-	(202)
	3,571	3,773
	3,571	3,571

Total Church Repairs & Maintenance

Youth - Youth Work Fund (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Other voluntary receipts
Donations appeals etc

Total Receipts

Payments

Church Running Expenses
Outreach
Messy Church
Childrens Work
Youth Work
Books + Service Material

	-	20
	-	20
	-	20

Total Other voluntary receipts

Total Church Running Expenses

	374	389
	374	389
	(374)	(369)
	496	864
	122	496

Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Designated) Fund

Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure
Brought forward balance
Adjustments

Total carried forward balance

	-	3,168
	3,182	13
	3,182	3,182

Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Endowment) Fund

Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure
Brought forward balance
Adjustments

Total carried forward balance

	-	16,124
	17,702	1,578
	3,048	17,702

Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Restricted) Fund

Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure
Brought forward balance
Adjustments

Total carried forward balance

	-	13,393
	14,088	695
	14,088	14,088

Contact - Child Contact Centre (Restricted) Fund

Receipts			
Other voluntary receipts			
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,500		2,670
	2,500		2,670
Total Receipts	2,500		2,670
Payments			
Church Running Expenses		350	
Miscellaneous Payment		563	267
Contact Centre		913	267
	913		267
Total Payments	1,587		2,403
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure			8,421
Brought forward balance	10,824		
Transfers to/(from)	(1,500)		
Total carried forward balance	10,911		10,824

Reordering - St Thomas Reordering Fund (Designated) Fund

Receipts			
Collections and other giving			
Beacon Project Fundraising	-		1,095
	-		1,095
Total Collections and other giving	-		1,095
Other voluntary receipts	-		300
Donations appeals etc			300
	-		
Total Other voluntary receipts	-		300
Receipts from church activities	2,090		-
Seymour Drive Income		2,090	
	2,090		
Total Receipts from church activities	2,090		-
Total Receipts	2,090		1,395

Payments			
Church Running Expenses			
Church maintenance			75
Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	1,727		7,885
	1,727		7,960
Total Church Running Expenses	1,727		7,960
Seymour Drive	1,030		448
Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration			448
	1,030		
Total Seymour Drive	2,757		8,408
Total Payments	2,757		8,408
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure			(7,013)
Brought forward balance	(667)		
	8,524		15,538
Total carried forward balance	7,857		8,524

Worship - Worship Fund (Restricted) Fund

Payments	
Church Running Expenses	

01 January 2020
31 December 2020

04 January 2021
31 December 2021

From
To

Note

Books + Service Material	17	21
Total Payments	17	21
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		
Brought forward balance	17	21
	(17)	(21)
	801	822
Total carried forward balance	784	801

Donation - Donation fund not for general use (Designated) Fund

Receipts		
Collections and other giving	-	200
One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	200
Total Receipts	-	200
Payments		
Missionary and Charitable Giving		
10% missionary giving - current	-	200
Total Payments	-	200

Total Receipts	-	200
Payments	-	200
Missionary and Charitable Giving		
10% missionary giving - current	-	200
Total Payments	-	200
Church Running Expenses		
Church Equipment	1,516	-
Administration Office Costs	100	-
Total Church Running Expenses	1,616	-
Total Payments	1,616	200
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure	(1,616)	
Brought forward balance	5,000	5,000
Total carried forward balance	3,384	5,000

GAPPI - Giving Against Period Poverty Initiative (Restricted) Fund

Receipts		
Other receipts	-	200
GAPP Income	-	200
Total Receipts	-	200
Payments		
Church Running Expenses		
GAPPI Expenditure		
Total Payments		
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		
Brought forward balance	190	238
	190	238
	(190)	(38)
	325	363
Total carried forward balance	134	325

Total Receipts	-	200
Payments	-	200
Church Running Expenses		
GAPPI Expenditure		
Total Payments		
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		
Brought forward balance	190	238
	190	238
	(190)	(38)
	325	363
Total carried forward balance	134	325

Fixed/Ass - Property and Furniture + Dep (Designated) Fund

Total Receipts	-	200
Payments	-	200
Church Running Expenses		
GAPPI Expenditure		
Total Payments		
Excess of income and endowments over Expenditure		
Brought forward balance	190	238
	190	238
	(190)	(38)
	325	363
Total carried forward balance	134	325

Kenya - Don for Kenya Church Link (Restricted) Fund

Excess of income and endowments over expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

Ellesmere Port PCC

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	50,388	-	-	-	50,388	48,285
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	6,167	-	-	-	6,167	10,117
0201 - Planned giving non g/aided	11,468	-	-	-	11,468	11,251
Planned giving Totals	68,023	-	-	-	68,023	69,653
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	5,872	-	-	-	5,872	2,195
0302 - Other Cash Collections	1,173	-	-	-	1,173	701
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,040	-	-	-	1,040	1,430
0900 - Beacon Project Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,095
Collections and other giving Totals	8,085	-	-	-	8,085	5,421
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	32	-	-	-	32	16
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,949	-	-	-	2,949	4,814
0555 - Children and family worker	-	-	-	-	-	50
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
0802 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	4,670
Other voluntary receipts Totals	2,981	-	2,500	-	5,481	9,550
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Giving	22,717	-	-	-	22,717	8,912
0602 - Tax Recoverable on Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid recovered Totals	22,717	-	-	-	22,717	8,912
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	-
0950 - GAPP Income	-	-	-	-	-	200
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receipts Totals	-	-	-	-	-	200
Activities for generating funds						
0910 - Fund Raising	1,893	-	-	-	1,893	374
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	128
1260 - Parish magazine sales	34	-	-	-	34	100
1270 - Photocopier Income	-	-	-	-	-	170

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Activities for generating funds Totals	1,927	-	-	-	1,927	772
Investment Income						
1001 - Dividends	409	-	-	-	409	395
1020 - Bank and building society interest	57	-	-	-	57	488
1030 - Rent from Childsplay Nursery	11,250	-	-	-	11,250	11,250
1031 - Rent from St T Car Park	10,180	-	-	-	10,180	10,111
Investment Income Totals	21,897	-	-	-	21,897	22,244
Receipts from church activities						
1040 - St Thomas Youth Grp	-	-	-	-	-	-
1041 - Sunday Bus Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	14,755	-	-	-	14,755	14,277
1102 - Fees for Memorials, Searches	1,652	-	-	-	1,652	1,092
1210 - Seymour Drive Income	-	2,090	-	-	2,090	-
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	6,999	-	-	-	6,999	3,504
1231 - St T Church Room Hire	817	-	-	-	817	540
Receipts from church activities Totals	24,223	2,090	-	-	26,312	19,413
Receipts Grand totals	149,852	2,090	2,500	-	154,442	136,165
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	135
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	-	-	-	-	-	70
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2390 - Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	205
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
1800 - 10% missionary giving - current	-	1,250	-	-	1,250	4,164
1801 - 10% Missionary giving - past	2,604	313	300	-	3,217	-
1820 - Giving Church Societies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020 - Kenya Church Link	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025 - Kenya Gifts. Donations etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
2850 - Christchurch School Donation	32	-	-	-	32	-
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	2,637	1,563	300	-	4,500	4,164
Parish Share						
1901 - Stipends quota	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	97,331	-	-	-	97,331	96,606

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Parish Share Totals	97,331	-	-	-	97,331	96,606
Clergy and Staffing costs						
1920 - Assigned Fees	6,042	-	-	-	6,042	7,527
1930 - Clergy Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940 - Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals	90	-	-	-	90	40
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	4,633	-	-	-	4,633	6,149
2060 - Salary of Family and Childrens Worker	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	2,013	-	-	-	2,013	2,980
2120 - Council tax	4,359	-	-	-	4,359	4,151
2130 - Clergy house expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water Rates Vicarage	420	-	-	-	420	743
2145 - Parsonage - water	441	-	-	-	441	215
2150 - Vicar's telephone	669	-	-	-	669	749
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	18,668	-	-	-	18,668	22,555
Church Running Expenses						
2010 - St Thomas Youth Group	183	-	-	-	183	-
2015 - Burseries	-	-	-	-	-	-
2160 - Outreach	-	-	-	-	-	737
2165 - Social Event Payments	19	-	-	-	19	28
2166 - Fund Raising Costs	56	-	-	-	56	-
2170 - Messy Church	15	-	-	-	15	14
2180 - Childrens Work	54	13	-	-	67	451
2190 - Youth Work	-	341	-	-	341	375
2201 - Parish training and mission + awaydays	5	-	-	-	5	84
2301 - Church running - insurance	5,282	-	-	-	5,282	4,908
2310 - Church office - telephone	176	-	-	-	176	392
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	-	-	-	-	-
2330 - Church maintenance	2,455	2,600	-	-	5,055	2,362
2331 - Church Consumables	27	-	-	-	27	24
2332 - Church Equipment	1,207	1,516	-	-	2,723	354
2333 - Books + Service Material	723	20	17	-	760	690
2334 - Gardening	840	-	-	-	840	800
2340 - Upkeep of services - wine, candles, wafers	274	-	-	-	274	139
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Administration Office Costs	3,530	100	-	-	3,630	1,284
2365 - Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	200	1,727	-	-	1,927	7,885
2370 - Miscellaneous Payment	838	-	350	-	1,188	791
2380 - Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church running - electric	742	-	-	-	742	657
2410 - Church running - gas	1,659	-	-	-	1,659	1,926
2420 - Church running - water	673	-	-	-	673	340
2430 - Church running - oil	1,185	-	-	-	1,185	680
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	96	-	-	-	96	-
2501 - Printing + Stationery expenses	2,942	-	-	-	2,942	2,997
3010 - Contact Centre	-	-	563	-	563	267
3020 - GAPPI Expenditure	-	-	190	-	190	238
Church Running Expenses Totals	23,180	6,318	1,120	-	30,618	28,425

						Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Hall Running Costs						
2520 - Hall running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall running - electricity	691	=	=	=	691	640
2540 - Hall running - gas	324	-	-	-	324	422
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	-	-	-	-	651
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	2,278	=	=	=	2,278	767
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall running - water	142	-	-	-	142	147
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Running Costs Totals	3,435	-	-	-	3,435	2,627
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	202
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	-	-	-	-	-	202
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2585 - St Francis Hall/Nursery	728	-	-	-	728	611
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	=	=	=	=	=	=
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	728	-	-	-	728	611
New Building work						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2901 - New building parsonage house	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building house for curate	=	=	=	=	=	=
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building work Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seymour Drive						
2650 - Seymour Drive - Insurance	1,156	-	-	-	1,156	1,128
2660 - Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration	-	1,030	-	-	1,030	519
Seymour Drive Totals	1,156	1,030	-	-	2,186	1,648
Payments Grand totals	147,135	8,911	1,420	-	157,466	157,043

Ellesmere Port PCC

Trial balance

Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
0101: Gift Aid - Bank	Income	-	-	50,388	(50,388)
0110: Gift Aid - Envelopes	Income	-	-	6,167	(6,167)
0201: Planned giving non g/aided	Income	-	-	11,468	(11,468)
0301: Loose plate collections	Income	-	-	5,872	(5,872)
0302: Other Cash Collections	Income	-	-	1,173	(1,173)
0410: Giving through church boxes	Income	-	-	32	(32)
0501: One-off Gift Aid gifts	Income	-	-	1,040	(1,040)
0550: Donations appeals etc	Income	-	-	2,949	(2,949)
0601: Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid Giving	Income	-	-	22,717	(22,717)
0802: Non-recurring one-off grants	Income	-	-	2,500	(2,500)
0910: Fund Raising	Income	-	-	1,893	(1,893)
1001: Dividends	Income	-	-	409	(409)
1020: Bank and building society interest	Income	-	-	57	(57)
1030: Rent from Childsplay Nursery	Income	-	-	11,250	(11,250)
1031: Rent from St T Car Park	Income	-	-	10,180	(10,180)
1101: Fees for weddings and funerals	Income	-	-	14,755	(14,755)
1102: Fees for Memorials, Searches	Income	-	-	1,652	(1,652)
1210: Seymour Drive Income	Income	-	-	2,090	(2,090)
1230: Church hall lettings - objectives	Income	-	-	6,999	(6,999)
1231: St T Church Room Hire	Income	-	-	817	(817)
1260: Parish magazine sales	Income	-	-	34	(34)
1400: Freehold Property	Fixed Asset	365,000	-	-	365,000
1402: Furniture & Fittings	Fixed Asset	7,842	-	-	7,842
1403: Accum Depn F & F	Fixed Asset	(7,727)	-	-	(7,727)
1410: Trust Held by Diocese	Current Asset	34,971	3,048	-	38,019
1501: Barclays current account	Current Asset	24,600	205,206	195,875	33,932
1502: Beacon Project	Current Asset	565	10,219	2,926	7,857
1505: 609094001D	Current Asset	113,972	3,423	21,366	96,029
1506: 609094002D	Current Asset	1,322	1	1,322	-
1507: Petty Cash	Current Asset	100	-	-	100
1514: 609094004D	Current Asset	13	-	13	-
1800: 10% missionary giving - current	Expenditure	-	1,250	-	1,250
1801: 10% Missionary giving - past	Expenditure	-	3,217	-	3,217
1910: Ministry parish share etc	Expenditure	-	97,331	-	97,331
1920: Assigned Fees	Expenditure	-	6,042	-	6,042
1940: Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals	Expenditure	-	90	-	90
2010: St Thomas Youth Group	Expenditure	-	183	-	183
2050: Salary of parish administrator	Expenditure	-	4,633	-	4,633
2101: Working expenses of incumbent	Expenditure	-	2,137	125	2,013
2120: Council tax	Expenditure	-	4,359	-	4,359
2140: Water Rates Vicarage	Expenditure	-	420	-	420
2145: Parsonage - water	Expenditure	-	441	-	441
2150: Vicar's telephone	Expenditure	-	669	-	669
2165: Social Event Payments	Expenditure	-	19	-	19
2166: Fund Raising Costs	Expenditure	-	56	-	56
2170: Messy Church	Expenditure	-	15	-	15
2180: Childrens Work	Expenditure	-	67	-	67
2190: Youth Work	Expenditure	-	341	-	341
2201: Parish training and mission + away days	Expenditure	-	5	-	5
2301: Church running - insurance	Expenditure	-	5,282	-	5,282
2310: Church office - telephone	Expenditure	-	176	-	176
2330: Church maintenance	Expenditure	-	5,055	-	5,055
2331: Church Consumables	Expenditure	-	27	-	27
2332: Church Equipment	Expenditure	-	2,723	-	2,723
2333: Books + Service Material	Expenditure	-	760	-	760
2334: Gardening	Expenditure	-	840	-	840
2340: Upkeep of services - wine,candles,wafers	Expenditure	-	274	-	274

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
2360: Administration Office Costs	Expenditure	-	3,630	-	3,630
2365: Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	Expenditure	-	1,927	-	1,927
2370: Miscellaneous Payment	Expenditure	-	1,188	-	1,188
2401: Church running - electric	Expenditure	-	742	-	742
2410: Church running - gas	Expenditure	-	1,659	-	1,659
2420: Church running - water	Expenditure	-	673	-	673
2430: Church running - oil	Expenditure	-	1,185	-	1,185
2440: Church running - heating and lighting	Expenditure	-	96	-	96
2501: Printing + Stationery expenses	Expenditure	-	2,942	-	2,942
2530: Hall running - electricity	Expenditure	-	691	-	691
2540: Hall running - gas	Expenditure	-	324	-	324
2560: Hall running - maintenance	Expenditure	-	2,278	-	2,278
2580: Hall running - water	Expenditure	-	142	-	142
2585: St Francis Hall/Nursery	Expenditure	-	728	-	728
2650: Seymour Drive - Insurance	Expenditure	-	1,156	-	1,156
2660: Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration	Expenditure	-	1,030	-	1,030
2850: Christchurch School Donation	Expenditure	-	32	-	32
3010: Contact Centre	Expenditure	-	563	-	563
3020: GAPPI Expenditure	Expenditure	-	190	-	190
6699: Agency collections	Liability	(490)	21,512	21,882	(860)
Z01: Starting balances	Reserve	(536,963)	-	3,205	(540,167)
Z02: Gains and losses on investments	Reserve	(3,205)	3,205	3,048	(3,048)
Z03: Gains and losses own use	Reserve	-	-	-	-
Totals		-	404,203	404,203	-
Totals incorporating opening balances		-	698,517	698,517	-

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of Ellesmere Port
2020 Annual Report

Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2020



Ellesmere
Port
Parish



Reference and Administrative Details of Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council, its Members and Advisors

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in November 2009, registration number 1132859. Prior to this date, the PCC was a charity excepted from registration, by statutory instrument 2007 No. 2655.

Principal Office: Parish Office
Whitby Road
Ellesmere Port
Cheshire
CH65 6UW

Staff Team

Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness	(Rector)	
Revd Gill Foster	(Associate Rector)	Chair
Revd Gordon Welch	(Curate)	
Mrs Debbie Wilkinson	Ordinand – moved on to curacy parish July 2020	
Mr Ricky Montgomery	Ordinand (as from July 2019)	

Deanery Synod Representatives

Term of office expires

Mrs Diana Burton	2023
<i>Two vacancies</i>	

Elected Members

Mrs Sue Johnson		2021
Mrs Susan Maguire		2021
Mr Michael Edwardson		2021
Mrs Kath Lyth		2022
Mr Ricky Montgomery		2022
Mrs Susan Mayers	<i>Assistant PCC secretary</i> & deputy churchwarden St Thomas	2022
Mrs Gaynor Lyth	<i>PCC Secretary</i>	2023
Mrs Karen Milne		2023
Mrs Sarah Guest		2023
Mrs Judith Derby	St Lawrence	2023
Mr Norman Jarvis	St Lawrence	2023

Co-opted members

Mrs Jess Ritchieson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr Adrian Maguire	<i>Deputy churchwarden St Thomas</i>
Ms Gemma Alexander-Bloomfield	<i>Parish Safeguarding Officer</i>

Advisors and Agents

The PCC's Bankers:	Barclays Bank 100 Whitby Road Ellesmere Port CH65 0AD
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Independent Examiner:	Mr WJ Ford. A.C.M.A 7 Plymyard Close Bromborough Wirral
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The PCC's Investment Managers:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
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The PCC's Insurers are:	Ecclesiastical Beaufort House Brunswick Road Gloucester GL1 1JZ
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The PCC's Treasurer is:	Mrs Jessica Ritchieson 17 Clydesdale Ellesmere Port CH65 6RL
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Introduction

The Parish consists of two worship centres: St Thomas & All Saints Ellesmere Port and St Lawrence, Stoak. The mission statement of the Parish is 'Christ in the centre of the Church; the Church at the centre of the Community'.

The staff team consists of Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness (Rector), Revd Gill Foster (Associate Rector) and Revd Gordon Welch (NSM). The PCC has the responsibility for implementing the mission statement through the programmes of the parish. The parish is also blessed with 3 Readers: Frank Mawdsley, serving mainly at St Lawrence Church, Julia McGuinness and Ricky Montgomery. We also had the benefit of having two ordinands working with the staff one on placement with St Mellitus College who was ordained in 2020 and the other All Saints Centre for Mission & Ministry. During 2020 Mrs Sue Johnson was licensed as a pastoral worker to the parish and Mrs Kath Lyth began her training to be a licensed pastoral worker.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that Charities explain how their work has a positive benefit on their beneficiaries. This report seeks to do this in its description of the parish's activities in 2020 which were very limited taking into account the COVID 19 pandemic in which the world was immersed. In summary, the parish provides for church members:

- Regular opportunities to gather for worship and prayer
- Teaching on the Christian faith and how to apply it to everyday life
- Pastoral support and guidance.
- A network of cell groups including separate children and youth cells in which members can develop more intimate relationships with other members.
- Opportunities to engage in the work of the Church in the wider community and beyond

In addition, the parish provides for the wider community:

- The occasional offices of baptism, marriage and the funeral service
- Opportunities to explore the Christian faith and to have their questions asked about why Jesus Christ is important for their lives.
- A high level of volunteering in the community offered by church members.

The Ellesmere Port Church of England College together with Ellesmere Port Christ Church – Church of England School (voluntary-aided) Primary School provides opportunities for partnerships between the church and the schools. The Rector currently serves as the Chair of Governors at the college and a church member serves as Chair of Governors at Christ Church school and so with an ever growing number of Foundation Governors serving on the Governing Body of Christ Church School we are strengthening the link between church and school. We are also welcomed into many of the primary schools in the parish leading acts of worship/assemblies together with our Open the Book team this however was curtailed in 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

In these ways the Parish carries out the aims expressed in its Mission Statement.

Membership and Committees

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rule 2017.

The PCC also co-opts some members involved in specific ministries. The PCC operates as the leadership of the parish, in conjunction with the Staff Team. There is a Finance Committee which oversees the Parish Budget and which makes recommendations to the PCC concerning the giving strategy of the Parish. It also plans the annual Thanksgiving and Gift Day Sundays.

In 2020, the PCC met on 8 occasions; one of which was a live meeting at St Thomas & All Saints, the remainder were online meetings via ZOOM.

In between meetings, the Finance Team met to discuss finance and fabric matters, and to make recommendations to the full PCC. The Standing Committee, consisting of the Rector, Associate Rector, Wardens, PCC Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant

Treasurer, met once in 2020 – this was an online ZOOM meeting. Much of the day to day running of the Parish is devolved to the Staff Team.

The parish outgoings are made up of daily housekeeping and ministry costs together with the stipends of two full time ministers; and so to enable our ministry and mission to grow we continued with the Parish Giving Initiative which started in 2015.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults)

Review of the Year

Introduction

When we set our vision for 2020 we had not realised what lay ahead in the world and the life of our church, however this report sums up what turned out to be a very challenging year on many counts. Our vision states that we are looking 'To be welcoming and caring church families made up of disciples of all ages that are growing, prayerful and underpinned by God's Word; to be those who are discerning God's will together, to further His Kingdom in Ellesmere Port Parish and beyond' which we carried out with the best of intentions due to the constraints placed upon every person. The staff team have certain roles and responsibilities in order for the above goals to be achieved and so this report is split into three sections giving an overview of the life in the parish during 2020 - St Thomas' Church Life and Activities (Gill Foster), Outreach and Community (Gordon McGuinness) and St Lawrence (Gordon Welch).

St Thomas: Church Life and Activities

The church family at St Thomas' began 2020 meeting each Sunday for worship, prayer and fellowship together with other more informal gatherings for Bible Study, praise and worship which includes fortnightly meetings of cell groups of which there are eight together with a children's cell and a youth cell all of which continue to reach out to those on the fringe of church life. However, the pandemic struck in March 2020 and our 'in building' services had to cease until August 2020. Technology then came to the fore as we began to live stream one service on a Sunday. A huge learning curve for the church family and the staff team but one that meant that we could still worship together each Sunday for those fortunate enough to have the equipment to do join us. We tried to keep to our scheduled services which included café style church and these were broadcast on our parish website and also on YouTube, hence they were available to visitors and onlookers alike. These online services have been overseen by clergy and laity and have been an encouragement to the laity to get involved in leading intercessions and reading the Word.

Sadly, we were not able to celebrate Easter 2020 in our buildings which brought home the stark reality of the world's situation and the effect of COVID 19. Christmas 2020 was celebrated in church but had a very different feel to it as very few people attended

on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – a great sense of anxiety was noticeable within the life of the church family.

The pandemic brought to light the number of people who were without the necessary technology to join in with online Sunday worship and so began our weekly newsletter in March containing a homily for the week which was posted to those in the church family known to us without broadband. This weekly newsletter was also emailed to the church family, keeping a sense of belonging going throughout the lockdown and beyond.

One area of ministry that sadly suffered during the lockdown was our work with children and young people. It was quite apparent particularly with the youth that they had enough of zoom meetings etc with school and the last thing they wanted was to have zoom meetings for church groups. We kept contact with the children and young people through various initiatives throughout the year.

Pastoral care and support was vital during this time and so a telephone network was set up which complemented the cell group support network and calls were made on a regular basis.

After having so many years of plugging away at prayer the pandemic has revitalised the prayer life of the parish in so many ways. At the start of lockdown the staff team were very conscious of the need of rhythm and a focus in daily living and so we decided to start Morning and Evening Prayer online not knowing if this would be welcomed by the church family. This has revolutionised the prayer life of so many people, not least the prayer life of the parish. It is led by the staff and laity which is a great encouragement.

Realising that the pandemic wasn't going anywhere soon a different way of engaging and discipling the church family was required and so launched The Bible Course online which was very successful with a good number of people joining the course some of whom said that they probably wouldn't have joined it if it had been held in the church building which was very interesting to note by the staff and which has given lots of food for thought as to how we move on following the pandemic using online technology.

Once things had settled we were keen to restart things online and so our Sunday Supper initiative was reintroduced but this time on zoom and eating our supper in our own homes! A testimony is shared and this together with informal liturgy and worship has been a huge blessing to the church family as they have learned and grown in their faith journey and has also been a vehicle for keeping connected during the lockdown.

Needless to say the pandemic meant that we did very few baptisms, however our funeral ministry was busy and bereavement support was tailored to the situation we found ourselves in, not being able to visit folk in their own homes and invite them to our bereavement support group felt very alien to the clergy. We did however have an online Remembrance Sunday and also an online Blue Christmas Service which was particularly appropriate for those who were spending their first Christmas without a loved one and is held on the longest night of the year and gives an opportunity to worship with those who feel unable to join in whole-heartedly with the normal

Christmas celebrations. It was for those who feel that they want a time at Christmas to be themselves and not have to put on a brave smile; to be in solidarity with others in a similar situation, and to bring all their sorrows and concerns to God. This service held quite a poignancy this year.

Our visiting to the housebound and care homes had to stop with the COVID regulations together with our marriage preparation day.

We were determined that Christmas would be celebrated no matter what and so we implemented a 'Doing December Differently' project which was based around the Church of England's Christmas initiative 'Comfort and Joy'.

The programme was planned with the purpose of sharing that comfort and joy to the community, our local schools and the church family. Advent Prayer Bags were made giving a sense of community and togetherness during the Advent season. Lots of Angels were knitted and given out in the community sharing a message of Christmas hope. We supported give a gift to a stranger with our local hostel for young homeless adults.

We also delivered a 'thinking of you' goody bag to every bereaved family that we had looked after during 2020 giving the opportunity to re-connect with them once again. We asked the church family to send in videos of their own crib scenes which we used in our Sunday services, again giving that sense of belonging and sharing with their church family.

We also provided 122 Christmas Hampers to vulnerable families in our local community. The funds for these hampers was raised by the church family and local businesses.

2020 was a very sad year for so many people losing their loved ones to COVID 19 and it was a year that we stopped! We stopped because we had to, lockdown was enforced and so we stopped. However, in stopping God brought to light those things which we had been missing, our lives had been moving at a fast rate of knots and now we had to stop but in stopping his creation the beauty of his world was revealed afresh to some eyes, lives that mattered to us mattered even more so, our priorities changed, we changed. 2020 was a year which brought with it very big challenges to the life of our churches, not least in moving our main ministry to online which for some people was more of a challenge than to others but it did not take away from us our aim and that is to grow!

To grow disciples and to grow our church numerically and it is our hope that even though we spent the majority of the year in lockdown the abovementioned initiatives are going some way in doing that in securing and establishing disciples of Christ who have a passion to share the Gospel with the many people who cross their path and in their own individual way bring others to Christ.

Revd Gill Foster

St Thomas and All Saints: Outreach and Community

When it comes to Annual reports, this is one I never thought I'd have to write; it's certainly not the sort of report I ever want to write again. 2020 will go down in history as the Year of the Pandemic. Nearly every aspect of our ordinary lives has been affected by Covid-19, including our parish activities, and not least our outreach and community engagement.

The year began fairly normally; we had many community groups hiring our various rooms, including regulars like Messy Play, uniformed movements and Carers Trust; we were engaging in outreach through our funeral and baptism ministries, including the bereavement tea and parental preparation, and we were hosting training events for Street and School Pastors. Our youth and children cells were running, as were our school assemblies at Christ Church, all ways of encouraging younger people in engaging with the Christian Faith. And in February we ran our Holiday Club for children, which was both a great success, and turned out to be one of the last 'normal' outreach activities in 2020.

We then entered an entirely new world, one in which all that we had taken for granted was suddenly no longer available to us. Sunday worship in church? Cell groups in our homes? Renting out our premises? Meeting couples to discuss their weddings, getting together with parents to plan their baptisms, even visiting bereaved families in their homes? All gone. Assemblies at Christ Church; the walk of witness on Good Friday; singing in the Arcades over Easter weekend; welcoming the community into our Civic and Remembrance services; reaching out to others via our Memorial Service, our Blue Christmas, our Christmas programme: all off our agendas. Even writing these last sentences has brought home to me just how much this last year has taken from us, and, I'm not ashamed to say, brought a tear to my eye.

But as has been said by many a church and from a variety of platforms, our buildings may have been closed, but the church is very much alive. And kicking. And still in the business of outreach and mission.

The initial weeks of lockdown saw us all on a very steep learning curve, where our main priority was maintaining our sense of being the body of Christ, and in establishing ways and means of keeping in touch and supporting our members and others associated with our churches. Gill will have more to say about this in her report, but looking back on that time I believe that God was doing something among us- and still is- that was much more than enabling us to survive; he was working in us to grow us, and to equip us to be more powerful and effective in outreach to our community, and to being a part of our community in ways that would bless our neighbours, colleagues, friends and families.

The problem with annual reports is that they tend to focus on a year in isolation; that simply isn't possible when it comes to 2020. The only real way of making sense of 2020 is to see it as God doing something in us, unasked for and, frankly, unwelcomed, to prepare us for the years ahead. So for me, Psalm 126 speaks into the year gone past and the future yet to come:

"Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest." (Psalm 126:5-6)

So what sort of things have happened in 2020 that might be considered 'tearful planting'?

First and foremost, the way we have come together in prayer. It was Gill who, in the days when we were facing the unprecedented prospect of not being able to meet together in person, suggested that the leadership of the church come together in the traditional practice of saying the morning office together; then, when it became the case that not even the clergy could gather together, we took prayer online. And from these enforced beginnings has grown our practice of morning and evening prayer throughout the week, led by various people, broadcast on Facebook and involving numbers that most churches would only dream about were such meetings to be in church and in person.

What's more, our online prayer meetings have been truly about community and outreach; barely a session goes by without us praying for our government, our MP, our local council, our friends and neighbours, local business, our 'five a day' and the young people in our schools and community. People who might have found praying 'out loud' in a regular prayer meeting difficult, have found their voice online, using the chatbox to share their prayers. 2020 may have been the 'year of pandemic'; it has also been, for us, the 'year of prayer'. Long may it continue. For one of the lessons I hope we have learned is that prayer is the bedrock of outreach and mission, and without it, there is only busyness and activity.

Secondly, we began to discover that that people without faith might respond more readily to an invitation to watch the church at work online, than they would to an invitation to cross the threshold of our buildings. 'Come and See' has become a slogan for personal engagement with our unbelieving friends and family, and not just for our worship services. Many of our online social activities involved family members who aren't part of our fellowship but who didn't mind putting together quiz nights or taking part in online parties.

But some have 'come and seen' without a personal invite. Names pop up during our worship and other events online, unknown to us, but obviously drawn to us, and using the anonymity of the internet to give us a look.

And then there was the hamper ministry. Lockdown forced us to 'do December differently' and one thing we did that we haven't done before was to put together and distribute Christmas hampers to families associated with various primary schools in the Port. Again, Gill will say more about this in her report, but this was a powerful outreach initiative that has continued into 2021 and has impacted powerfully in our local community.

And other 'seeds' have been sown; the Church of England College, formally the Academy, has been developing its Christian ethos, taking very seriously its biblical motto "the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) This has resulted, amongst other things, with the Rector taking part in weekly staff briefings, giving a Christian focus for the week ahead, and the reestablishment of the church being involved in Collective worship. And at our primary school, Collective worship has moved online, but one of the consequences has been some parents joining in with the services.

As we look forward to the years to come, when we will not be going back to a pre-Covid existence but into a post-Pandemic world, the seeds that God has sown in 2020 will bear their fruit. There have been many tears in 2020. My prayer is that there will be loud shouts of joy in the months to come.

"When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them." Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!" (Psalm 126:1-3)

Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness

Saint Lawrence, Stoak

This year has been for everyone a most unpleasant and disturbing time. It has disrupted church life generally and St Lawrence is no different in that regard. Following government guidelines, the church was closed from 22nd March until 2nd August and again from 8th November until 6th December. During these times we had one funeral at the graveside.

It was quickly identified that the key task in lock-down was to keep in touch with the congregation so that we could give help to those who were finding things difficult, keep everyone informed of what was happening and provide worship and prayer resources. A team was identified of eight people who undertook to keep in touch with four or five members of the congregation each by telephone. In addition the services, that we would have had in church and the sermon, were either printed out and delivered to people or sent as an email attachment depending on the various facilities that were available to members of the congregation.

Some members of the congregation were classed as highly vulnerable and had to keep strictly indoors. Others were more fortunate and could go out. No-one enjoyed the experience, but it's fair to say that the congregation rose to the occasion. There was a lot of mutual support and encouragement and the worship material was widely appreciated.

When we were back in church from August to November and again in December, the service material continued to be supplied since we then had to worship without any books (service books, hymn books or bibles) just using printed paper which was to be taken away. We followed the Diocesan guidelines on sanitising and social distancing. There was no singing. We did have hymns but only on CD. Communion was in one kind and to make things safer it was brought to the pews by the president, wearing a mask, visor and disposable gloves.

We introduced a telephone booking system. It soon became apparent that the church was likely to be overfull on Sunday so a repeat service was held on Wednesday. This was less well attended but relieved the pressure on Sunday morning. There were also some who preferred the Wednesday service. Between August and December we had an average of 24 on Sunday and 10 on Wednesday. This was a great deal lower than our previous average attendance since many in the congregation felt unable to attend live services..

Because of the lock-down, there were no services for Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday or Easter. We did have a midnight Holy Communion for Christmas Night and another Communion service on Christmas Day but felt it wiser to cancel the Carol Service which normally draws a capacity congregation. There were 30 people at the midnight service and 13 at the later one.

Zoom has been invaluable in allowing the ABC (children's and parents') service to be held every month. Gill has supplied craft materials each month by email and Gordon McGuinness has overseen the broadcast which has allowed interaction with the children and their families, the showing of videos and singing and prayers. Attendance at the on-line services may not have been as large as in church but most of the ABC congregation have attended and have been very loyal.

We have had a handful of Covid cases among the congregation and in each case the person has recovered well. In no case was the infection passed on to any other member of the church. We have however lost two valued members to cancer. The first was Stephen Healey in July and Norman Jarvis in March 2021. We commend them into God's care and pray for his comfort and strength for their grieving relatives.

Revd Gordon Welch

Finance Report – Year End 2020

The accounts show an overall operating deficit of £21,038. This was due to an income of the year of £136,004 and an expenditure for the year of £157,042.

This deficit is made up of a deficit of “unrestricted” funds of £15,798, a deficit in “designated” funds of £7,381 and an increase in “restricted” funds of £2,142.

During the year the PCC has distributed £4,163.59 to support the church at home and overseas, to support local charities and others.

General Fund

In this fund, which handles our regular giving and operating costs, there was income from all sources at £131,519 a decrease from 2019 by £43,035, and expenditure at £147,317 decreased from 2019 by £24,400.

56% of our income in this fund came from the giving of church members, which decreased by £12,494. We recovered £8,911 in gift aid this year. Income from rent from child's play nursery, St Thomas Car Park and St Thomas Room and Hall Hire (£25,405) a similar level to that of 2018 (£25,628) instead of 2019 (£32,545) due to Covid and a lack of being able to hire the hall out.

Total expenditure in the general fund was £147,317. The parish share of £96,606 (65.6% of expenditure) was paid in full and the amount paid to the Diocese was £2,357 more than in 2019. We had no family and children's worker again this year.

We had insurance for Seymour drive this year of £1,128.

Donation Fund

The PCC received a donation (£5,000) at the end of 2018 with the caveat that the money can be used for anything the PCC deem beneficial for the parish except running and general upkeep costs. The balance has stayed constant this year.

Pritchard Legacy

This fund was set up in 2015 to hold the legacy received from the estate of Mrs Betty Pritchard. No movement has occurred on this fund in 2020.

Reordering Fund

This fund was set up in 2016 after a donation of £6,500 was received for the reordering of St Thomas Church if it went ahead. This year there we received £1395 in income with £8,408 in expenses of which £7,885 was on legal fees.

St Lawrence Fund

This fund is used to hold grants, donations and fund raising for specific projects at St Lawrence Church. This year there was £202 spent on repairs.

Worship Fund

This fund was set up in 2018 after a donation of £1000 was received. The money can be used to better the worship provision in our parish, £20 was spent in 2020.

Youth Fund

This fund originated from a legacy to St Thomas Church and was allocated by the PCC for youth work. The movement on the fund this year was -£368.

GAPPI Fund

This fund was set up in 2019 to hold the monies donated for the use of the Giving Against Poverty Incentive. It was started with £909. The movement on the fund this year was -£38.

Contact Centre Fund

This holds money restricted to the use of the contact centre, which operates twice each month using St Thomas church rooms. The movement on the account is £2,403.
Balance Sheet

It is our policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Cash Balances have decreased by £18,025. Of the total net assets an amount of £20,300 is held in the contingency Fund. This is our current reserve which is below the PCC's policy of 3.0 month's general expenditure (42,929 from 2019) needed to cover emergency situations. The building Fund (currently £23,101) is expected to be needed in the coming years to resurface St Thomas car park as there is noticeable pitting forming.

Regular giving is needed as the church grows remembering that 60% of our usual operating costs are in respect to people.

Looking ahead to 2021

The challenge again increases going forward in a world of Covid-19. With an uncertain future as to when life will get back to normal, the negative impact on our finances is likely to continue. We still have the financial demands needed to maintain our building so that they can continue to need the requirements of the parish and its ministries.

The treasurer would like to thank the people who assist in performing the finance functions of the church. These include but are not limited to the assistant Treasurer (Mrs Diana Burton), the team who reconcile and bank the weekly collections (Mrs Sylvia Bestwick and Mrs Jan Tomlinson), the Gift Aid Officer (Mrs Judith Derby), the Parish Giving Officer (Mrs Helen Burgess) and the car park coordinator (Mrs Carole Smith).

Jessica Ritchieson

Ellesmere Port Parish Treasurer

Ellesmere Port Parochial Church Council

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

Accountants Report

I report on the accounts of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on the attached pages.

The P.C.C. Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the P.C.C. 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 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 view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, **no matter has come to my attention:**

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.
- have not been met, or
- to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

William John Ford A.C.M.A./ C.G.M.A.



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5th May 2021

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Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
General - General fund	15,572	131,519	147,317	—	—	692
Building - Building Fund For Churches	23,101	—	—	—	—	23,101
Reserve - Contingency Fund	20,300	—	—	—	—	20,300
StLaw - St Lawrence Fund	3,773	—	202	—	—	3,571
Youth - Youth Work Fund	864	20	388	—	—	495
Trusts - Trust held by Diocese	32,684	—	—	—	—	34,971
Contact - Child Contact Centre	8,421	2,670	267	—	—	10,824
Pritchard - Pritchard Legacy	65,786	—	—	—	—	65,786
Reordering - St Thomas Reordering Fund	15,537	1,395	8,408	—	—	8,524
Worship - Worship Fund	821	—	20	—	—	800
Donation - Donation fund not for general use	5,000	200	200	—	—	5,000
GAPPI - Giving Against Period Poverty Initiative	362	200	238	—	—	324
FixedAss - Property and Furniture + Dep	365,115	—	—	—	—	365,115
Kenya - Don for Kenya Church Link	—	—	—	—	—	—
Messy - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	557,340	136,004	157,042	—	—	539,507

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Fund statement of change

31/12/2020

Fund	Brought forward				Movement				Carried forward			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment
General	15,572.30	—	—	—	(14,879.71)	—	—	—	692.59	—	—	—
Building	—	23,101.29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,101.29	—	—
Reserve	—	20,300.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,300.00	—	—
StLaw	—	—	3,773.49	—	—	—	(202.44)	—	—	—	3,571.05	—
Youth	—	864.05	—	—	—	(368.51)	—	—	—	495.54	—	—
Trusts	—	3,168.24	13,392.99	16,123.74	—	13.44	694.79	1,578.01	—	3,181.68	14,087.78	17,701.75
Contact	—	—	8,421.33	—	—	—	2,403.00	—	—	—	10,824.33	—
Pritchard	—	65,786.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65,786.50	—	—
Reordering	—	15,537.50	—	—	—	(7,013.04)	—	—	—	8,524.46	—	—
Worship	—	—	821.84	—	—	—	(20.93)	—	—	—	800.91	—
Donation	—	5,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,000.00	—	—
GAPPI	—	—	362.57	—	—	—	(38.05)	—	—	—	324.52	—
FixedAss	—	365,115.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	365,115.00	—	—
Kenya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Messy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	15,572.30	498,872.58	26,772.22	16,123.74	(14,879.71)	(7,368.11)	2,836.37	1,578.01	692.59	491,504.47	29,608.59	17,701.75

Ellesmere Port PCC - 1132859

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Fixed assets			
	1400: Freehold Property	365,000.00	365,000.00
	1402: Furniture & Fittings	7,842.00	7,842.00
	1403: Accum Depn F & F	(7,727.00)	(7,727.00)
	Total Fixed assets	365,115.00	365,115.00
Current assets			
	1410: Trust Held by Diocese	34,971.21	32,684.97
	1500: Yorkshire current account	—	—
	1501: Barclays current account	24,440.34	41,580.23
	1502: Beacon Project	565.12	4,224.50
	1505: 609094001D	113,971.76	113,489.86
	1506: 609094002D	1,321.62	1,316.03
	1507: Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
	1514: 609094004D	12.60	12.55
	Total Current assets	175,382.65	193,408.14
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	490.25	682.30
	Total Liabilities	490.25	682.30
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	540,007.40	557,840.84
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(21,038.13)	—
	Z01: Starting balances	557,840.84	553,371.20
	Z02: Gains and losses on investments	3,204.69	4,469.64
	Z03: Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	540,007.40	557,840.84

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	692.59	15,572.30
Designated	491,504.47	498,872.58
Restricted	30,108.59	27,272.22
Endowment	17,701.75	16,123.74
Total	540,007.40	557,840.84

Ellesmere Port PCC - 1132859
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	69,493	—	—	—	69,493	76,299
Collections and other giving	4,126	1,295	—	—	5,421	19,069
Other voluntary receipts	6,559	320	2,670	—	9,549	16,863
Gift Aid recovered	8,911	—	—	—	8,911	28,878
Other receipts	—	—	200	—	200	1,114
Activities for generating funds	771	—	—	—	771	1,613
Investment Income	22,243	—	—	—	22,243	23,409
Receipts from church activities	19,413	—	—	—	19,413	27,436
Total receipts	131,519	1,615	2,870	—	136,004	194,684
Payments						
Cost of generating funds	205	—	—	—	205	198
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,963	200	—	—	4,163	10,200
Parish Share	96,606	—	—	—	96,606	94,249
Clergy and Staffing costs	22,555	—	—	—	22,555	24,580
Church Running Expenses	19,550	8,348	525	—	28,424	29,709
Hall Running Costs	2,626	—	—	—	2,626	4,293
Church Repairs & Maintenance	—	—	202	—	202	300
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	610	—	—	—	610	761
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—	9,145
Governance Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Seymour Drive	1,199	448	—	—	1,647	9,227
Total payments	147,317	8,996	728	—	157,042	182,666
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	(15,798)	(7,381)	2,141	—	(21,038)	12,017
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	1,500
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(1,500)
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses	(15,798)	(7,381)	2,141	—	(21,038)	12,017
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	918	13	694	1,578	3,204	4,469
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(14,879)	(7,368)	2,836	1,578	(17,833)	16,487
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	15,572	498,872	27,272	16,123	557,840	541,353
Total funds carried forward	692	491,504	30,108	17,701	540,007	557,840

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Ellesmere Port PCC - 1132859
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<i>01 January 2020 31 December 2020</i>	<i>01 January 2019 31 December 2019</i>
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments			
Receipts			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		48,125	44,620
Gift Aid - Envelopes		10,117	18,442
Planned giving non g/aided		11,251	13,237
	<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>69,493</u>	<u>76,299</u>
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		2,195	7,069
Other Cash Collections		701	2,685
One-off Gift Aid gifts		1,230	60
	<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>9,814</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Giving through church boxes		15	67
Donations appeals etc		4,493	4,396
Children and family worker		50	1,250
Legacies		—	1,000
Non-recurring one-off grants		2,000	1,322
	<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<u>6,559</u>	<u>8,036</u>
Gift Aid recovered			
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Giving		8,911	28,878
	<i>Total Gift Aid recovered</i>	<u>8,911</u>	<u>28,878</u>
Other receipts			
Other funds generated		—	205
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>205</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Fund Raising		374	—
Magazine income - advertising		128	—
Parish magazine sales		100	347
Photocopier Income		169	126
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>771</u>	<u>474</u>
Investment Income			
Dividends		395	572
Bank and building society interest		487	1,010
Rent from Childsplay Nursery		11,250	11,250
Rent from St T Car Park		10,111	10,575
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<u>22,243</u>	<u>23,409</u>
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		14,277	16,330
Fees for Memorials, Searches		1,092	386
Church hall lettings - objectives		3,504	8,168
St T Church Room Hire		540	2,551
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<u>19,413</u>	<u>27,436</u>
Total receipts		131,519	174,554
Payments			

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<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	<i>01 January 2020 31 December 2020</i>	<i>01 January 2019 31 December 2019</i>
Cost of generating funds			
Costs of stewardship		135	138
Costs of fetes & other events		70	60
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>		<i>205</i>	<i>198</i>
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
10% missionary giving - current		3,963	6,900
10% Missionary giving - past		—	3,300
<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>		<i>3,963</i>	<i>10,200</i>
Parish Share			
Ministry parish share etc		96,606	94,249
<i>Total Parish Share</i>		<i>96,606</i>	<i>94,249</i>
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Assigned Fees		7,527	10,208
Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals		40	525
Salary of parish administrator		6,148	4,333
Salary of Family and Childrens Worker		—	10
Working expenses of incumbent		2,979	4,186
Council tax		4,151	3,983
Water Rates Vicarage		743	350
Parsonage - water		215	406
Vicar's telephone		749	560
<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>		<i>22,555</i>	<i>24,565</i>
Church Running Expenses			
Burseries		—	1,588
Outreach		676	369
Social Event Payments		28	100
Fund Raising Costs		—	49
Messy Church		—	92
Childrens Work		137	400
Youth Work		375	98
Parish training and mission + away days		84	447
Church running - insurance		4,908	4,829
Church office - telephone		391	347
Church maintenance		2,287	2,128
Church Consumables		23	124
Church Equipment		353	1,148
Books + Service Material		669	506
Gardening		800	544
Upkeep of services - wine,candles,wafers		138	303
Administration Office Costs		1,284	1,498
Miscellaneous Payment		791	1,650
Church running - electric		657	1,051
Church running - gas		1,925	2,529
Church running - water		339	700
Church running - oil		679	702
Church running - heating and lighting		—	510
Printing + Stationery expenses		2,996	2,793
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>		<i>19,550</i>	<i>24,516</i>
Hall Running Costs			
Hall running - electricity		640	1,036
Hall running - gas		421	483
Hall running - insurance		651	640
Hall running - maintenance		766	1,985
Hall running - water		147	147
<i>Total Hall Running Costs</i>		<i>2,626</i>	<i>4,293</i>

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
Church interior and exterior decorating		—	300
<i>Total Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>300</u>
Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
St Francis Hall/Nursery		610	761
<i>Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<u>610</u>	<u>761</u>
New Building work			
Church major repairs - structure		—	3,404
<i>Total New Building work</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>3,404</u>
Seymour Drive			
Seymour Drive - Insurance		1,128	1,266
Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration		71	7,961
<i>Total Seymour Drive</i>		<u>1,199</u>	<u>9,227</u>
Total payments		147,317	171,717
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(15,798)	2,837
Transfers to/(from)		—	1,500
Brought forward balance		15,572	11,235
Total carried forward balance		692	15,572

Building - Building Fund For Churches (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Other voluntary receipts			
Donations appeals etc		—	200
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>200</u>
Total receipts		—	200
Excess of Receipts over Payments		—	200
Brought forward balance		23,101	22,901
Total carried forward balance		23,101	23,101

Reserve - Contingency Fund (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Brought forward balance		20,300	20,300
Total carried forward balance		20,300	20,300

StLaw - St Lawrence Fund (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Collections and other giving			
Other Cash Collections		—	10
One-off Gift Aid gifts		—	5,020
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>5,030</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Donations appeals etc		—	1,280
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Total receipts		—	6,310

Payments

Church Running Expenses			
Church Equipment		—	2,123
Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)		—	750
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>2,873</u>

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
Church interior and exterior decorating		202	—
<i>Total Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<i>202</i>	<i>—</i>
New Building work			
Church major repairs - structure		—	5,741
<i>Total New Building work</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>5,741</i>
Total payments		202	8,614
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(202)	(2,304)
Brought forward balance		3,773	6,077
Total carried forward balance		3,571	3,773

Youth - Youth Work Fund (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Other voluntary receipts		
Donations appeals etc	20	100
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>

Total receipts **20** **100**

Payments

Church Running Expenses		
Outreach	60	—
Messy Church	14	64
Childrens Work	313	631
Youth Work	—	155
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>851</i>

Total payments **388** **851**

Excess of Receipts over Payments	(368)	(751)
Brought forward balance	864	1,615

Total carried forward balance **495** **864**

Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Brought forward balance	3,168	3,144
Total carried forward balance	3,181	3,168

Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

Brought forward balance	13,392	11,816
Total carried forward balance	14,087	13,392

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
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Trusts - Trust held by Diocese (Endowment) Fund Receipts and Payments

Brought forward balance	16,123	13,254
Total carried forward balance	17,701	16,123

Contact - Child Contact Centre (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Other voluntary receipts		
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,670	3,435
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<i>2,670</i>	<i>3,435</i>

Total receipts	2,670	3,435
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Payments

Church Running Expenses		
Contact Centre	267	848
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>848</i>

Total payments	267	848
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Excess of Receipts over Payments	2,403	2,586
Transfers to/(from)	—	(1,500)
Brought forward balance	8,421	7,334
Total carried forward balance	10,824	8,421

Pritchard - Pritchard Legacy (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Brought forward balance	65,786	65,786
Total carried forward balance	65,786	65,786

Reordering - St Thomas Reordering Fund (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Collections and other giving		
Beacon Project Fundraising	1,095	4,224
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<i>1,095</i>	<i>4,224</i>

Other voluntary receipts		
Donations appeals etc	300	3,812
<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>3,812</i>

Activities for generating funds		
Fund Raising	—	1,138
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1,138</i>

Total receipts	1,395	9,175
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Payments

Church Running Expenses		
Church maintenance	75	—
Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	7,885	—
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<i>7,960</i>	<i>—</i>

Seymour Drive		
Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration	448	—
<i>Total Seymour Drive</i>	<i>448</i>	<i>—</i>

Total payments	8,408	—
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<i>Note</i>	<i>From To</i>	01 January 2020 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 31 December 2019
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	(7,013)	9,175
	Brought forward balance	15,537	6,362
	Total carried forward balance	8,524	15,537

Worship - Worship Fund (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

Payments

Clergy and Staffing costs		
Working expenses of incumbent	—	14
<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>14</i>
Church Running Expenses		
Books + Service Material	20	73
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>73</i>
Total payments	20	88

Excess of Receipts over Payments	(20)	(88)
Brought forward balance	821	910
Total carried forward balance	800	821

Donation - Donation fund not for general use (Designated) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Collections and other giving		
One-off Gift Aid gifts	200	—
<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>—</i>
Total receipts	200	—

Payments

Missionary and Charitable Giving		
10% missionary giving - current	200	—
<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>—</i>
Total payments	200	—

Excess of Receipts over Payments	—	—
Brought forward balance	5,000	5,000
Total carried forward balance	5,000	5,000

GAPPI - Giving Against Period Poverty Initiative (Restricted) Fund Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Other receipts		
GAPP Income	200	909
<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>909</i>
Total receipts	200	909

Payments

Church Running Expenses		
GAPPI Expenditure	238	546
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>546</i>
Total payments	238	546

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Analysis of receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
<i>Planned giving</i>						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	48,125	—	—	—	48,125	44,620
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	10,117	—	—	—	10,117	18,442
0201 - Planned giving non g/aided	11,251	—	—	—	11,251	13,237
Planned giving Sub-totals	69,493	—	—	—	69,493	76,299
<i>Planned giving Totals</i>	69,493	—	—	—	69,493	76,299
<i>Collections and other giving</i>						
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,195	—	—	—	2,195	7,069
0302 - Other Cash Collections	701	—	—	—	701	2,695
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,230	200	—	—	1,430	5,080
0900 - Beacon Project Fundraising	—	1,095	—	—	1,095	4,224
Collections and other giving Sub-totals	4,126	1,295	—	—	5,421	19,069
<i>Collections and other giving Totals</i>	4,126	1,295	—	—		19,069
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>						
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	15	—	—	—	15	67
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	4,493	320	—	—	4,813	9,788
0555 - Children and family worker	50	—	—	—	50	1,250
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
0802 - Non-recurring one-off grants	2,000	—	2,670	—	4,670	4,757
Other voluntary receipts Sub-totals	6,559	320	2,670	—	9,549	16,863
<i>Other voluntary receipts Totals</i>	6,559	320	2,670	—	9,549	16,863

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Gift Aid recovered						
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Giving	8,911	—	—	—	8,911	28,878
0602 - Tax Recoverable on Fund Raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gift Aid recovered Sub-totals	8,911	—	—	—	8,911	28,878
Gift Aid recovered Totals	8,911	—	—	—	8,911	28,878
Other receipts						
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	205
0950 - GAPP Income	—	—	200	—	200	909
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other receipts Sub-totals	—	—	200	—	200	1,114
Other receipts Totals	—	—	200	—	200	1,114
Activities for generating funds						
Activities for generating funds						
0910 - Fund Raising	374	—	—	—	374	1,138
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	128	—	—	—	128	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	100	—	—	—	100	347
1270 - Photocopier Income	169	—	—	—	169	126
Activities for generating funds Sub-totals	771	—	—	—	771	1,613
Activities for generating funds Totals	771	—	—	—	771	1,613
Investment Income						
Investment Income						
1001 - Dividends	395	—	—	—	395	572
1020 - Bank and building society interest	487	—	—	—	487	1,010
1030 - Rent from Childsplay Nursery	11,250	—	—	—	11,250	11,250
1031 - Rent from St T Car Park	10,111	—	—	—	10,111	10,575
Investment Income Sub-totals	22,243	—	—	—	22,243	23,409
Investment Income Totals	22,243	—	—	—	22,243	23,409

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts from church activities						
Receipts from church activities						
1040 - St Thomas Youth Grp	—	—	—	—	—	—
1041 - Sunday Bus Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	14,277	—	—	—	14,277	16,330
1102 - Fees for Memorials, Searches	1,092	—	—	—	1,092	386
1210 - Seymour Drive Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	3,504	—	—	—	3,504	8,168
1231 - St T Church Room Hire	540	—	—	—	540	2,551
Receipts from church activities Sub-totals	19,413	—	—	—	19,413	27,436
Receipts from church activities Totals	19,413	—	—	—	19,413	27,436
Receipts Grand totals	131,519	1,615	2,870	—	136,004	194,684

Payments

Cost of generating funds

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1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship	135	—	—	—	135	138
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	70	—	—	—	70	60
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2390 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cost of generating funds Sub-totals	205	—	—	—	205	198
Cost of generating funds Totals	205	—	—	—	205	198

Missionary and Charitable Giving

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1800 - 10% missionary giving - current	3,963	200	—	—	4,163	6,900
1801 - 10% Missionary giving - past	—	—	—	—	—	3,300
1820 - Giving Church Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
2020 - Kenya Church Link	—	—	—	—	—	—
2025 - Kenya Gifts. Donations etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
2850 - Christchurch School Donation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missionary and Charitable Giving Sub-totals	3,963	200	—	—	4,163	10,200

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	3,963	200	—	—	4,163	10,200
Parish Share						
Parish Share						
1901 - Stipends quota	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	96,606	—	—	—	96,606	94,249
Parish Share Sub-totals	96,606	—	—	—	96,606	94,249
Parish Share Totals	96,606	—	—	—	96,606	94,249
Clergy and Staffing costs						
Clergy and Staffing costs						
1920 - Assigned Fees	7,527	—	—	—	7,527	10,208
1930 - Clergy Fees	—	—	—	—	—	—
1940 - Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals	40	—	—	—	40	525
2001 - Assistant staff costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	6,148	—	—	—	6,148	4,333
2060 - Salary of Family and Childrens Worker	—	—	—	—	—	10
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	2,979	—	—	—	2,979	4,201
2120 - Council tax	4,151	—	—	—	4,151	3,983
2130 - Clergy house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Water Rates Vicarage	743	—	—	—	743	350
2145 - Parsonage - water	215	—	—	—	215	406
2150 - Vicar's telephone	749	—	—	—	749	560
Clergy and Staffing costs Sub-totals	22,555	—	—	—	22,555	24,580
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	22,555	—	—	—	22,555	24,580
Church Running Expenses						
Church Running Expenses						
2010 - St Thomas Youth Group	—	—	—	—	—	—
2015 - Burseries	—	—	—	—	—	1,588
2160 - Outreach	676	60	—	—	737	369
2165 - Social Event Payments	28	—	—	—	28	100
2166 - Fund Raising Costs	—	—	—	—	—	49
2170 - Messy Church	—	14	—	—	14	156
2180 - Childrens Work	137	313	—	—	451	1,032
2190 - Youth Work	375	—	—	—	375	253
2201 - Parish training and mission + away days	84	—	—	—	84	447
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,908	—	—	—	4,908	4,829
2310 - Church office - telephone	391	—	—	—	391	347
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	—
2330 - Church maintenance	2,287	75	—	—	2,362	2,128
2331 - Church Consumables	23	—	—	—	23	124
2332 - Church Equipment	353	—	—	—	353	3,271
2333 - Books + Service Material	669	—	20	—	690	579

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
2334 - Gardening	800	—	—	—	800	544
2340 - Upkeep of services - wine,candles,wafers	138	—	—	—	138	303
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	—	—	—	—
2360 - Administration Office Costs	1,284	—	—	—	1,284	1,498
2365 - Professional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	—	7,885	—	—	7,885	750
2370 - Miscellaneous Payment	791	—	—	—	791	1,650
2380 - Bank Charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2401 - Church running - electric	657	—	—	—	657	1,051
2410 - Church running - gas	1,925	—	—	—	1,925	2,529
2420 - Church running - water	339	—	—	—	339	700
2430 - Church running - oil	679	—	—	—	679	702
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	510
2501 - Printing + Stationery expenses	2,996	—	—	—	2,996	2,793
3010 - Contact Centre	—	—	267	—	267	848
3020 - GAPPI Expenditure	—	—	238	—	238	546
Church Running Expenses Sub -totals	19,550	8,348	525	—	28,424	29,709
Church Running Expenses Totals	19,550	8,348	525	—	28,424	29,709
Hall Running Costs						
Hall Running Costs						
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	640	—	—	—	640	1,036
2540 - Hall running - gas	421	—	—	—	421	483
2550 - Hall running - insurance	651	—	—	—	651	640
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	766	—	—	—	766	1,985
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2580 - Hall running - water	147	—	—	—	147	147
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall Running Costs Sub-totals	2,626	—	—	—	2,626	4,293
Hall Running Costs Totals	2,626	—	—	—	2,626	4,293
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	—	202	—	202	300
Church Repairs & Maintenance Sub-totals	—	—	202	—	202	300
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	—	—	202	—	202	300

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2585 - St Francis Hall/Nursery	610	—	—	—	610	761
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Sub-totals	610	—	—	—	610	761
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	610	—	—	—	610	761
New Building work						
New Building work						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	9,145
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	9,145
New Building work Totals	—	—	—	—	—	9,145
Governance Costs						
Governance Costs						
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Governance Costs Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Governance Costs Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Seymour Drive						
Seymour Drive						
2650 - Seymour Drive - Insurance	1,128	—	—	—	1,128	1,266
2660 - Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration	71	448	—	—	519	7,961
Seymour Drive Sub-totals	1,199	448	—	—	1,647	9,227
Seymour Drive Totals	1,199	448	—	—	1,647	9,227
Payments Grand totals	147,317	8,996	728	—	157,042	182,666

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Ellesmere Port PCC - 1132859

Trial balance

Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	Income	—	—	48,125.00	(48,125.00)
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	Income	—	—	10,117.12	(10,117.12)
0201 - Planned giving non g/aided	Income	—	—	11,251.20	(11,251.20)
0301 - Loose plate collections	Income	—	—	2,195.23	(2,195.23)
0302 - Other Cash Collections	Income	—	—	701.02	(701.02)
0410 - Giving through church boxes	Income	—	—	15.97	(15.97)
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	Income	—	—	1,430.00	(1,430.00)
0550 - Donations appeals etc	Income	—	—	4,813.63	(4,813.63)
0555 - Children and family worker	Income	—	—	50.00	(50.00)
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid Giving	Income	—	—	8,911.54	(8,911.54)
0802 - Non-recurring one-off grants	Income	—	—	4,670.00	(4,670.00)
0900 - Beacon Project Fundraising	Income	—	—	1,095.00	(1,095.00)
0910 - Fund Raising	Income	—	—	374.00	(374.00)
0950 - GAPP Income	Income	—	—	200.00	(200.00)
1001 - Dividends	Income	—	—	395.42	(395.42)
1020 - Bank and building society interest	Income	—	—	487.54	(487.54)
1030 - Rent from Childsplay Nursery	Income	—	—	11,250.00	(11,250.00)
1031 - Rent from St T Car Park	Income	—	—	10,111.00	(10,111.00)
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	Income	—	—	14,277.00	(14,277.00)
1102 - Fees for Memorials, Searches	Income	—	—	1,092.00	(1,092.00)
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	Income	—	—	3,504.20	(3,504.20)
1231 - St T Church Room Hire	Income	—	—	540.00	(540.00)
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	Income	—	—	128.00	(128.00)
1260 - Parish magazine sales	Income	—	—	100.25	(100.25)
1270 - Photocopier Income	Income	—	—	169.70	(169.70)
1400 - Freehold Property	Fixed assets	365,000.00	—	—	365,000.00
1402 - Furniture & Fittings	Fixed assets	7,842.00	—	—	7,842.00
1403 - Accum Depn F & F	Fixed assets	(7,727.00)	—	—	(7,727.00)
1410 - Trust Held by Diocese	Current assets	32,684.97	2,286.24	—	34,971.21
1501 - Barclays current account	Current assets	41,580.23	142,064.58	159,204.47	24,440.34
1502 - Beacon Project	Current assets	4,224.50	4,395.00	8,054.38	565.12
1505 - 609094001D	Current assets	113,489.86	481.90	—	113,971.76
1506 - 609094002D	Current assets	1,316.03	5.59	—	1,321.62
1507 - Petty Cash	Current assets	100.00	172.61	172.61	100.00
1514 - 609094004D	Current assets	12.55	0.05	—	12.60
1720 - Costs of stewardship	Expenditure	—	135.03	—	135.03
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	Expenditure	—	70.39	—	70.39
1800 - 10% missionary giving - current	Expenditure	—	4,163.59	—	4,163.59
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	Expenditure	—	96,606.24	—	96,606.24
1920 - Assigned Fees	Expenditure	—	7,527.00	—	7,527.00
1940 - Officers Fees Wedding+Funerals	Expenditure	—	40.00	—	40.00
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	Expenditure	—	6,148.72	—	6,148.72
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	Expenditure	—	2,979.91	—	2,979.91
2120 - Council tax	Expenditure	—	4,151.26	—	4,151.26
2140 - Water Rates Vicarage	Expenditure	—	743.49	—	743.49
2145 - Parsonage - water	Expenditure	—	215.46	—	215.46
2150 - Vicar's telephone	Expenditure	—	749.20	—	749.20
2160 - Outreach	Expenditure	—	737.19	—	737.19
2165 - Social Event Payments	Expenditure	—	28.30	—	28.30
2170 - Messy Church	Expenditure	—	14.47	—	14.47

Nominal code	Class	Opening balance	Debit	Credit	Closing balance
2180 - Childrens Work	Expenditure	—	451.39	—	451.39
2190 - Youth Work	Expenditure	—	375.22	—	375.22
2201 - Parish training and mission + away days	Expenditure	—	84.00	—	84.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	Expenditure	—	4,908.39	—	4,908.39
2310 - Church office - telephone	Expenditure	—	391.88	—	391.88
2330 - Church maintenance	Expenditure	—	2,362.01	—	2,362.01
2331 - Church Consumables	Expenditure	—	23.82	—	23.82
2332 - Church Equipment	Expenditure	—	353.99	—	353.99
2333 - Books + Service Material	Expenditure	—	690.40	—	690.40
2334 - Gardening	Expenditure	—	800.00	—	800.00
2340 - Upkeep of services - wine,candles,wafers	Expenditure	—	138.90	—	138.90
2360 - Administration Office Costs	Expenditure	—	1,284.39	—	1,284.39
2365 - Proffessional Fees (Legal, Arch etc)	Expenditure	—	7,885.04	—	7,885.04
2370 - Miscellaneous Payment	Expenditure	—	791.19	—	791.19
2401 - Church running - electric	Expenditure	—	657.43	—	657.43
2410 - Church running - gas	Expenditure	—	1,925.68	—	1,925.68
2420 - Church running - water	Expenditure	—	339.62	—	339.62
2430 - Church running - oil	Expenditure	—	679.56	—	679.56
2501 - Printing + Stationery expenses	Expenditure	—	2,996.91	—	2,996.91
2530 - Hall running - electricity	Expenditure	—	640.01	—	640.01
2540 - Hall running - gas	Expenditure	—	421.60	—	421.60
2550 - Hall running - insurance	Expenditure	—	651.27	—	651.27
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	Expenditure	—	766.68	—	766.68
2580 - Hall running - water	Expenditure	—	147.28	—	147.28
2585 - St Francis Hall/Nursery	Expenditure	—	610.98	—	610.98
2650 - Seymour Drive - Insurance	Expenditure	—	1,128.27	—	1,128.27
2660 - Seymour Drive - Repair and Decoration	Expenditure	—	519.30	—	519.30
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	Expenditure	—	202.44	—	202.44
3010 - Contact Centre	Expenditure	—	267.00	—	267.00
3020 - GAPPI Expenditure	Expenditure	—	238.05	—	238.05
6699 - Agency collections	Liabilities	(682.30)	7,215.90	7,023.85	(490.25)
Starting balance	Reserves	(553,371.20)		4,469.64	(557,840.84)
Z02 - Gains and losses on investments	Reserves	(4,469.64)	4,469.64	3,204.69	(3,204.69)
Totals		—	318,134.46	318,134.46	—

Totals incorporating opening balances	697,540.60	697,540.60
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