

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, GREAT BARR

England & Wales · Charity number 1132892

Details

Other names	PCC ST. MARGARET, GREAT BARR
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Status	Registered
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Legal form	Previously excepted
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Registered	2009-11-21
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register
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Activities

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

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Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Sandwell
- Walsall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£81,038	£53,868	-	-
2023-12-31	£111,407	£94,771	-	-
2022-12-31	£88,552	£133,415	-	-
2021-12-31	£97,536	£119,334	-	-
2020-12-31	£92,671	£221,641	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN KENNETH HUMPAGE		2013-05-10
Ann Marie Reeves		2025-09-22
BRENDA WHITE		
CATHERINE SUSAN ASTON		2012-05-31
Canon Benjamin Nicholas Whitmore		2026-05-19
Carolyn ADAMS		2023-05-21
Jayne Bailey-Jones		2026-03-19
Jonathan Brown		2025-11-20
PAULINE MILLWARD		
SEAN PETER BORGAZZI		2022-05-22
Victor John Wiles		2018-04-15

Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Great Barr

For the year ended 31st December 2024



The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Colin Such, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St. Margaret's Church together with the church hall and churchyard.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Great Barr. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through nonsacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased slightly for 2024 to 215.

The average adult Sunday attendance for 2024 increased to **61** including the Remembrance Service **270+** (42 in 2023).

The average number of children attending increased to **20** through C@Ch (Children in Church) and the Uniformed Organisations.

The average attendance at the Thursday morning Communion service remained the same as last year at **20** regulars.

Easter was better with **115** attending (110 in 2023) and **118** at Christmas (141 in 2023).

There were **15** (15 in 2023) **baptisms**, **2** weddings, **0** blessings of marriage & **1** marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **12** Funerals in church and **11** at the Crematorium & **12** Committals or Interment of Ashes.

Review of the Year

This year has been a particularly difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the retirement at the end of August 2023 of our vicar Martin. Since Martin's retirement we were initially supported by 2 Pastoral Support Clergy appointed by the Archdeacon, namely Revd Colin Such appointed Minister in Charge, and Revd Ian Carmichael as Pastoral Support Clergy. Unfortunately, following 2 disastrous AGMs where nothing was really resolved, both Colin and Ian subsequently resigned leaving the 2 churchwardens to manage the day to day of the church. June has done a splendid job making sure we have a minister to conduct the services and spent a lot of time trying to find local ministers to officiate at church services, a job not being made easier because of the number of other churches going through similar problems reducing the pool of potential ministers available to help. Thanks go to all current and retired ministers who have stepped in to take services and keep the church going in this difficult time. The task was made more difficult due to the health problems of Peter who was forced to take a more restricted role in the church affairs

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Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

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Hamper Draw £175. The return of the Brass Band Concert with a new band was very well received and raised £315.

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Fabric Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

Building and Churchyard Maintenance

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem but thankfully there were no major problems this year. For a Grade 11 Listed Building the fabric is in remarkable condition. The main expenditure was due to regular maintenance and inspection of services.

The refurbishment of the roof, together with the rainwater goods and stonework in 2019 means that the exterior of the church is sound and should not require much maintenance for some time.

One of the items highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LED equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. We were hoping that this would be done this year but unfortunately this has not been possible. The main cause of delay is being able to employ an electrician with access to suitable scaffolding to deal with high level installations that can be moved around the church at a price we can afford. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000 and at present we cannot afford this.

Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. The churchyard was also commended for its general standard of maintenance particularly because it is the second largest churchyard in the Diocese and therefore is harder to maintain than other smaller churchyards. Special thanks go to Mark for his efforts and also to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

Worship and Prayer

Not all services resumed since the pandemic and with the retirement of Rev Rutter the opportunity to restore services remained limited. As such services were limited to a Thursday morning BCP Communion, Children in Church (ably led by Georgina) fortnightly on a Sunday at 9.30am and the main Sunday service at 11am alternating between BCP Matins and Common Worship Communion. Retired and Deanery Clergy very kindly stepped in to take services following Rev Rutter's retirement and we are very grateful to them and also to Preb Ian Cardinal as Pastoral Support priest. New congregational service books were introduced for the Sunday services, the choir resumed singing whilst robed in the choir stalls from time to time, and the Common Worship Lectionary adopted for use at the Sunday services whilst the Thursday service uses the BCP provision for the previous Sunday (save on major feast and holy days.)

Things are picking up and attendances in church are slowly getting back to normal.

The church continues to provide a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include

the following: "Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church"; "Thank you for all the care and support you all gave to us throughout the sad time we went through earlier this year. The church service left us feeling very peaceful. We really appreciate your attention to detail, kindness and above all a sense of humour which helped us keep a sense of normality – Thank You".

Throughout 2024, as well as the Intercessions within our weekly worship services (according to the prayer rota), Jose Broomhead had continued to pray regularly for our Church, Parish and individuals requesting specific items of prayer (the telephone contact number is in the Parish Magazine under "Pray Together" for those wishing to make requests).

In addition, we have returned and continue with our Service of Spiritual Wholeness led by Jose and Alan Humpage, that takes place on the first Saturday of the month in church at 10.30 am. All are welcome to a time of prayer and reflection on scripture, whilst being still in the presence of our God and listening to His voice.

Deanery Synod

Deanery meetings began in February at St. Peter's, Stafford Street with talks on Shaping for Mission and the Greenhouse Project (Fresh Expressions). It was noted that the deanery officers (Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Chair) were all standing down and nominations were needed to replace these three long serving members. The May meeting took place at St. Martin's Church, Sutton Road, with a talk given by Revd Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop on "The kingdom of God". The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at All Saints', Bloxwich on 6th June and the summer Eucharist at St. Paul's, the crossing on 5th July. Synod met again on 7th September at St. Thomas, Aldridge for an interesting and interactive talk on "Difference" and reconciliation. The year ended with the Advent Reflection given by the Archdeacon of Walsall at St. John's, Walsall Wood.

Bible Study

The Bible study switched from being online to live from the start of September, studying the Gospel of St Luke. In 2024 we shall start studying the Book of Genesis. All are welcome once a fortnight for about an hour and a half in an informal atmosphere (no exam!).

William Horrell

Choir and music.

Following some disruption in the aftermath of the vicar's retirement the choir were "back in business" for Christmas events ably led by Sheila the choir seeks to augment our worship on Sunday mornings and at other special events. In order to provide some certainty, given the lack of a vicar and the opportunities for confusion when visiting clergy kindly help out, Rev'd Such took over the selection of hymns and the schedule of services. We thank Sheila for her continued playing and hope to grow our choir and music ministry in the year ahead.

Despite our best efforts to cut back on unnecessary expenditure costs still increased and will continue to increase. The main problem areas are:

1. Parish Share Payments

The Parish Share (now known as Common Fund) for 2024 was originally set at £59,315 but following a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Finance a Special Agreement was agreed to reduce the amount to £43,860. The Diocese proposed that if the PCC paid a least £14,620 by the end of the year then the Board would write off a further £11,290 which would be set against the outstanding arrears from previous years We managed to pay £15,000, above the amount as requested.

2. Gas and Electricity

Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. The Treasurer has agreed new contracts for both Gas and Electricity. The Electricity contract is for 2 years from 1st January 2024 at a fixed rate based on advice from our adviser. The price is higher than last year as

expected but is still the lowest available from a main supplier. The gas contract is for 3 years from April 2024 and is in fact cheaper than we are currently paying.

3. Staff Costs

After the Parish Share contribution, of which much has been said before, Staff costs are probably our biggest expenditure. The salaries of our 3 Part time employees are affected by the minimum wage arrangements determined by the government plus the corresponding tax and National Insurance contributions and pension plans. We cannot see that we can cut down on the hours we employ our remaining staff following the retirement of the Parish administrator in May without severely reducing the service they provide.

Charitable Activities

In spite of the restrictions on income, The PCC were still able to give £270.96 to the Children's Society, £52.98 in support of Mercy Ships and £97.79 to the Tear Fund.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £10,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Future Plans

Our immediate plans are to find a new vicar. We hope to put together the parish profile and job and person specifications as soon as we can and advertise the post in the hope that a new incumbent will be in post by next year. In the meantime we seek to continue and grow our links with the schools and youth organisations.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.

Reference and Administrative details

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:

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PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar

In Vacancy

Minister in Charge

The Reverend Colin Such (Chairman – Appointed 27/9/23 resigned 31/7/24)

Reader

Churchwardens

Mrs JA Aubrook

Mr PJ Clark (also Treasurer)

Deanery Synod reps

Mr A Humpage

Mrs M Humpage

Elected Members

Mr S Borgazzi (PCC secretary from 11/12/23)

Mr M Room (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor)

Mr V Wiles (also Deputy Warden)

Mrs C Aston

Mrs B Hatfield (PSO)

Miss P Millward

Mrs R Smith

Mr D Clive (Co-opted as from 12/7/23)

Mr T W Horrell

Mrs K Underwood

Mrs C Adams

Mrs J Thynne

Approved by the PCC on 7th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Colin Such (Chairman)

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Vice Chairman/Secretary etc)

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Archdeacon Walsam

Liz Jackson

Churchwardens' Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

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It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again in this our final year, and we thank the PCC, and all the other people who have helped us support the church. Time to take a well earned rest.

June Aubrook

Peter Clark

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Charitable Activities

We have not been able to provide the level of financial help to charities that we normally support but we still managed to raise £209 for the Children's Society via the collection boxes and £62 and from the Christingle service. Gifts donated for Harvest Festival were given to St. Basil's charity for the homeless and the Food Bank. We took part in Operation Christmas Child organised by Samaritan's Purse in the shoebox appeal providing gift boxes for struggling families and acted as a collection point for others involved in the scheme. We donated £53 to the Mercy Ships Appeal and £98 for the Tear Fund Harvest appeal.

Not all activities provided are just for fund-raising and community activities are just as important. The church hosted the Parkinson Society annual service again this year and the carol service for the Q3 Community Choir, both events much appreciated by the communities involved. The return of the tea and coffee sessions after the services has been welcomed as it provides an opportunity for church members and others to meet and socialise, something that is becoming more difficult for some these days.

2024 looks like being another challenging year financially but with the continued help and support of the church family we will manage to meet all our commitments and hopefully extend our support for the local community.

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Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2024**

FRESSE (SORP) Compliant

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West Midlands
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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- . To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) on the Charities Act, and
- . To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date : 29th July 2025

Worley Pritchard & Co
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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Legacies	2a	50,139	481	50,620	76,769
Charitable Activities	2b	24,695		24,695	27,903
Other Trading Activities	2c	616		616	674
Investments	2d	5,036		5,036	5,419
Other	2e	71		71	642
Total		80,557	481	81,038	111,407
Resources Expended					
Raising Funds	3a	270			463
Charitable Activities	3b	52,787	422		93,001
Other	3c	249	140		1,307
Total		53,306	562	53,868	94,771
Net gain/(losses) on investment		1,283		1,283	16,783
Net Income/(Expenditure)		27,251	-81	27,170	16,636
Transfer between Funds		0	0		0
Net Movements in Funds		28,534	-81	28,453	33,419
Total Funds brought forward 1st January 2024		150,090	4,807	154,897	121,478
Total Funds carried forward 31st December 2024		178,624	4,726	183,350	154,897

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Balance Sheet

	notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	177,694	186,411
		<u>177,694</u>	<u>186,411</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		14,326	9,034
Cash		132	73
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>14,458</u>	<u>9,107</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-13,646	-55,154
Debtors		4,844	14,533
		<u>-8,802</u>	<u>-40,621</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>5,656</u>	<u>-31,514</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>183,350</u>	<u>154,897</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		178,624	150,090
Restricted Funds		4,726	4,807
Total		<u>183,350</u>	<u>154,897</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 22nd Sept 2025 and signed by

.....Colin Such, Minister in charge



Archdeacon



The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

2 Income and Endowments from:

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving		17,966			21,151
Other planned giving		0			0
Collections at services		2,641	30		3,049
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals		6,778	451		15,930
Gift Aid Recovered		-3,009			13,988
Legacies received		5,784			0
Grants		19,979			22,651
		<u>50,139</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>50,620</u>	<u>76,769</u>
Charitable Activities	2b				
Church Activities					
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)		21,683			23,531
Fundraising Activities		3,012			4,372
		<u>24,695</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,695</u>	<u>27,903</u>
Other Trading Activities	2c				
Activities for Generating Fund					
Church Hall Hire		0			0
Parish Magazine		616			674
		<u>616</u>		<u>616</u>	<u>674</u>
Investments	2d				
Dividends		5,036			5,419
Rent received					0
		<u>5,036</u>		<u>5,036</u>	<u>5,419</u>
Other	2e				
		71			642
		<u>71</u>		<u>71</u>	<u>642</u>
Total		<u>80,557</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>81,038</u>	<u>11,407</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
	Garden Fete	270			130
	Other fundraising expenses	0			333
		270		270	463
	Charitable Activities				
	3b				
	<i>Church Activities</i>				
	Mission giving and donations		422		987
	Diocesan Parish Share	-15,243			7,107
	Salaries/Wages	25,208			33,798
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	3,430			2,256
	<i>Church Expenses</i>				
	Church running expenses	26,562			25,339
	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	751			494
	Church utility bills	6,783			14,978
	Cost of trading	3,560			6,200
	<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
	Major Repairs to the Church				0
	Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
	New Building Work				0
	<i>Governance Costs</i>	1,736			1,842
		52,787	422	53,209	93,001
	Other				
	3c				
		249	140		1,307
		249	140	389	1,307
	Total	53,306	562	53,868	94,771

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
4(a) Staff Costs			
	Salaries	25,208	33,798

During the year the PCC employed 3 staff; a verger, a parish worker and a church office administrator.
(Church Office Administrator left during the year)

4(b) PCC Costs

The following payments were made to members of the PCC during the financial year

P Clark	Stationery & Postage	£382
M Room	Churchyard Upkeep	£13,098
M Room	Grave Digging	£250

5(a) Fixed Assets	Freehold Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Investment property	£	£	£
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2023	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2023	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2023	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2023	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/23	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/23	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2024	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2024
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	186,411	0	-10,000		1,283	177,694
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	186,411	0	-10,000	0	1,283	177,694

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Great Barr**

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6 Liabilities	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	1,353	2,760
Accrual of pension and HMRC	1,008	633
Debtor	-1,266	0
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-3,578	-14,533
Other Creditors and accruals	2,820	13,053
Parish Share	8,465	38,708
	<u>8,802</u>	<u>40,621</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>8,802</u>	<u>40,621</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	177,694	0	177,694
Current Assets	9,732	4,726	14,458
Current Liabilities	-8,802	0	-8,802
	<u>178,624</u>	<u>4,726</u>	<u>183,350</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves	Incoming	Resources	Investment	Transfer	Reserves
	at 1/1/24	Resources	Expended	Gains/Losses	between funds	at 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	150,090	80,557	-53,306	1,283		178,624
Restricted Funds	4,807	481	-562			4,726
Total Funds	<u>154,897</u>	<u>81,038</u>	<u>-53,868</u>	<u>1,283</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>183,350</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2024	2024	2023
	received	expended	
Christian Aid			£ 35.00
Childrens society collections	£ 209.00	-£209.00	£ -
Royal British Legion			-£ 30.00
Fabric Fund			£ 50.00
Turkey Earthquake Appeal			£ -
Tearfund Harvest Appeal	£ 98.00	-£98.00	£ -
New Display Stands			£ -
Christingle	£ 62.00	-£62.00	£ -
RNLI (Beavers Appeal)			£ -
Children @ Church Appeals	£ 47.00	-£53.00	£ 5.00
McMillan Coffee Morning			
St Margaret's Guild	£ 65.00	-£140.00	£ 65.00
	<u>£ 481.00</u>	<u>-£562.00</u>	<u>£ 125.00</u>
Other balances			
Childrens Corner	£ 255.00		£ 255.00
Royal British Legion			£ -
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,060.00		£ 1,136.00
Fabric Fund	£ 2,876.00		£ 2,876.00
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		£ 500.00
Christian Aid	£ 35.00		£ 35.00
Children @ Church Appeals			£ 5.00
	<u>£ 4,726.00</u>		<u>£ 4,807.00</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

9 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	75,657	1,112	76,769
Charitable Activities	27,903		27,903
Other Trading Activities	674		674
Investments	5,419		5,419
Other	642		642
	110,295	1,112	111,407
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	463		463
Charitable Activities	92,014	987	93,001
Other	1,307		1,307
	93,784	987	94,771
Net gain/(losses) on investment	16,783		16,783
Net Income/(Expenditure)	33,294	125	33,419
Transfer between Funds	0	0	0
Net Movements in Funds	33,294	125	33,419
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/23	116,796	4,682	121,478
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/23	150,090	4,807	154,897

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Great Barr

For the year ended 31st December 2024



The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Colin Such, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St. Margaret's Church together with the church hall and churchyard.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Great Barr. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through nonsacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased slightly for 2024 to 215.

The average adult Sunday attendance for 2024 increased to **61** including the Remembrance Service **270+** (42 in 2023).

The average number of children attending increased to **20** through C@Ch (Children in Church) and the Uniformed Organisations.

The average attendance at the Thursday morning Communion service remained the same as last year at **20** regulars.

Easter was better with **115** attending (110 in 2023) and **118** at Christmas (141 in 2023).

There were **15** (15 in 2023) **baptisms**, **2** weddings, **0** blessings of marriage & **1** marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **12** Funerals in church and **11** at the Crematorium & **12** Committals or Interment of Ashes.

Review of the Year

This year has been a particularly difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the retirement at the end of August 2023 of our vicar Martin. Since Martin's retirement we were initially supported by 2 Pastoral Support Clergy appointed by the Archdeacon, namely Revd Colin Such appointed Minister in Charge, and Revd Ian Carmichael as Pastoral Support Clergy. Unfortunately, following 2 disastrous AGMs where nothing was really resolved, both Colin and Ian subsequently resigned leaving the 2 churchwardens to manage the day to day of the church. June has done a splendid job making sure we have a minister to conduct the services and spent a lot of time trying to find local ministers to officiate at church services, a job not being made easier because of the number of other churches going through similar problems reducing the pool of potential ministers available to help. Thanks go to all current and retired ministers who have stepped in to take services and keep the church going in this difficult time. The task was made more difficult due to the health problems of Peter who was forced to take a more restricted role in the church affairs

The position of "Vacancy" has made making decisions on policy or any forward planning impossible, with the PCC effectively suspended and the churchwardens in limbo as anything has to be approved by the Minister In Charge and we currently do not have anyone we can turn to for help and guidance. It is hoped that these matters can be resolved in 2025.

Financial Review Year Ending 31 December 2024

2024 was another difficult year for the PCC financially. We were almost entirely reliant on regular donations via the monthly and weekly envelopes or Direct Debit/ Standing Order commitments by member of the congregation for which we are very grateful. This has helped considerably to maintain some form of income stream, but more is needed so we encourage anyone who can to increase their regular donations. We would also ask that anyone who pays income tax and is able to do so gives permission for Gift Aid to be claimed by the church on their donations as this effectively adds 25p to every £1 donated.

Our investments continue to provide healthy returns, but any sales of shares reduce the value of our investment and consequently reduces the dividends payable.

We do receive help in the form of grants from St Margaret's School towards the cost of employing the Children's Worker, and the Great Barr Church Lands Trust have been very generous once again with grants to help in various maintenance projects for the church and churchyard, and hopefully they will continue to support the church.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

We were able to hold some fund-raising activities during the year, but the economic climate and the absence of so many people available to help raising nearly £3,500 in total. One of the most successful events was the Whisky Tasting evening run by Alan Humpage raising £184. Another successful event was the Afternoon Tea with music and tea prepared and served by Brenda Hatfield and her ladies at the Memorial Hall that raised £593. The Easter Bunny Hunt organised by Chris and Brenda Bird, with additional activities for the children provided by Georgina and Louise from Children @ Church raised £40. The Summer Fete raised £1,320.10 and the Summer Draw £562.10, the Christmas Fayre raised £802, and the Christmas

Hamper Draw £175. The return of the Brass Band Concert with a new band was very well received and raised £315.

Voluntary Donations and Plate receipts raised £11,635.

Fabric Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

Building and Churchyard Maintenance

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem but thankfully there were no major problems this year. For a Grade 11 Listed Building the fabric is in remarkable condition. The main expenditure was due to regular maintenance and inspection of services.

The refurbishment of the roof, together with the rainwater goods and stonework in 2019 means that the exterior of the church is sound and should not require much maintenance for some time.

One of the items highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LED equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. We were hoping that this would be done this year but unfortunately this has not been possible. The main cause of delay is being able to employ an electrician with access to suitable scaffolding to deal with high level installations that can be moved around the church at a price we can afford. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000 and at present we cannot afford this.

Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. The churchyard was also commended for its general standard of maintenance particularly because it is the second largest churchyard in the Diocese and therefore is harder to maintain than other smaller churchyards. Special thanks go to Mark for his efforts and also to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

Worship and Prayer

Not all services resumed since the pandemic and with the retirement of Rev Rutter the opportunity to restore services remained limited. As such services were limited to a Thursday morning BCP Communion, Children in Church (ably led by Georgina) fortnightly on a Sunday at 9.30am and the main Sunday service at 11am alternating between BCP Matins and Common Worship Communion. Retired and Deanery Clergy very kindly stepped in to take services following Rev Rutter's retirement and we are very grateful to them and also to Preb Ian Cardinal as Pastoral Support priest. New congregational service books were introduced for the Sunday services, the choir resumed singing whilst robed in the choir stalls from time to time, and the Common Worship Lectionary adopted for use at the Sunday services whilst the Thursday service uses the BCP provision for the previous Sunday (save on major feast and holy days.)

Things are picking up and attendances in church are slowly getting back to normal.

The church continues to provide a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include

the following: "Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church"; "Thank you for all the care and support you all gave to us throughout the sad time we went through earlier this year. The church service left us feeling very peaceful. We really appreciate your attention to detail, kindness and above all a sense of humour which helped us keep a sense of normality – Thank You".

Throughout 2024, as well as the Intercessions within our weekly worship services (according to the prayer rota), Jose Broomhead had continued to pray regularly for our Church, Parish and individuals requesting specific items of prayer (the telephone contact number is in the Parish Magazine under "Pray Together" for those wishing to make requests).

In addition, we have returned and continue with our Service of Spiritual Wholeness led by Jose and Alan Humpage, that takes place on the first Saturday of the month in church at 10.30 am. All are welcome to a time of prayer and reflection on scripture, whilst being still in the presence of our God and listening to His voice.

Deanery Synod

Deanery meetings began in February at St. Peter's, Stafford Street with talks on Shaping for Mission and the Greenhouse Project (Fresh Expressions). It was noted that the deanery officers (Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Chair) were all standing down and nominations were needed to replace these three long serving members. The May meeting took place at St. Martin's Church, Sutton Road, with a talk given by Revd Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop on "The kingdom of God". The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at All Saints', Bloxwich on 6th June and the summer Eucharist at St. Paul's, the crossing on 5th July. Synod met again on 7th September at St. Thomas, Aldridge for an interesting and interactive talk on "Difference" and reconciliation. The year ended with the Advent Reflection given by the Archdeacon of Walsall at St. John's, Walsall Wood.

Bible Study

The Bible study switched from being online to live from the start of September, studying the Gospel of St Luke. In 2024 we shall start studying the Book of Genesis. All are welcome once a fortnight for about an hour and a half in an informal atmosphere (no exam!).

William Horrell

Choir and music.

Following some disruption in the aftermath of the vicar's retirement the choir were "back in business" for Christmas events ably led by Sheila the choir seeks to augment our worship on Sunday mornings and at other special events. In order to provide some certainty, given the lack of a vicar and the opportunities for confusion when visiting clergy kindly help out, Rev'd Such took over the selection of hymns and the schedule of services. We thank Sheila for her continued playing and hope to grow our choir and music ministry in the year ahead.

Despite our best efforts to cut back on unnecessary expenditure costs still increased and will continue to increase. The main problem areas are:

1. Parish Share Payments

The Parish Share (now known as Common Fund) for 2024 was originally set at £59,315 but following a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Finance a Special Agreement was agreed to reduce the amount to £43,860. The Diocese proposed that if the PCC paid a least £14,620 by the end of the year then the Board would write off a further £11,290 which would be set against the outstanding arrears from previous years We managed to pay £15,000, above the amount as requested.

2. Gas and Electricity

Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. The Treasurer has agreed new contracts for both Gas and Electricity. The Electricity contract is for 2 years from 1st January 2024 at a fixed rate based on advice from our adviser. The price is higher than last year as

expected but is still the lowest available from a main supplier. The gas contract is for 3 years from April 2024 and is in fact cheaper than we are currently paying.

3. Staff Costs

After the Parish Share contribution, of which much has been said before, Staff costs are probably our biggest expenditure. The salaries of our 3 Part time employees are affected by the minimum wage arrangements determined by the government plus the corresponding tax and National Insurance contributions and pension plans. We cannot see that we can cut down on the hours we employ our remaining staff following the retirement of the Parish administrator in May without severely reducing the service they provide.

Charitable Activities

In spite of the restrictions on income, The PCC were still able to give £270.96 to the Children's Society, £52.98 in support of Mercy Ships and £97.79 to the Tear Fund.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £10,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
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The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

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Our immediate plans are to find a new vicar. We hope to put together the parish profile and job and person specifications as soon as we can and advertise the post in the hope that a new incumbent will be in post by next year. In the meantime we seek to continue and grow our links with the schools and youth organisations.

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The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.

Reference and Administrative details

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:

The Parish Office, St. Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7BA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1132892. Our website address is: <https://www.stmargaretsgreatbarr.org.uk>

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar

In Vacancy

Minister in Charge

The Reverend Colin Such (Chairman – Appointed 27/9/23 resigned 31/7/24)

Reader

Churchwardens

Mrs JA Aubrook

Mr PJ Clark (also Treasurer)

Deanery Synod reps

Mr A Humpage

Mrs M Humpage

Elected Members

Mr S Borgazzi (PCC secretary from 11/12/23)

Mr M Room (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor)

Mr V Wiles (also Deputy Warden)

Mrs C Aston

Mrs B Hatfield (PSO)

Miss P Millward

Mrs R Smith

Mr D Clive (Co-opted as from 12/7/23)

Mr T W Horrell

Mrs K Underwood

Mrs C Adams

Mrs J Thynne

Approved by the PCC on 7th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Colin Such (Chairman)

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Vice Chairman/Secretary etc)

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Archdeacon Walsam

Liz Jackson

Churchwardens' Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

This year has been a particularly difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the retirement at the end of August 2023 of our vicar Martin. Since Martin's retirement we were initially supported by 2 Pastoral Support Clergy appointed by the Archdeacon, namely Revd Colin Such appointed Minister in Charge, and Revd Ian Carmichael as Pastoral Support Clergy. Unfortunately, following 2 disastrous AGMs where nothing was really resolved, both Colin and Ian subsequently resigned leaving the 2 churchwardens to manage the day to day of the church. June has done a splendid job making sure we have a minister to conduct the services and spent a lot of time trying to find local ministers to officiate at church services, a job not being made easier because of the number of other churches going through similar problems reducing the pool of potential ministers available to help. Thanks go to all current and retired ministers who have stepped in to take services and keep the church going in this difficult time. The task was made more difficult due to the health problems of Peter who was forced to take a more restricted role in the church affairs

The position of "Vacancy" has made making decisions on policy or any forward planning impossible, with the PCC effectively suspended and the churchwardens in limbo as anything has to be approved by the Minister In Charge and we currently do not have anyone we can turn to for help and guidance. It is hoped that these matters can be resolved in 2025.

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The church continues to provide a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include the following: "Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church"; "Thank you for all the care and support you all gave to us throughout the sad time we went through earlier this year. The church service left us feeling very peaceful. We really appreciate your attention to detail, kindness and above all a sense of humour which helped us keep a sense of normality – Thank You".

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again in this our final year, and we thank the PCC, and all the other people who have helped us support the church. Time to take a well earned rest.

June Aubrook

Peter Clark

Churchwardens

Financial Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

2024 was another difficult year for the PCC financially. We were almost entirely reliant on regular donations via the monthly and weekly envelopes or Direct Debit/ Standing Order commitments by member of the congregation for which we are very grateful. This has helped considerably to maintain some form of income stream, but more is needed so we encourage anyone who can to increase their regular donations. We would also ask that anyone who pays income tax and is able to do so gives permission for Gift Aid to be claimed by the church on their donations as this effectively adds 25p to every £1 donated.

Our investments continue to provide healthy returns, but any sales of shares reduce the value of our investment and consequently reduces the dividends payable.

We do receive help in the form of grants from St Margaret's School towards the cost of employing the Children's Worker, and the Great Barr Church Lands Trust have been very generous once again with grants to help in various maintenance projects for the church and churchyard, and hopefully they will continue to support the church.

We were able to hold some fund-raising activities during in the year, but the economic climate and the absence of so many people available to help raising nearly £3,500 in total. One of the most successful events was the Whisky Tasting evening run by Alan Humpage raising £184. Another successful event was the Afternoon Tea with music and tea prepared and served by Brenda Hatfield and her ladies at the Memorial Hall that raised £593. The Easter Bunny Hunt organised by Chris and Brenda Bird, with additional activities for the children provided by Georgina and Louise from Children @ Church raised £40. The Summer Fete raised £1,320.10 and the Summer Draw £562.10, the Christmas Fayre raised £802, and the Christmas Hamper Draw £175. The return of the Brass Band Concert with a new band was very well received and raised £315.

Voluntary Donations and Plate receipts raised £11,635.

Despite our best efforts to cut back on unnecessary expenditure costs still increased and will continue to increase. The main problem areas are:

1. Parish Share Payments

The Parish Share (now known as Common Fund) for 2024 was originally set at £59,315 but following a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Finance a Special Agreement was agreed to reduce the amount to £43,860. The Diocese proposed that if the PCC paid a least £14,620 by the end of the year then the Board would write off a further £11,290 which would be set against the outstanding arrears from previous years. We managed to pay £15,000, above the amount as requested.

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Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. The Treasurer has agreed new contracts for both Gas and Electricity. The Electricity contract is for 2 years from 1st January 2024 at a fixed rate based on advice from our adviser. The price is higher than last year as expected but is still the lowest available from a main supplier. The gas contract is for 3 years from April 2024 and is in fact cheaper than we are currently paying.

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Charitable Activities

We have not been able to provide the level of financial help to charities that we normally support but we still managed to raise £209 for the Children's Society via the collection boxes and £62 and from the Christingle service. Gifts donated for Harvest Festival were given to St. Basil's charity for the homeless and the Food Bank. We took part in Operation Christmas Child organised by Samaritan's Purse in the shoebox appeal providing gift boxes for struggling families and acted as a collection point for others involved in the scheme. We donated £53 to the Mercy Ships Appeal and £98 for the Tear Fund Harvest appeal.

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June Aubrook

Churchwardens

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Fabric Report Year Ending 31 December 2024

Building and Churchyard Maintenance

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem but thankfully there were no major problems this year. For a Grade 11 Listed Building the fabric is in remarkable condition. The main expenditure was due to regular maintenance and inspection of services.

Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. The churchyard was also commended for its general standard of maintenance particularly because it is the second largest churchyard in the Diocese and therefore is harder to maintain than other smaller churchyards. Special thanks go to Mark for his efforts and also to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

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Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Great Barr

For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Colin Such, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St. Margaret's Church together with the church hall and churchyard and for the decoration of the Vicarage when occupied by the incumbent.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Great Barr. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through nonsacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased slightly for 2023 from 211 names to 215.

The average adult Sunday attendance for 2023 decreased to 42 (*56 in 2022*).

The average number of children attending increased to **16** (*11*) through C@Ch (Children in Church) and the Uniformed Organisations.

The average attendance at the Thursday morning Communion service rose from around 12 to 20 regulars.

Easter was better with 110 attending (*100 in 2022*) and 141 at Christmas (*149*).

There were **15** (17 in 2022) **baptisms**, **7** (8) weddings, 0 (0) blessings of marriage & **0** (0) marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **19** (8) Funerals in church and **6** (7) at the Crematorium & **26** (8) Committals or Interment of Ashes.

Review of the Year

The PCC met six times during 2023. There were many upheavals throughout the year with the church still recovering from the restrictions imposed during the pandemic. The first phase of quinquennial works had been completed but more are needed in the years to come. The Communion Cup was reintroduced having been suspended during Covid. Finances were a constant concern throughout the year but social events continued with events planned for the coronation of King Charles III. The annual meeting took place on 21st May 2023. Rev Rutter retired as from 31st August 2023 and in September 2023 Rev Colin Such was appointed as Minister in Charge, to oversee the governance of the church and the PCC, and Preb Ian Cardinal, as Pastoral Support Priest, to work together to help guide the church through a difficult time of transition.

Fabric

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One of the items highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LCD equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. We were hoping that this would be done this year but unfortunately this has not been possible. The main cause of delay is being able to employ an electrician with access to suitable scaffolding to deal with high level installations that can be moved around the church at a price we can afford. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000 and at present we cannot afford this.

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Worship and Prayer

Not all services resumed since the pandemic and with the retirement of Rev Rutter the opportunity to restore services remained limited. As such services were limited to a Thursday morning BCP Communion, Children in Church (ably led by Georgina) fortnightly on a Sunday at 9.30am and the main Sunday service at 11am alternating between BCP Matins and Common Worship Communion. Retired and Deanery Clergy very kindly stepped in to take services following Rev Rutter's retirement and we are very grateful to them and also to Preb Ian Cardinal as Pastoral Support priest. New congregational service books were introduced for the Sunday services, the choir resumed singing whilst robed in the choir stalls and the Common Worship Lectionary adopted for use at the Sunday services whilst the Thursday service uses the BCP provision for the previous Sunday (save on major feast and holy days.)

Throughout 2023, as well as the Intercessions within our weekly worship services (according to the prayer rota), Jose Broomhead had continued to pray regularly for our Church, Parish and individuals requesting specific items of prayer (the telephone contact number is in the Parish Magazine under "Pray Together" for those wishing to make requests).

In addition, we have returned and continue with our Service of Spiritual Wholeness (started by Martin & Val Rutter and now led by Jose and Alan Humpage), that takes place on the first Saturday of the month in church at 10.30 am. All are welcome to a time of prayer and reflection on scripture, whilst being still in the presence of our God and listening to His voice.

Deanery Synod

Deanery meetings began in February at St. Peter's, Stafford Street with talks on Shaping for Mission and the Greenhouse Project (Fresh Expressions). It was noted that the deanery officers (Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Chair) were all standing down and nominations were needed to replace these three long serving members. The May meeting took place at St. Martin's Church, Sutton Road, with a talk given by Revd Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop on "The kingdom of God". The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at All Saints', Bloxwich on 6th June and the summer Eucharist at St. Paul's, the crossing on 5th July. Synod met again on 7th September at St. Thomas, Aldridge for an interesting and interactive talk on "Difference" and reconciliation. The year ended with the Advent Reflection given by the Archdeacon of Walsall at St. John's, Walsall Wood.

Bible Study

The Bible study switched from being online to live from the start of September, studying the Gospel of St Luke. In 2024 we shall start studying the Book of Genesis. All are welcome once a fortnight for about an hour and a half in an informal atmosphere (no exam!).

William Horrell

Choir and music.

Following some disruption in the aftermath of the vicar's retirement the choir were "back in business" for Christmas. Ably led by Sheila the choir seeks to augment our worship on Sunday mornings and at other special events. In order to provide some certainty, given the lack of a vicar and the opportunities for confusion when visiting clergy kindly help out, Rev'd Such took over the selection of hymns and the schedule of services. We thank Sheila for her continued playing and hope to grow our choir and music ministry in the year ahead.

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provided by Georgina and Louise from Children @ Church raised £116. The Summer Fete raised £1,291 and the Summer Draw £305, the Christmas Fayre raised £802 and the Christmas Hamper Draw £158. The return of the Brass Band Concert with a new band was very well received and raised £423.

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Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £10,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

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The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC takes full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

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The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.

Reference and Administrative details

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:

The Parish Office, St. Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7BA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1132892. Our website address is: <https://www.stmargaretsgreatbarr.org.uk>

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar	Revd Preb MC Rutter (Chairman – Retired 31/8/23)
Minister in Charge	The Reverend Colin Such (Chairman – Appointed 27/9/23)
Reader	Mrs VA Rutter (Retired 31/8/23)
Churchwardens	Mrs JA Aubrook Mr PJ Clark (also Treasurer)
Deanery Synod reps	Mr A Humpage Mrs M Humpage
Elected Members	Mr S Borgazzi (PCC secretary from 11/12/23) Mr M Room (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor) Mr V Wiles (also Deputy Warden) Mrs C Aston Mrs B Hatfield (PSO)

Miss P Millward
Mrs R Smith
Mr D Clive (Co-opted as from 12/7/23)
Mr T W Horrell
Mrs K Underwood
Mrs C Adams
Mrs J Thynne

[Ms Heather Allen Minute Secretary resigned 12/7/23]

Approved by the PCC on 7th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Reverend Colin Such (Chairman)

.....
(Vice Chairman/Secretary etc)

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2023**

FRESSE (SORP) Compliant

Worley Pritchard & Co
Accountants
34 Hydes Road
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West Midlands
WS10 9SY

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- . To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) on the Charities Act, and
- . To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Date : 6th March 2024

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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Legacies	2a	75,657	1,112	76,769	57,040
Charitable Activities	2b	27,903		27,903	18,689
Other Trading Activities	2c	674		674	682
Investments	2d	5,419		5,419	6,064
Other	2e	642		642	77
Total		110,295	1,112	111,407	82,552
Resources Expended					
Raising Funds	3a	463			94
Charitable Activities	3b	92,014	987		132,579
Other	3c	1,307			772
Total		93,784	987	94,771	133,445
Net gain/(losses) on investment		16,783		16,783	-26,990
Net Income/(Expenditure)		16,511	125	16,636	-50,893
Transfer between Funds		0	0		0
Net Movements in Funds		33,294	125	33,419	-77,883
Total Funds brought forward 1st January 2023		116,796	4,682	121,478	199,361
Total Funds carried forward 31st December 2023		150,090	4,807	154,897	121,478

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Balance Sheet

	notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	<u>186,411</u>	<u>189,628</u>
		<u>186,411</u>	<u>189,628</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		9,034	17,733
Cash		73	112
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>9,107</u>	<u>17,845</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-55,154	-86,931
Debtors		<u>14,533</u>	<u>936</u>
		<u>-40,621</u>	<u>-85,995</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-31,514</u>	<u>-68,150</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>154,897</u>	<u>121,478</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		150,090	116,796
Restricted Funds		4,807	4,682
Total		<u>154,897</u>	<u>121,478</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 2024 and signed by

.....Colin Such, Minister in charge

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

2 Income and Endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies				
2a Voluntary Income/Receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	21,151			21,162
Other planned giving	0			0
Collections at services	3,049			2,906
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	14,818	1,112		6,209
Gift Aid Recovered	13,988			4,829
Legacies received	0			0
Grants	22,651			21,934
	<u>75,657</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>76,769</u>	<u>57,040</u>
Charitable Activities				
2b Church Activities				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	23,531			14,595
Fundraising Activities	4,372			4,094
	<u>27,903</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,903</u>	<u>18,689</u>
Other Trading Activities				
2c Activities for Generating Fund				
Church Hall Hire	0			60
Parish Magazine	674			622
	<u>674</u>		<u>674</u>	<u>682</u>
Investments				
2d				
Dividends	5,419			6,064
Rent received				0
	<u>5,419</u>		<u>5,419</u>	<u>6,064</u>
Other				
2e				
	642			77
	<u>642</u>		<u>642</u>	<u>77</u>
Total	<u>110,295</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>111,407</u>	<u>82,552</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
	Garden Fete	130			94
	Other fundraising expenses	333			0
		463		463	94
	Charitable Activities				
	3b				
	<i>Church Activities</i>				
	Mission giving and donations		987		729
	Diocesan Parish Share	7,107			59,315
	Salaries/Wages	33,798			30,346
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	2,256			1,375
	<i>Church Expenses</i>				
	Church running expenses	25,339			25,490
	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	494			417
	Church utility bills	14,978			9,111
	Cost of trading	6,200			4,303
	<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
	Major Repairs to the Church				0
	Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
	New Building Work				0
	<i>Governance Costs</i>	1,842			1,493
		92,014	987	93,001	132,579
	Other				
	3c				
		1,307			772
		1,307		1,307	772
	Total	93,784	987	94,771	133,445

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4(a) Staff Costs		
Salaries	33,798	30,346

During the year the PCC employed 3 staff; a vergers, a parish worker and a church office administrator.

4(b) PCC Costs

The following payments were made to members of the PCC during the financial year

P Clark	Donations	£400
H Allen	Stationery & Postage	£1,139
J Aubrook	Mothring Sunday Flowers	£50
J Aubrook	Fund Raising Expenses	£163
Rev M Rutter	Vicar's Expenses	£310
M Room	Churchyard Upkeep	£12,884
M Room	Grave Digging	£720

5(a) Fixed Assets	Freehold	Church	Total
Investment property	Buildings	Equipment	
	£	£	£
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2023	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2023	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2023	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2023	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/23	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/23	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2023	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2023
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	189,628	0	-20,000		16,783	186,411
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	189,628	0	-20,000	0	16,783	186,411

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

6 Liabilities	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	2,760	774
Accrual of pension and HMRC	633	513
Debtor		0
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-14,533	-936
Other Creditors and accruals	13,053	7,543
Parish Share	38,708	78,101
	<u>40,621</u>	<u>85,995</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>40,621</u>	<u>85,995</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	186,411	0	186,411
Current Assets	4,300	4,807	9,107
Current Liabilities	-40,621	0	-40,621
	<u>150,090</u>	<u>4,807</u>	<u>154,897</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves	Incoming	Resources	Investment	Transfer	Reserves
	at 1/1/23	Resources	Expended	Gains/Losses	between funds	at 31/12/23
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	116,796	110,295	-93,784	16,783		150,090
Restricted Funds	4,682	1,112	-987			4,807
Total Funds	<u>121,478</u>	<u>111,407</u>	<u>-94,771</u>	<u>16,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>154,897</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2023	2023	2022
	received	expended	
Christian Aid	£ 35.00	£0.00	£ -
Childrens society collections	£ 203.00	-£203.00	£ -
Royal British Legion	£ -	-£30.00	£ 30.00
Fabric Fund	£ 50.00		£ -
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	£ 200.00	-£200.00	£ -
Ukranian Relief		£0.00	-£ 50.00
New Display Stands	£ -	£0.00	£ 500.00
Christingle	£ 226.00	-£226.00	-£ 30.00
RNLI (Beavers Appeal)	£ 110.00	-£110.00	£ -
Children @ Church Appeals	£ 108.00	-£103.00	
McMillan Coffee Morning	£ 115.00	-£115.00	
St Margaret's Guild	£ 65.00		£ 1,071.00
	<u>£ 1,112.00</u>	<u>-£987.00</u>	<u>£ 1,521.00</u>
Other balances			
Childrens Corner	£ 255.00		£ 255.00
Royal British Legion	£ -		£ 30.00
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,136.00		£ 1,071.00
Fabric Fund	£ 2,876.00		£ 2,826.00
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		£ 500.00
Christian Aid	£ 35.00		£ -
Children @ Church Appeals	£ 5.00		£ -
	<u>£ 4,807.00</u>		<u>£ 4,682.00</u>

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

9 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	54,790	2,250	57,040
Charitable Activities	18,689		18,689
Other Trading Activities	682		682
Investments	6,064		6,064
Other	77		77
	80,302	2,250	82,552
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	94		94
Charitable Activities	131,850	729	132,579
Other	772		772
	132,716	729	133,445
Net gain/(losses) on investment	-26,990		-26,990
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-52,414	1,521	-50,893
Transfer between Funds	0	0	0
Net Movements in Funds	-79,404	1,521	-77,883
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/22	196,200	3,161	199,361
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/22	116,796	4,682	121,478

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Great Barr

For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Great Barr (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Colin Such, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St. Margaret's Church together with the church hall and churchyard and for the decoration of the Vicarage when occupied by the incumbent.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Great Barr. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through nonsacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (VA) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased slightly for 2023 from 211 names to 215.

The average adult Sunday attendance for 2023 decreased to 42 (*56 in 2022*).

The average number of children attending increased to **16** (*11*) through C@Ch (Children in Church) and the Uniformed Organisations.

The average attendance at the Thursday morning Communion service rose from around 12 to 20 regulars.

Easter was better with 110 attending (*100 in 2022*) and 141 at Christmas (*149*).

There were **15** (17 in 2022) **baptisms**, **7** (8) weddings, 0 (0) blessings of marriage & **0** (0) marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **19** (8) Funerals in church and **6** (7) at the Crematorium & **26** (8) Committals or Interment of Ashes.

Review of the Year

The PCC met six times during 2023. There were many upheavals throughout the year with the church still recovering from the restrictions imposed during the pandemic. The first phase of quinquennial works had been completed but more are needed in the years to come. The Communion Cup was reintroduced having been suspended during Covid. Finances were a constant concern throughout the year but social events continued with events planned for the coronation of King Charles III. The annual meeting took place on 21st May 2023. Rev Rutter retired as from 31st August 2023 and in September 2023 Rev Colin Such was appointed as Minister in Charge, to oversee the governance of the church and the PCC, and Preb Ian Cardinal, as Pastoral Support Priest, to work together to help guide the church through a difficult time of transition.

Fabric

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem but thankfully there were no major problems this year. The refurbishment of the roof, together with the rainwater goods and stonework in 2019 means that the exterior of the church is sound and should not require much maintenance for some time.

One of the items highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LCD equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. We were hoping that this would be done this year but unfortunately this has not been possible. The main cause of delay is being able to employ an electrician with access to suitable scaffolding to deal with high level installations that can be moved around the church at a price we can afford. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000 and at present we cannot afford this.

Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. The churchyard was also commended for its general standard of maintenance particularly because it is the second largest churchyard in the Diocese and therefore is harder to maintain than other smaller churchyards. Special thanks go to Mark for his efforts and also to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

Worship and Prayer

Not all services resumed since the pandemic and with the retirement of Rev Rutter the opportunity to restore services remained limited. As such services were limited to a Thursday morning BCP Communion, Children in Church (ably led by Georgina) fortnightly on a Sunday at 9.30am and the main Sunday service at 11am alternating between BCP Matins and Common Worship Communion. Retired and Deanery Clergy very kindly stepped in to take services following Rev Rutter's retirement and we are very grateful to them and also to Preb Ian Cardinal as Pastoral Support priest. New congregational service books were introduced for the Sunday services, the choir resumed singing whilst robed in the choir stalls and the Common Worship Lectionary adopted for use at the Sunday services whilst the Thursday service uses the BCP provision for the previous Sunday (save on major feast and holy days.)

Throughout 2023, as well as the Intercessions within our weekly worship services (according to the prayer rota), Jose Broomhead had continued to pray regularly for our Church, Parish and individuals requesting specific items of prayer (the telephone contact number is in the Parish Magazine under "Pray Together" for those wishing to make requests).

In addition, we have returned and continue with our Service of Spiritual Wholeness (started by Martin & Val Rutter and now led by Jose and Alan Humpage), that takes place on the first Saturday of the month in church at 10.30 am. All are welcome to a time of prayer and reflection on scripture, whilst being still in the presence of our God and listening to His voice.

Deanery Synod

Deanery meetings began in February at St. Peter's, Stafford Street with talks on Shaping for Mission and the Greenhouse Project (Fresh Expressions). It was noted that the deanery officers (Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Chair) were all standing down and nominations were needed to replace these three long serving members. The May meeting took place at St. Martin's Church, Sutton Road, with a talk given by Revd Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop on "The kingdom of God". The Archdeacon's Visitation took place at All Saints', Bloxwich on 6th June and the summer Eucharist at St. Paul's, the crossing on 5th July. Synod met again on 7th September at St. Thomas, Aldridge for an interesting and interactive talk on "Difference" and reconciliation. The year ended with the Advent Reflection given by the Archdeacon of Walsall at St. John's, Walsall Wood.

Bible Study

The Bible study switched from being online to live from the start of September, studying the Gospel of St Luke. In 2024 we shall start studying the Book of Genesis. All are welcome once a fortnight for about an hour and a half in an informal atmosphere (no exam!).

William Horrell

Choir and music.

Following some disruption in the aftermath of the vicar's retirement the choir were "back in business" for Christmas. Ably led by Sheila the choir seeks to augment our worship on Sunday mornings and at other special events. In order to provide some certainty, given the lack of a vicar and the opportunities for confusion when visiting clergy kindly help out, Rev'd Such took over the selection of hymns and the schedule of services. We thank Sheila for her continued playing and hope to grow our choir and music ministry in the year ahead.

Brownies and Rainbows

6th Great Barr Brownies and 1st Great Barr Rainbows units are full and well attended. Some of the older girls in both units are looking forward to moving up to the next section in September. We have also welcomed a new Rainbow Leader and helper and said a fond au revoir to Brenda as a Brownie Leader

We have been working on the Brownies and Rainbows programmes which cover the themes
Know Myself.

Express Myself

Be Well

Have Adventures

Skills for my Future and

Take Action

Enjoying things such as First Aid, Dance, Den Building science experiments and Art and Craft activities.

We have also attended 2 local Pantomimes and are planning an end of term visit for the Summer Term.

Both units attend church parades over the year and assist at the Summer Fete. Rainbows have recently completed a fund-raising activity to purchase a new unit flag and are looking forward to it's appearance at church parades very soon.

2024 Ringing Report

2023 has been quite a busy year for ringing and we have tried hard to do our bit, though we haven't been able to ring the quarters that we have done in the past. We have two new adult learners and they are a very welcome addition to our band. Our three other learners are making good progress and one can handle a bell quite competently and is now learning to Plain Hunt on the treble.

We are very fortunate that we have been able to ring for most Sunday morning services and Friday night practices are usually well attended but we have an increasing reliance on our regular visitors from Walsall and Willenhall to ring more advanced methods.

There was only one Quarter Peal in the tower this year, Grandsire Doubles, rung by members of the St Martin's Guild, enabling one of their young ringers to complete the "Learning the Ropes: Level 5" programme. In early May we joined hundreds of towers across the country to ring in celebration of King Charles' and Queen Camilla's Coronation and the following day we rang before and after a special church service at which all our learners took part. Afterwards we enjoyed a slice of cake with the congregation. We also rang for the local Parkinson's Disease Society's Annual Carol Service in November.

In May and June we welcomed two visiting bands: one from Brewood and the other from members of The Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers.

On the social side, in March we once again enjoyed a ringers' lunch at Great Barr Golf Club, when the Vicar and his wife joined us for the last time before his retirement. Some members of the band also joined the rest of the LAWSCR at their annual Skittles Night at The Walsall Arms, when it was good to catch up with old friends, some of whom we have known for more than sixty years.

The ringers continue to give support to the church, local organisations and other towers when they can. We often supply ringers for weddings at Wood Green, Walsall, West Bromwich and Willenhall and, in return, they help us out when we are short. In February we attended the annual Wedding Fayre in Church. In July we ran the Golf Challenge at the Summer Fete and spent an evening with the local Brownie Pack, giving them a chance to try their hand at ringing, both in the tower and on handbells.

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Financial Review

2023 was another difficult year for the PCC financially. We were almost entirely reliant on regular donations via the monthly and weekly envelopes or Direct Debit/ Standing Order commitments by member of the congregation for which we are very grateful. This has helped considerably to maintain some form of income stream, but more is needed so we encourage anyone who can to increase their regular donations. We would also ask that anyone who pays income tax and is able to do so gives permission for Gift Aid to be claimed by the church on their donations as this effectively adds 25p to every £1 donated.

Our investments continue to provide healthy returns, but any sales of shares reduce the value of our investment and consequently reduces the dividends payable.

We do receive help in the form of grants from St Margaret's School towards the cost of employing the Children's Worker, and the Great Barr Church Lands Trust have been very generous with grants to help in various maintenance projects for the church and churchyard, and hopefully they will continue to support the church.

We were able to hold some fund-raising activities during in the year, raising nearly £3,600 in total. A particular successful event was the Afternoon Tea with music provided by Trevor Davies and Paul Chester and tea prepared and served by Brenda Hatfield and her ladies at the Memorial Hall that raised £455. The Easter Treasure Hunt organised by Chris and Brenda Bird, with additional activities for the children provided by Georgina and Louise from Children @ Church raised £116. The Summer Fete raised £1,291 and the Summer Draw £305, the Christmas Fayre raised £802 and the Christmas Hamper Draw £158. The return of the Brass Band Concert with a new band was very well received and raised £423.

Despite our best efforts to cut back on unnecessary expenditure costs still increased and will continue to increase. The main problem areas are:

1. Parish Share Payments

The Parish Share (now known as Common Fund) for 2023 was originally set at £59,315 but following a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Finance a Special Agreement was agreed to reduce the amount by £16,315 to £43,000. The PCC however were in arrears for previous years of £78,101. The Diocese proposed that if the PCC paid the revised amount of £43,000 for 2023 plus a further £3,500 towards the

arrears then the Board would write off £10,500 of the outstanding debt. We managed to pay the full amount as requested. It has further been agreed that if the PCC pay the full amount of the 2024 Common Share of £43,860 plus a further £3,330 towards the outstanding arrears then the remainder of the debt will be written off and we will be free of debt. It is imperative that we meet this target to be debt free.

2. Gas and Electricity

Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. The Treasurer has agreed new contracts for both Gas and Electricity. The Electricity contract is for 2 years from 1st January 2024 at a fixed rate based on advice from our adviser. The price is higher than last year as expected but is still the lowest available from a main supplier. The gas contract is for 3 years from April 2024 and is in fact cheaper than we are currently paying.

3. Staff Costs

After the Parish Share contribution, of which much has been said before, Staff costs are probably our biggest expenditure. The salaries of our 3 Part time employees are affected by the minimum wage arrangements determined by the government plus the corresponding tax and National Insurance contributions and pension plans. I cannot see that we can cut down on the hours we employ our staff without severely reducing the service they provide.

Charitable Activities

We have not been able to provide the level of financial help to charities that we normally support but we still managed to raise £203 for the Children's Society via the collection boxes and £227 and from the Christingle service. Gifts donated for Harvest Festival were given to St. Basil's charity for the homeless and the Food Bank. We took part in Operation Christmas Child organised by Samaritan's Purse in the shoebox appeal providing gift boxes for struggling families and acted as a collection point for others involved in the scheme. We donated £200 to the Samaritans Purse Turkey Earthquake Appeal to help those families affected by the earthquake. £73 was raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, £115 for the MacMillan Cancer Care Fund through a coffee morning, and the Children at Church raised £103 for the Mercy Ships appeal. The Beavers raised £110 for the RNLI.

Not all activities provided are just for fund-raising and community activities are just as important. The church hosted the Parkinson Society annual service again this year and the carol service for the Q3 Community Choir, both events much appreciated by the communities involved. The return of the tea and coffee sessions after the services has been welcomed as it provides an opportunity for church members and others to meet and socialise, something that is becoming more difficult for some these days.

2024 looks like being another challenging year financially but with the continued help and support of the church family we will manage to meet all our commitments and hopefully extend our support for the local community.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £10,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year.

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Churchwardens' Review of the Year

This year has been a particularly difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the retirement at the end of August of our vicar Martin. Since Martin's retirement we have been helped and supported by 2 Pastoral Support Clergy appointed by the Archdeacon, namely Revd Colin Such appointed

Minister in Charge, and Preb Ian Cardinal as Pastoral Support Clergy. Both Colin and Ian have been extremely supportive during the church's preparation for the official Interregnum when we can look for a new vicar. Even with the support from Colin and Ian the load on the Churchwardens has increased considerably. June is spending a lot of time trying to find local ministers to officiate at church services, a job not being made easier because of the number of other churches going through similar problems reducing the pool of potential ministers available to help. Thanks go to all current and retired ministers who have stepped in to take services and keep the church going in this difficult time. Things are picking up and attendances in church are slowly getting back to normal.

The church continues to provide a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include the following: "Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church"; "Thank you for all the care and support you all gave to us throughout the sad time we went through earlier this year. The church service left us feeling very peaceful. We really appreciate your attention to detail, kindness and above all a sense of humour which helped us keep a sense of normality – Thank You".

The Wardens have been supported by many members of the church community without whose help it would be much harder. William Horrell has taken on the responsibility as Deputy Chair of the PCC and regularly assists the minister administer communion and on occasions has led the service when no official member of the clergy was available. Heather Allen, our Parish Administrator, worked tirelessly in the background making sure everything ran smoothly in the office. Her workload has increased significantly since Martin Rutters retirement as a lot of the administrative work previously done by Martin is now her responsibility. Lisa Comley-Burke has come in regularly as a volunteer to help Heather in the office and help Peter with some aspects of Finance and book-keeping. Sheila Ward continues to stand in as volunteer organist and choir leader in the absence of a permanent appointment to this post and we thank her for this. Gillian Savage has also stood in as organist when Sheila was unable to attend. Diane Cooke has assumed responsibility for cleaning the church and meeting room for which we are extremely grateful. Bill Knight continued to perform his duties as vergers with enthusiasm and diligence. Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Bird who keep the top of the churchyard in order, to Sheila Carrington and the members of the guild for their flower arranging and Carol Adams for the greetings cards. Thanks go to all these valued members of our team and to everyone who has supported us in so many ways.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again this year, and we thank the PCC, Dennis Clive and Vic Wiles (Deputy Wardens), and all the other people who have helped us support the church and the Vicar.

June Aubrook and Peter Clark

Future Plans

Our immediate plans are to find a new vicar. We hope to put together the parish profile and job and person specifications as soon as we can and advertise the post in the hope that a new incumbent will be in post by next year. In the meantime we seek to continue and grow our links with the schools and youth organisations.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meet six times a year. Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a number of sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. Each reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.

Reference and Administrative details

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:

The Parish Office, St. Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7BA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1132892. Our website address is: <https://www.stmargaretsgreatbarr.org.uk>

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar	Revd Preb MC Rutter (Chairman – Retired 31/8/23)
Minister in Charge	The Reverend Colin Such (Chairman – Appointed 27/9/23)
Reader	Mrs VA Rutter (Retired 31/8/23)
Churchwardens	Mrs JA Aubrook Mr PJ Clark (also Treasurer)
Deanery Synod reps	Mr A Humpage Mrs M Humpage
Elected Members	Mr S Borgazzi (PCC secretary from 11/12/23) Mr M Room (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor) Mr V Wiles (also Deputy Warden) Mrs C Aston Mrs B Hatfield (PSO) Miss P Millward Mrs R Smith Mr D Clive (Co-opted as from 12/7/23) Mr T W Horrell Mrs K Underwood Mrs C Adams Mrs J Thynne

[Ms Heather Allen Minute Secretary resigned 12/7/23]

Approved by the PCC on 7th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Reverend Colin Such (Chairman)

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(Vice Chairman/Secretary etc)

Accounts

St. Margaret's Church, Great Barr

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year ended 31st December 2022

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PCC members/Trustees who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Vicar	Revd Preb MC Rutter	Chairman
Reader	Mrs VA Rutter	
Wardens	Mrs JA Aubrook Mr PJ Clark	also Treasurer
Synod Reps	Mr A Humpage Mrs M Humpage	
Elected Members	Mr S Borgazzi Mr TW Horrell Mr J Rochelle Mr M Room Mr V Wiles	(from APCM 2022) Vice Chair (died 19/3/2023) (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor) (also Deputy Warden)
	Mrs C Aston Mrs B Hatfield Miss P Millward Mrs B Smith Mrs R Smith Mrs M Sutton Mrs K Underwood Miss S Ward Mrs A Wise	(formerly Miss B White) (PSO) (resigned 22/3/23) (until APCM 2022) (from APCM 2022) (resigned 17/3/23)
Co-opted	Mr DB Clive	Deputy Warden

[Ms Heather Allen as Minute Secretary]

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2022 was held on 12th June 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet as and when required between main PCC meetings and reporting back to the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact PCC business between its main meetings.

Finance Committee

This committee has the power to oversee the financial requirements of St Margaret's and to control matters of income and expenditure.

Social Committee

Oversees organizational requirements of any social functions that may be held within the Church's calendar.

Fabric Committee

Attends to the maintenance and any renewal requirements of the Church's structure, its contents, and the churchyard.

Health & Safety Committee

Reviews the requirements of recent legislation and carries out periodic checks on the building to identify any current or possible issues.

Pastoral Committee

Organizes links with the church and parish community, eg. baptism visiting, welcoming new people to the parish.

Objectives and activities

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers:

and Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased slightly for 2022 from 210 names to 211.

The average Sunday attendance for 2022 rose to **56** (*43 in 2021*) as the Covid19 restrictions ended. (The average just prior to Covid19 in 2020 was running at 77, a figure similar to the same period in 2019.)

The average number of children attending increased to **11** (*6*) boosted by the restart of C@Ch and the Uniformed Organisations.

Attendance was higher at the latter part of the year as more services resumed.

Easter was better with 100 attending (*52 in 2021 and 0 in 2020*) and 149 at Christmas (*103*).

Overall total attendance came to **67** (*45*) each week.

There were **17** (*16 in 2021*) baptisms, **8** (*9*) weddings, **0** (*0*) blessings of marriage & **0** (*1*) marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **8** (*18*) Funerals in church and **7** (*18*) at the Crematorium & **8** (*11*) Interment of Ashes.

Review of the year

The full PCC met six times during the year, moving back to face to face meetings, (combined with space for correspondence as several were still.) This gave an average actual attendance level of 55%.

The Standing Committee and other sub-committees met as and when possible.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

There is a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and PCC members follow the requirements of the **National Safeguarding training**. Each PCC member is asked to complete C0 & C1, and the further levels as appropriate. Members have been helped to undertake the training and a record of completion has been kept. Safeguarding concerns are a part of all PCC activities and are particularly voiced at the Pastoral Committee and are a regular item on the PCC agenda. To date no specific safeguarding incidents have been recorded.

In 2022 **Covid-19** continued to have a major impact and stop on removing the restrictions took time to implement.

Church Finances were a major item at each meeting. Without the Collection Plate being passed around and no fundraising events being possible, income was greatly down, and the Parish share was only paid in part. The change in how banks handle money had a negative impact, but many members brought in their envelopes or swapped to online giving during the year.

The Deanery Synod Report also was a permanent feature.

January 2022 – Review of membership and sub-committees as people came out of covid. Update on performance in 2021 and the better time at Christmas. Review of how Facebook and social media is also giving a boost'. Bible Study continues on Zoom, as Share the Book Together, and C@Ch activities are resuming.

The March meeting was mainly the Rural Dean's Visitation plus covid updates and plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Preb Rutter was absent having been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

The May meeting approved the Annual Report & Accounts and the arrangements for the APCM.

In July new members were welcomed and the sub-committees reviewed including the setting up of both a Social Media Group, and a School Liaison Group. The Easter Egg Hunt had proved a great success. The queen's PLATINUM jubilee was celebrated.

In September it was good to receive Committee reports including the fact that St. Margaret's School had been judged 'Good' at Ofsted. Looking forward, it was good to see C@Ch and Parade Services resuming, as well as the Parkinson Carol Service. It was agreed to again support the Shoebox appeal for Christmas as part of Operation Christmas Child. The PCC had to respond to the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the declaration of Charles III as King. The Bellringers did a magnificent effort in marking both these and a special Memorial Service was held in Church for Queen Elizabeth.

The November meeting began a relook at the idea of a Parish Mission Action Plan (MAP)., and thought about its involvement with the Merriens Wood Trust. The Christmas Services were discussed.

In 2022 the PCC met its expectations in: -

Holding people together during the aftermath of the pandemic, through the work of the Pastoral Team and others, with prayer and various means of contact, phone, email, social media & online. Wedding and Baptism Anniversary cards & the Magazine were sent out; Services of Marriage and Baptism took place as allowed; the church website has been in constant use with prayers, news and resources for old and young (being mailed out when requested); Worship was offered; Risk Assessments carried out & the church adapted; the organ has been played and music and singing resumed; new Wi-Fi has worked and people helped to find worship and resources on the TV, internet, & phone, including 60+ people with the weekly 'From the Vicarage' emails; the foodbanks were supported, as have our schools.

In the coming year the PCC looks forward to: -

Post Covid19 - the resulting opening up of worship and regular activities; facing the financial challenges; continuing to reach out in new ways and with new areas of engagement with the Community; renewing and strengthening the involvement between Church and School, the Uniformed Organisations and our Children at Church; continuing to develop our work with parents and children more generally; developing our ecological base and contacts; developing the gifts of members; and the advancement of the Church and faith within the life of the Parish.

Churchwardens' Report Year Ending 31 December 2022

This year has been another difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the continuing effects of Covid19. Things are picking up and attendances in church are slowly getting back to normal.

The church provides a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include the following:

"Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church";

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The credit for this praise must largely go to our vicar, Martin, for the immense amount of work he puts into the church, together with his wife Val and all the other people who support him.

Martin's contribution is even more amazing in that for most of the year he continued working despite undergoing treatment for cancer, which thankfully seems to be in remission.

Thanks also to other local clergy who stepped in to take services when Martin was unable to, including the Rural Dean Father Mark McIntyre and Rev David Sims.

Financial Report

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We were able to hold some fund-raising activities early in the year, raising just under £4,000 in total. Notable events were the Whiskey Tasting evening organised by Alan Humpage, The Easter and Autumn Treasure Hunts organised by Chris and Brenda Bird, with additional activities for the children provided by Georgina and Louise from Children @ Church. The Summer Fete raised £2000 and the Summer Draw £433, the Christmas Fayre £730 and the Christmas Hamper Draw £255. These events not only raised welcome funds but provided opportunities for the church community to get together and socialise.

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1. Parish Share Payments

The Parish Share for 2022 was set at £59,315 but we only managed to pay £32,000, meaning £27,315 outstanding is carried forward to 2023, together with the debt brought forward from 2020 and 2021 of £50,786 giving a total carried forward to 2023 of £78,101.

2. Gas and Electricity

Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. We secured a new fixed price contract for 2 years with SSE for electricity, but our Gas supplier was one who went out of business, so we were transferred to a "Supplier of Last Resort" which meant the price of gas supplied increased dramatically. A contract has been agreed with a new supplier at a more competitive rate, but the costs will still be considerably higher than before.

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appointment to this post. Gillian Savage has also stood in as organist when Sheila was unable to attend. Bill Knight continued to perform his duties as vergier. Thanks go to all these valued members of our team and to everyone who has supported us in so many ways.

Fabric Report

Building and Churchyard Maintenance

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem but thankfully there were no major problems this year. The refurbishment of the roof, together with the rainwater goods and stonework in 2019 means that the exterior of the church is sound and should not require much maintenance for some time.

One of the items highlighted in the 2021 Quinquennial Report for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LCD equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. We are hoping that this can be done this coming year. The main cause of delay is being able to obtain suitable scaffolding to deal with high level installations that can be moved around the church. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000 and at present we cannot afford this.

Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. Special thanks go to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again this year, and we thank the PCC, Dennis Clive and Vic Wiles (Deputy Wardens), and all the other people who have helped us support the church and the Vicar.

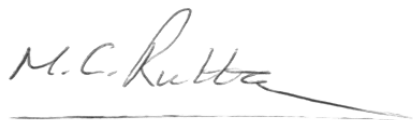
June Aubrook

Churchwardens

Peter Clark

This report has been prepared jointly by the Chairman, Secretary and Church Wardens.

On behalf of the PCC

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(Chairman)

26th April 2023

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2022**

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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date : 20th April 2023

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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

	note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Legacies	2a	54,790	2,250	57,040	68,729
Charitable Activities	2b	18,689		18,689	21,783
Other Trading Activities	2c	682		682	741
Investments	2d	6,064		6,064	6,146
Other	2e	77		77	3,580
Total		80,302	2,250	82,552	100,979
Resources Expended					
Raising Funds	3a	94			0
Charitable Activities	3b	131,850	729		117,335
Other	3c	772			2,141
Total		132,716	729	133,445	119,476
Net gain/(losses) on investment		-26,990		-26,990	30,205
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-52,414	1,521	-50,893	-18,497
Transfer between Funds		0	0		0
Net Movements in Funds		-79,404	1,521	-77,883	11,708
Total Funds brought forward 1st January 2022		196,200	3,161	199,361	187,653
Total Funds carried forward 31st December 2022		116,796	4,682	121,478	199,361

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Balance Sheet

	notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	189,628	236,619
		<u>189,628</u>	<u>236,619</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		17,733	18,296
Cash		112	260
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>17,845</u>	<u>18,556</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-86,931	-58,699
Debtors		936	2,885
		<u>-85,995</u>	<u>-55,814</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-68,150</u>	<u>-37,258</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>121,478</u>	<u>199,361</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		116,796	196,200
Restricted Funds		4,682	3,161
Total		<u>121,478</u>	<u>199,361</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 2023 and signed by

.....Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

The Parish of St Margarets Church **Great Barr**

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1

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Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

2 Income and Endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies				
2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	21,162			23,247
Other planned giving	0			0
Collections at services	2,906			3,356
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	3,959	2,250		6,312
Gift Aid Recovered	4,829			4,710
Legacies received	0			9,000
Grants	21,934			22,104
	<u>54,790</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>57,040</u>	<u>68,729</u>
Charitable Activities				
2b				
Church Activities				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	14,595			21,412
Fundraising Activities	4,094			371
	<u>18,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,689</u>	<u>21,783</u>
Other Trading Activities				
2c				
Activities for Generating Fund				
Church Hall Hire	60			180
Parish Magazine	622			561
	<u>682</u>		<u>682</u>	<u>741</u>
Investments				
2d				
Dividends	6,064			6,146
Rent received				0
	<u>6,064</u>		<u>6,064</u>	<u>6,146</u>
Other				
2e				
	<u>77</u>			<u>3,580</u>
	<u>77</u>		<u>77</u>	<u>3,580</u>
Total	<u>80,302</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>82,552</u>	<u>100,979</u>

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£
3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
	Garden Fete	94			0
	Other fundraising expenses	0			0
		94		94	0
	Charitable Activities				
	3b				
	<i>Church Activities</i>				
	Mission giving and donations		729		132
	Diocesan Parish Share	59,315			44,013
	Salaries/Wages	30,346			31,250
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,375			1,833
	<i>Church Expenses</i>				
	Church running expenses	25,490			24,389
	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	417			121
	Church utility bills	9,111			8,135
	Cost of trading	4,303			4,868
	<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
	Major Repairs to the Church				0
	Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
	New Building Work				0
	<i>Governance Costs</i>	1,493			2,594
		131,850	729	132,579	117,335
	Other				
	3c				
		772			2,141
		772		772	2,141
	Total	132,716	729	133,445	119,476

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
4(a) Staff Costs			
	Salaries	30,346	31,250

During the year the PCC employed 3 staff; a vergers, a parish worker and a church office administrator.

4(b) PCC Costs

The following payments were made to members of the PCC during the financial year

P Clark	Ukrain Appeal	£550
H Allen	Stationery & Postage	£1,462
H Allen	Magazine Expenses	£48
J Aubrook	Mothring Sunday Flowers	£70
J Aubrook	Fund Raising Expenses	£94
Rev M Rutter	Vicar's Expenses	£718
M Room	Churchyard Upkeep	£13,163
M Room	Grave Digging	£160

5(a) Fixed Assets

Investment property

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2022	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2022	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2022	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2022	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/22	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/22	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2022	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2022
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	236,619	0	-20,000		-26,991	189,628
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	236,619	0	-20,000	0	-26,991	189,628

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

6 Liabilities	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	774	1,790
Accrual of pension and HMRC	513	133
Debtor		0
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-936	-2,885
Other Creditors and accruals	7,543	5,990
Parish Share	78,101	50,786
	<u>85,995</u>	<u>55,814</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>85,995</u>	<u>55,814</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	189,628	0	189,628
Current Assets	13,163	4,682	17,845
Current Liabilities	-85,995	0	-85,995
	<u>116,796</u>	<u>4,682</u>	<u>121,478</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves at 1/1/22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfer between funds	Reserves at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	196,200	80,302	-132,716	-26,990		116,796
Restricted Funds	3,161	2,250	-729			4,682
Total Funds	<u>199,361</u>	<u>82,552</u>	<u>-133,445</u>	<u>-26,990</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>121,478</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2022 received	2022 expended	2021
Childrens worker salary			£ -
Childrens society collections	£ 52.00	-£52.00	£ -
Royal British Legion	£ 30.00		£ -
Fabric Fund	£ -		£ 2,826.00
Roof Appeal	£ -		£ 200.00
Ukranian Relief	£ 500.00	-£550.00	£ -
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		£ -
Christingle	£ 97.00	-£127.00	£ 30.00
Childrens Corner	£ -		£ 255.00
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,071.00		£ -
	<u>£ 2,250.00</u>	<u>-£729.00</u>	<u>£ 3,311.00</u>
Other balances			
Childrens Corner	£ 255.00		£ 255.00
Royal British Legion	£ 30.00		
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,071.00		£ -
Fabric Fund	£ 2,826.00		£ 2,826.00
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		
Christingle	£ -		£ 30.00
Lent appeal	£ -		£ 50.00
	<u>£ 4,682.00</u>		<u>£ 3,161.00</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

9 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	65,286	3,443	68,729
Charitable Activities	21,783		21,783
Other Trading Activities	741		741
Investments	6,146		6,146
Other	3,580		3,580
	<u>97,536</u>	<u>3,443</u>	<u>100,979</u>
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	0		0
Charitable Activities	117,203	132	117,335
Other	2,141		2,141
	<u>119,344</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>119,476</u>
Net gain/(losses) on investment	<u>30,205</u>		<u>30,205</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>-21,808</u>	<u>3,311</u>	<u>-18,497</u>
Transfer between Funds	473	-473	0
Net Movements in Funds	<u>8,870</u>	<u>2,838</u>	<u>11,708</u>
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/21	187,330	323	187,653
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/21	<u>196,200</u>	<u>3,161</u>	<u>199,361</u>

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2022**

FRESSE (SORP) Compliant

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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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Approved by the PCC on 2023 and signed by

.....Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

The Parish of St Margarets Church **Great Barr**

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Gift Aid Recovered	4,829			4,710
Legacies received	0			9,000
Grants	21,934			22,104
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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
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3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
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		2022	2021
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5(a) Fixed Assets

Investment property

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2022	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2022	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2022	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2022	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/22	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/22	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2022	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2022
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	236,619	0	-20,000		-26,991	189,628
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	236,619	0	-20,000	0	-26,991	189,628

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

6 Liabilities	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	774	1,790
Accrual of pension and HMRC	513	133
Debtor		0
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-936	-2,885
Other Creditors and accruals	7,543	5,990
Parish Share	78,101	50,786
	<u>85,995</u>	<u>55,814</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>85,995</u>	<u>55,814</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	189,628	0	189,628
Current Assets	13,163	4,682	17,845
Current Liabilities	-85,995	0	-85,995
	<u>116,796</u>	<u>4,682</u>	<u>121,478</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves at 1/1/22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfer between funds	Reserves at 31/12/22
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	196,200	80,302	-132,716	-26,990		116,796
Restricted Funds	3,161	2,250	-729			4,682
Total Funds	<u>199,361</u>	<u>82,552</u>	<u>-133,445</u>	<u>-26,990</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>121,478</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2022 received	2022 expended	2021
Childrens worker salary			£ -
Childrens society collections	£ 52.00	-£52.00	£ -
Royal British Legion	£ 30.00		£ -
Fabric Fund	£ -		£ 2,826.00
Roof Appeal	£ -		£ 200.00
Ukrainian Relief	£ 500.00	-£550.00	£ -
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		£ -
Christingle	£ 97.00	-£127.00	£ 30.00
Childrens Corner	£ -		£ 255.00
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,071.00		£ -
	<u>£ 2,250.00</u>	<u>-£729.00</u>	<u>£ 3,311.00</u>
Other balances			
Childrens Corner	£ 255.00		£ 255.00
Royal British Legion	£ 30.00		
St Margaret's Guild	£ 1,071.00		£ -
Fabric Fund	£ 2,826.00		£ 2,826.00
New Display Stands	£ 500.00		
Christingle	£ -		£ 30.00
Lent appeal	£ -		£ 50.00
	<u>£ 4,682.00</u>		<u>£ 3,161.00</u>

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Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

9 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	65,286	3,443	68,729
Charitable Activities	21,783		21,783
Other Trading Activities	741		741
Investments	6,146		6,146
Other	3,580		3,580
	97,536	3,443	100,979
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	0		0
Charitable Activities	117,203	132	117,335
Other	2,141		2,141
	119,344	132	119,476
Net gain/(losses) on investment	30,205		30,205
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-21,808	3,311	-18,497
Transfer between Funds	473	-473	0
Net Movements in Funds	8,870	2,838	11,708
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/21	187,330	323	187,653
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/21	196,200	3,161	199,361

Accounts

St. Margaret's Church, Great Barr

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year ended 31st December 2021

Administrative information

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:

The Parish Office, St. Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7BA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1132892

PCC members/Trustees who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Vicar	Revd Preb MC Rutter	Chairman
Reader	Mrs VA Rutter	
Wardens	Mrs JA Aubrook Mr PJ Clark	also Treasurer
Synod Reps	Mr A Humpage Mrs M Humpage	
Elected Members	Mr DB Clive Mr TW Horrell Mr W Knight Mr J Rochelle Mr M Room Mr V Wiles	Deputy Warden – also co-opted from 22/11/2021 Vice Chair, ERO (until APCM 2021 +co-opted 22/11) (resigned 22/11/2021 -also paid part time verger) (also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor) (also Deputy Warden)
	Mrs C Aston Mrs J Heathcote Miss P Millward Mrs B Smith Mrs R Smith Mrs M Sutton Miss S Ward Miss B White Mrs A Wise	(resigned 29/06/2021) (PSO)

[Ms Heather Allen as Minute Secretary]

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2021 was held on 16th May 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet as and when required between main PCC meetings and reporting back to the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law, and has the power to transact PCC business between its main meetings.

Finance Committee

This committee has the power to oversee the financial requirements of St Margaret's and to control matters of income and expenditure.

Social Committee

Oversees organizational requirements of any social functions that may be held within the Church's calendar.

Fabric Committee

Attends to the maintenance and any renewal requirements of the Church's structure, its contents, and the churchyard.

Health & Safety Committee

Reviews the requirements of recent legislation and carries out periodic checks on the building to identify any current or possible issues.

Pastoral Committee

Organizes links with the church and parish community, e.g. baptism visiting, welcoming new people to the parish.

Objectives and activities

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers:

and Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll decreased for 2021 from 212 names to 210, due to 2 deaths.

National Church returns require certain details of Sunday Attendance, not mid-week.

The average countable Sunday attendance for 2021 fell to **43** (52 in 2020) mainly due to Covid19 restrictions. (The average just prior to Covid19 in 2020 was running at 77, a figure similar to the same period in 2019.)

The average number of children attending increased slightly to 6 (5 in 2020) boosted by the restart of C@Ch and the Uniformed Organisations later in the year.

Attendance was generally higher at the latter part of the year as more services resumed.

Restrictions affected Easter Services with 52 attending (0 in 2020) and only 103 at Christmas (77). (In 2019 Easter was 144 and Christmas 444).

Overall total attendance came to 45 (58) each Sunday as the result of a full year of Covid19.

There were **16** (6 in 2020) baptisms, **9** (9) weddings, **0** (0) blessings of marriage & **1** (1) marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **19** (19) Funerals in church and **14** (8) at the Crematorium & **11** (10) Interment of Ashes.

Review of the year

The full PCC met six times during the year, 3 times face to face, and 3 times via zoom, combined with space for correspondence as 3 members did not have internet access, and 5 were shielding.) This gave an average actual attendance level of 59%.

The Standing Committee and other sub-committees met as and when possible.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

There is a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and PCC members follow the requirements of the **National Safeguarding training**. Each PCC member is asked to complete C0 & C1, and the further levels as appropriate. Members have been helped to undertake the training and a record of completion has been kept. Safeguarding concerns are a part of all PCC activities and are particularly voiced at the Pastoral Committee and are a regular item on the PCC agenda. To date no specific safeguarding incidents have been recorded.

In 2021 Covid19 had a major impact and stop on much of the life and work of the Parish

Church Finances were a major item at each meeting. Without the Collection Plate being passed around and no fundraising events being possible, income was greatly down, and the Parish Share was only paid in part. The change in how banks handle money had a negative impact, but many members brought in their envelopes or swapped to online giving during the year.

February 2021 – Update on performance in 2020 and the better time at Christmas with the lifting of some Government restriction. Facebook and social media is giving a boost with some clips from services being posted including the online 'C@Ch Christmas Special'.

Bible Study is being resumed on Zoom, as Share the Book Together and C@Ch activities are online and also available in a special box in church. Looking ahead, there would be no Ash Wednesday Service or Lent Groups, but something extra for Good Friday and Easter.

First look at the 'Shaping for Mission' Project from the Diocese.

The March meeting on Zoom suffered from technical difficulties but the 'Shaping for Mission' Questionnaire and Review was completed for the Deanery.

The April meeting approved the Annual Report & Accounts and approved the renewing of the Reader Licence for Mrs Val Rutter.

In July a proposal from the Diocese about dealing with the Parish Share arrears, was approved. The Quinquennial Report from the Architect was received – no immediate action needed.

In October the PCC were required to vote on a resolution from the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education concerning Foundation Governors from St. Margaret's School. The Board had proposed that 2 Foundation Governors be removed but as 1 was a PCC appointment, the PCC was asked to ratify the Board's decision. The resolution was carried *nem com*. Removal of the covid regulations was also considered and a careful move forward approved. The return of in church C@Ch services and Parade Services was welcomed. A fundraising/social programme was discussed as were the activities of Churches Together in Great Barr, and of the Deanery Synod.

The November meeting received the Diocesan proposals for 'The Common Fund' to replace the current Parish Share system. This is likely to be far more realistic in changed times. We were informed that the Churchyard had again won the **Gold Award** and the **Nature Friendly Award** in this year's competition – *well done to Mark Room, Chris & Brenda Bird and all our other volunteers*. The Christmas Services were discussed, a New Foundation Governor for School approved and the PCC membership clarified.

In 2021 the PCC met its expectations in: -

Holding people together during the continuing pandemic, through the work of the Pastoral Team and others, with prayer and various means of contact, phone, email, social media & online. This included everyone on the Electoral Roll; Home Communion was taken out where possible; Wedding and Baptism Anniversary cards & the Magazine were sent out; Services of Marriage and Baptism took place as allowed; the church website has been in constant use with prayers, news and resources for old and young (being mailed out when requested); Worship offered when possible; Risk Assessments carried out & the church adapted; the organ has been played and music and hymns on CD and then sung; new Wi-Fi has worked and people helped to find worship and resources on the TV, internet, & phone, including 60+ people with the weekly 'From the Vicarage' emails; the foodbanks were supported, as have our schools.

In the coming year the PCC looks forward to: -

Finally coming out of Covid19 with the resulting opening up of worship and regular activities; facing the financial challenges; continuing to reach out in new ways and with new areas of engagement with the Community; renewing and strengthening the involvement between Church and School, the Uniformed Organisations and our Children at Church; continuing to develop our work with parents and children more generally; developing our ecological base and contacts; developing the gifts of members; and the advancement of the Church and faith within the life of the Parish.

[At the end of 2020 the continuing of the Covid19 restrictions throughout much of 2021 was not really expected, nor the continuing turning upside down of church life.]

Churchwardens' Report Year Ending 31 December 2021

This year has been another difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due in part to the continuing problems of Covid19. Things started to pick up towards the end of the year and attendances in church are slowly getting back to normal.

The church provides a strong and comforting spiritual and pastoral service to our regular congregation and to the local community, including those who may only attend church occasionally, that is much appreciated as evidenced by the many letters and comments received. Examples of such letters include the following: "Thank you for being a big part in making our wedding day special and for welcoming us into your beautiful church"; "Thank you for all the care and support you all gave to us throughout the sad time we went through earlier this year. The church service left us feeling very peaceful. We really appreciate your attention to detail, kindness and above all a sense of humour which helped us keep a sense of normality – Thank You". The credit for this praise must largely go to our vicar, Martin, for the immense amount of work he puts into the church, together with his wife Val and all the other people who support him.

Financial Report

2021 was a difficult year for the PCC financially. Restrictions due to Covid continued into this year compounding the problems of 2020. Even since the lifting of most of the restrictions we are still not back to pre-Covid attendances although the congregation is slowly getting back to normal, and we did have some weddings. We were unable to hold any fund-raising activities early in the year, so the only events held were a coffee morning in October and the Christmas Draw. The much-anticipated Christmas Fayre had to be cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather.

We were almost entirely reliant on regular donations via the monthly and weekly envelopes or Direct Debit/ Standing Order commitments by member of the congregation for which we are very grateful. This has helped considerably to maintain some form of income stream but more is needed to get back to the pre-Covid situation so we encourage anyone who can to increase their regular donations.

In addition to the regular payments received we have received several donations to help with running costs, and the Patronal week-end appeal and celebrations generated just over £1,500. It is hoped that more fundraising events can go ahead in 2022.

Our investments continue to provide healthy returns, but any sales of shares reduce the value of our investment and consequently reduces the dividends payable. We have had to sell several blocks of shares over the last 2 years in order to bolster our available funds for the normal church activities and I would be reluctant to sell any more unless necessary.

We do receive help in the form of grants from St Margaret's School towards the cost of employing the Children's Worker, and the Great Barr Church Lands Trust have been very generous with grants to help in various maintenance projects for the church, and hopefully they will continue to support the church.

Despite our best efforts to cut back on unnecessary expenditure costs still increased and will continue to increase. The main problem areas are:

Parish Share Payments

The initial amount of Parish Share proposed was £75,868 but the Diocese reduced this by £13,321 to £62,547 provided we agreed to pay a minimum of 50% of the total by the end of the year. We actually paid £44,103 so we achieved this. The Diocese subsequently wrote off a further £5,212 as part of a Parish Support scheme leaving an outstanding debt of £16,693. In addition to this we brought forward a debt of £47,415,00 from 2020 of which the Diocese subsequently wrote off 13,322 so we carry forward a debt of £50,786.

HSBC Banking Services

HSBC dropped a major bombshell when from September withdrew free banking facilities for charities started to charge £5 per month for handling our account and charge commercial rates for handling cheques, deposits and withdrawals. Counter service at the Aldridge branch has been stopped so paying in money is extremely difficult. We are having to use the Post Office to make deposits. We are attempting to find another bank that will provide a proper service.

Gas and Electricity

Gas and electricity costs continue to rise and are likely to get much worse in the future. We have secured a new fixed price contract for 2 years with SSE for electricity, but our Gas supplier was one who went out of business, so we were transferred to a "Supplier of Last Resort" which meant the price of gas supplied increased dramatically. A contract has been agreed with a new supplier at a more competitive rate, but the costs will still be considerably higher than before.

Staff Costs

After the Parish Share contribution, of which much has been said before, Staff costs are probably our biggest expenditure. The salaries of our 3 Part time employees are affected by the minimum wage arrangements determined by the government plus the corresponding tax and National Insurance contributions and pension plans. I cannot see that we can cut down on the hours we employ our staff without severely reducing the service they provide.

Charitable Activities

We have not been able to provide the level of financial help to charities that we normally support but we still managed to raise £132 for the Children's Society via the collection boxes. Gifts donated for Harvest Festival were given to St. Basil's charity for the homeless and the Food Bank. We took part in Operation Christmas Child in the shoebox appeal providing gift boxes for struggling families and acted as a collection point for others involved in the scheme.

The Wardens have been supported by many members of the church community without whose help it would be much harder. Sue Ward and Vic Wiles have already been commended for their help in supporting June with the organisation of the services. Heather Allen, our Parish Administrator, worked tirelessly in the background making sure everything ran smoothly in the office, and found herself with extra duties assisting June and the others ensuring the church continued to comply with the restrictions imposed by Covid. Sheila Ward continues to stand in as organist and choir leader in the absence of a permanent appointment to this post. Bill Knight continued to

perform his duties as vergers. Thanks go to all these valued members of our team and to everyone who has supported us in so many different ways.

Fabric Report

Building and Churchyard Maintenance

General Maintenance and repair of the building is an ongoing problem. The refurbishment of the roof, together with the rainwater goods and stonework in 2019 means that the exterior of the church is sound and should not require much maintenance for some time.

The 2021 Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken this year, including a full inspection of the electrical installation and some items of disrepair have been highlighted that require attention. Luckily most of the items can be dealt with over the next 5 years so we have time to prepare a programme of works that we can budget for. One of the items suggested for urgent action is the upgrade of the lighting system to replace existing lighting fixtures with LED equivalents. This would not only make the system safer but should be more efficient and reduce electricity usage. Another area needing attention is internal decoration, particularly where water penetration in the past has caused the plaster to peel, exposing bare stonework. The architect's provisional estimation of the cost of redecoration is in the region of £50,000. Maintenance of the churchyard is another major expense, but we do have an obligation to keep the churchyard in reasonable condition. Mark Room, our part time contractor, is employed for 20 hours a week mainly to look after the ashes site and the newer burial plots, and the rest of the site where possible. The area close to the church is maintained mainly by our dedicated volunteers, Chris and Brenda Bird, and the lawn mown by Vic Wiles. The trees surrounding the churchyard are nearly all subject to Tree Preservation Orders and so must be maintained regularly to ensure they remain structurally safe.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year and in fact were awarded two awards from Lichfield Diocese for their high standards of maintenance and conservation: a Gold Award for Lichfield Churchyards and a Nature Friendly Award. Special thanks go to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again this year, and we thank the PCC, Dennis Clive and Vic Wiles (Deputy Wardens), and all the other people who have helped us support the church and the Vicar.

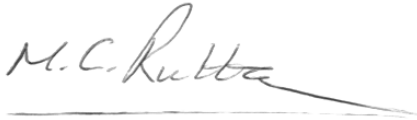
June Aubrook

Churchwardens

Peter Clark

This report has been prepared jointly by the Chairman, Secretary and Church Wardens.

On behalf of the PCC

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(Chairman)

18th May 2022

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2021**

FRESSE (SORP) Compliant

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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) on the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

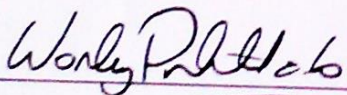
- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date : 11th May 2022

Worley Pritchard & Co
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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Balance Sheet

	notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	236,619	216,414
		<u>236,619</u>	<u>216,414</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		18,296	28,808
Cash		260	46
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>18,556</u>	<u>28,854</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-58,699	-59,604
Debtors		2,885	1,989
		<u>-55,814</u>	<u>-57,615</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-37,258</u>	<u>-28,761</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>199,361</u>	<u>187,653</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		196,200	187,330
Restricted Funds		3,161	323
Total		<u>199,361</u>	<u>187,653</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on ...18th May...2022 and signed by

M. C. Rutter.....Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

2 Income and Endowments from:

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving		23,247			23,711
Other planned giving		0			0
Collections at services		3,356			1,766
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals		2,869	3,443		8,066
Gift Aid Recovered		4,710			4,159
Legacies received		9,000			4,998
Grants		22,104			19,400
		65,286	3,443	68,729	62,100
Charitable Activities	2b				
Church Activities					
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)		21,412			22,532
Summer Fete		0			0
Autumn Fayre					0
Other Fundraising Activities		371			205
		21,783	0	21,783	22,737
Other Trading Activities	2c				
Activities for Generating Fund					
Church Hall Hire		180			10
Parish Magazine		561			690
		741		741	700
Investments	2d				
Dividends		6,146			6,568
Rent received					0
		6,146		6,146	6,568
Other	2e	3,580			566
		3,580		3,580	566
Total		97,536	3,443	100,979	92,671

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
	Summer Fete	0			0
	Other fundraising expenses	0			0
		0		0	0
	Charitable Activities				
	3b				
	<i>Church Activities</i>				
	Mission giving and donations		132		397
	Diocesan Parish Share	44,013			66,385
	Salaries/Wages	31,250			26,678
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,833			2,612
	<i>Church Expenses</i>				
	Church running expenses	24,389			25,908
	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	121			706
	Church utility bills	8,135			6,831
	Cost of trading	4,868			5,755
	<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
	Major Repairs to the Church				85,050
	Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
	New Building Work				0
	<i>Governance Costs</i>	2,594			1,209
		117,203	132	117,335	221,531
	Other				
	3c				
		2,141			110
		2,141		2,141	110
	Total	119,344	132	119,476	221,641

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
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M Room	£	12,500.00	Churchyard Upkeep
M Room	£	320.00	Grave Digging

5(a) Fixed Assets	Freehold Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Investment property	£	£	£
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/19	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/19	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2021	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/20 21
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	216,414	0	-10,000		30,205	236,619
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	216,414	0	-10,000	0	30,205	236,619

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

6 Liabilities	2021	2020					
	£	£					
Amounts falling due in one year							
Accruals of Utilities	1,790	815					
Accrual of pension and HMRC	133	131					
Debtor		0					
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-2,885	-1,989					
Other Creditors and accruals	5,990	11,243					
Parish Share	50,786	47,415					
	55,814	57,615					
Amounts falling due after one year							
Parish Share	0	0					
	55,814	57,615					
7 Analysis of Net Assets							
	General Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total				
	£	£	£				
Fixed Assets	0	0	0				
Investment Assets	236,619	0	236,619				
Current Assets	15,395	3,161	18,556				
Current Liabilities	-55,814	0	-55,814				
	196,200	3,161	199,361				
8 Funds Reconciliation							
	Reserves at 1/1/21	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfer between funds	Reserves at 31/12/21	
	£	£	£	£		£	
Unrestricted Funds	187,330	97,536	-119,344	30,205	473	196,200	
Restricted Funds	323	3,443	-132		-473	3,161	
Total Funds	187,653	100,979	-119,476	30,205	0	199,361	
Restricted funds received and expended							
	2021 received	2021 expended		2020			
Childrens worker salary				£ -			
Childrens society collections	£ 132.00	-£132.00		£ -			
Lent appeal				£ 50.00			
Fabric Fund	£ 2,826.00			£ -			
Roof Appeal	£ 200.00			-£ 80,052.34			
Bishops Charity				£ -			
RNLI				£ -			
Christingle	£ 30.00			£ -			
Children at Church	£ 255.00			-£ 52.36			
All We Can Appeal				£ -			
	£ 3,443.00	-£132.00		-£ 80,054.70			
Other balances							
Childrens Corner	£ 255.00			£ -			
Roof Repair Appeal Fund				£ 273.00			
Fabric Fund	£ 2,826.00			£ -			
Christingle	£ 30.00						
Lent appeal	£ 50.00			£ 50.00			
	£ 3,161.00			£ 323.00			

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

9 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	56,818	5,282	62,100
Charitable Activities	22,737		22,737
Other Trading Activities	700		700
Investments	6,568		6,568
Other	566		566
	87,389	5,282	92,671
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	0		0
Charitable Activities	136,194	85,337	221,531
Other	110		110
	136,304	85,337	221,641
Net gain/(losses) on investment	15,230		15,230
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-48,915	-80,055	-128,970
Transfer between Funds	-29104	29104	0
Net Movements in Funds	-62,789	-50,951	-113,740
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/20	250,119	51,274	301,393
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/20	187,330	323	187,653

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

**Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2021**

FRESSE (SORP) Compliant

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**The Parish of St Margarets Church
Great Barr**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) on the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

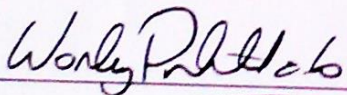
- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date : 11th May 2022

Worley Pritchard & Co
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The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Balance Sheet

	notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	236,619	216,414
		<u>236,619</u>	<u>216,414</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		18,296	28,808
Cash		260	46
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>18,556</u>	<u>28,854</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-58,699	-59,604
Debtors		2,885	1,989
		<u>-55,814</u>	<u>-57,615</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-37,258</u>	<u>-28,761</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>199,361</u>	<u>187,653</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		196,200	187,330
Restricted Funds		3,161	323
Total		<u>199,361</u>	<u>187,653</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on ...18th May...2022 and signed by

M. C. Rutter.....Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

2 Income and Endowments from:

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts					
Tax efficient planned giving		23,247			23,711
Other planned giving		0			0
Collections at services		3,356			1,766
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals		2,869	3,443		8,066
Gift Aid Recovered		4,710			4,159
Legacies received		9,000			4,998
Grants		22,104			19,400
		65,286	3,443	68,729	62,100
Charitable Activities	2b				
Church Activities					
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)		21,412			22,532
Summer Fete		0			0
Autumn Fayre					0
Other Fundraising Activities		371			205
		21,783	0	21,783	22,737
Other Trading Activities	2c				
Activities for Generating Fund					
Church Hall Hire		180			10
Parish Magazine		561			690
		741		741	700
Investments	2d				
Dividends		6,146			6,568
Rent received					0
		6,146		6,146	6,568
Other	2e	3,580			566
		3,580		3,580	566
Total		97,536	3,443	100,979	92,671

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
3	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Raising Funds				
	3a				
	<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
	Summer Fete	0			0
	Other fundraising expenses	0			0
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Charitable Activities				
	3b				
	<i>Church Activities</i>				
	Mission giving and donations		132		397
	Diocesan Parish Share	44,013			66,385
	Salaries/Wages	31,250			26,678
	Clergy and Staff Expenses	1,833			2,612
	<i>Church Expenses</i>				
	Church running expenses	24,389			25,908
	Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	121			706
	Church utility bills	8,135			6,831
	Cost of trading	4,868			5,755
	<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
	Major Repairs to the Church				85,050
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	New Building Work				0
	<i>Governance Costs</i>	<u>2,594</u>			<u>1,209</u>
		<u>117,203</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>117,335</u>	<u>221,531</u>
	Other				
	3c				
		2,141			110
		<u>2,141</u>		<u>2,141</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>2,141</u>		<u>2,141</u>	<u>110</u>
	Total	<u>119,344</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>119,476</u>	<u>221,641</u>

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Great Barr**

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Accounts

St. Margaret's Church, Great Barr

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative information

St. Margaret's Church is situated in Chapel Lane, Great Barr. It is part of the Diocese of Lichfield, within the Church of England. The Correspondence address is:
The Parish Office, St. Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7BA

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Charity No. 1132892

PCC members/Trustees who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Vicar	Revd Preb MC Rutter	Chairman
Reader	Mrs VA Rutter	
Wardens	Mrs JA Aubrook Mr PJ Clark	also Treasurer
Synod Reps	Mr A Humpage Mrs M Humpage	
Elected Members	[Mr DB Clive Mr TW Horrell Mr W Knight Mr J Rochelle Mr M Room Mr V Wiles	remaining Deputy Warden] Vice Chair, ERO (& Deputy Warden till APCM) (also paid part time verger) (from APCM 2020 - also paid as part time churchyard maintenance contractor) (also Deputy Warden from APCM)
	Mrs C Aston Mrs J Heathcote Ms S Lawes Miss P Millward Dr JM Milne Mrs B Smith Mrs R Smith Mrs B Stammers Mrs M Sutton Miss S Ward Miss B White Mrs A Wise	(from APCM 2020) (resigned 13/01/20) (until APCM 2020) (until APCM 2020) (PSO)

[Ms Heather Allen as Minute Secretary]

The Covid-19 Pandemic which caused major disruption and lockdown from March 2020 disrupted the normal pattern and activity of the PCC. Legislation also postponed the holding of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2020 which was finally held on 18th October 2020.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

In order to carry out its aims and objectives, the PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet as and when required between main PCC meetings and reporting back to the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law, and has the power to transact PCC business between its main meetings.

Finance Committee

This committee has the power to oversee the financial requirements of St Margaret's and to control matters of income and expenditure.

Social Committee

Oversees organizational requirements of any social functions that may be held within the Church's calendar.

Fabric Committee

Attends to the maintenance and any renewal requirements of the Church's structure, its contents, and the churchyard.

Health & Safety Committee

Reviews the requirements of recent legislation and carries out periodic checks on the building to identify any current or possible issues.

Pastoral Committee

Organizes links with the church and parish community, e.g. baptism visiting, welcoming new people to the parish.

Objectives and activities

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Great Barr it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers:

and Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The Charity also has the responsibility of maintaining the Parish Church of St. Margaret, in Chapel Lane, the support of our Church School (St. Margaret's CE (A) Primary School, Birmingham Road, Great Barr) and the sponsorship of the associated Scout and Guide groups.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll increased during 2020 from the 2019 figure of 205 names to 212 names presented to the APCM.

The average Sunday attendance for 2020 fell to **52** (*88 in 2019*) mainly due to Covid19 restrictions. The average prior to Covid19 was running at 77, a figure similar to the same period in 2019. The average number of children attending also fell to 5 (*17*) following the closedown of C@Ch and the Uniformed Organisations. Attendance was higher at the start of the year and with the variety of services. Restrictions meant there were no Easter Services and only limited space at Christmas = 77 (Easter was 144 and Christmas 444 in 2019).

Overall total attendance came to 93 each week at the start of the year falling to 57 after Covid, with a total average of 58.5 for the year.

There were **6** (*33 in 2019*) baptisms, **3** (*14*) weddings, **0** (*0*) blessings of marriage & **1** (*1*) marriage thanksgivings during the year as well as **19** (*19*) Funerals in church and **14** (*8*) at the Crematorium & **11** (*10*) Interment of Ashes.

Review of the year

The full PCC met once face to face before lockdown, then 3 times via correspondence and finally once by a combination of Zoom + correspondence. (3 members did not have internet access, and 5 were shielding.) This gave an attendance level of 59%. The Standing Committee and other sub-committees met as and when possible.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

There is a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) who has introduced the **National Safeguarding training** to the PCC with each member being asked to complete C0 & C1, and the further levels as appropriate. Members have been helped to undertake the training and a record of completion has been kept. Safeguarding concerns are a part of all PCC activities and are particularly voiced at the Pastoral Committee and are a regular item on the PCC agenda. To date no specific safeguarding incidents have been recorded. The Parish has responded to the The Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) which was run in all Church of England dioceses during 2020 concerning historic sexual abuse, and made submission about John Stratton and how he affected children both at school and at this church.

In 2020 Covid19 had a major impact and stop on much of the life and work of the Parish

Church Finances were a major item at each meeting. The Parish share was paid in part. The reclaiming of Gift Aid by the Diocese for us, together with Woolley Pritchard continuing to work out salaries, pensions, furlough schemes etc., as well as acting as auditors, both continued well. Many members swapped to online giving.

January 2020 – The **completion of the Building Project** was reported on together with the Bishop of Lichfield's visit and re-dedication of the building. Finance and the new Church Representation Rules 2020 were discussed. The Health & Safety Committee report was received. The Vicar had written to our MPs elected in the autumn General Elections and Miss Richards, the new MP for Sandwell, had come to a service. The Churchyard had won the Silver Award in the Churchyards Competition and The Nature Friendly Certificate. Ideas for the spring programme were put forward. A report on the Deanery Synod was given.

The March meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, as were the other church meetings and activities. The Deanery Synod also halted meetings until the autumn. The activities of **Great Barr Churches Together** & the annual **Spring Harvest event**, were all cancelled.

In June a letter went out regarding the allowing of churches to reopen under Covid regulations and St. Margaret's reopened on 4th July with hand sanitizing, social distancing, face-covering wearing, no singing, and other actions – and numbers according to the Risk Assessment. Services were restricted to 11am on Sundays and 10am on Thursdays. The details of the Risk Assessment were re-circulated with the Annual Report & Accounts, and an up to date Financial Report in July.

In September proposals and discussions about the APCM took place and this was finally held following a shortened service on Sun 18th October. The meeting also passed a resolution to reduce the number of elected members on the PCC from 18 to 15, in line with the latest guidelines. This will come into effect with the 2021 APCM.

In December the PCC met via a combination of postal communication and a Zoom discussion. This looked at re-activating the Church Facebook page, and questions about the number and manner of holding Christmas services. The outcome was that some services were livestreamed, some were ticketed and the C@Ch Christmas Service was pre-recorded.

When allowed baptism, weddings and funerals (graveside & in church) took place and a limited ticketed All Souls Memorial Service was successful.

Fundraising and social events went on hold and only a limited supporting of other charity funds was possible.

In 2020 the PCC met its expectations in: -

Celebrated the completion of the Building Project.

People have been held together during the pandemic through the work of the Pastoral Team and others, with prayer and various means of contact. This included everyone on the Electoral Roll; Home Communion was taken out where possible; Wedding and Baptism Anniversary cards & the Magazine were sent out; the church website has been in constant use with prayers, news and resources for old and young (being mailed out when requested); Worship offered when possible; Risk Assessments carried out & the church adapted; the organ has been played and music and hymns on CD; new Wi-Fi has worked and people helped to find worship and resources on the TV, internet, & phone, including 60+ people with the weekly 'From the Vicarage' emails; the foodbanks were supported, as have our schools.

In the coming year the PCC looks forward to: -

Coming out of Covid19 with the resulting opening up of worship and regular activities; facing the financial challenges; continuing to reach out in new ways and with new areas of engagement with the Community; renewing and strengthening the involvement between Church and School, the Uniformed Organisations and our Children at Church; continuing to develop our work with parents and children more generally; developing our ecological base and contacts; developing the gifts of members; and the advancement of the Church and faith within the life of the Parish.

[At the end of 2019 the coming Covid19 Pandemic was not dreamed of, nor the lockdown of church buildings and the complete turning upside down of church life that would result.]

Churchwardens' Report Year Ending 31 December 2020

This year has been a particularly difficult year for wardens and the whole church community due to Covid19. Church life as we know it has been turned on its head due to the many rules and regulations imposed in response to the pandemic. The church was completely closed for a time, then it was opened for private prayer only. Easter services, Weddings and baptisms were cancelled, funerals were severely restricted in the numbers of family members who could attend. The church was eventually allowed to open for a limited number of services but with strict regulations on the numbers who could attend. Risk assessments had to be undertaken before the church could reopen to the general public and guidelines for how to operate safely within the regulations had to be established. Everything had to be properly cleaned and sanitised before and after each service, hand sanitisers made available at various positions in the church. A one-way system was established to minimise social contact. Observance of social distancing meant that alternate pews were cordoned off and only families allowed to sit together on the remaining pews. Wearing of face coverings became obligatory and socialising with friends was severely restricted. Names and addresses of people attending church had to be recorded. All of this continues to impact on the ability of the church to function properly. The Remembrance Sunday service had to be adapted due to the restrictions on numbers allowed to attend, and thanks go to the existing and ex service personnel who acted as stewards and ensured that those attending kept the correct social distancing, and recorded names and addresses in accordance with the restrictions in force. Christmas services were particularly affected and for the first time in living memory tickets were allocated to attend services over the Christmas period to ensure numbers did not exceed the limits imposed by the Covid regulations. Services were however well attended despite the limits on numbers allowed in church.

Managing these restrictions to ensure full compliance with the constantly changing rules and to ensure the health and safety of everyone visiting the church is the responsibility of the vicar and churchwardens. Martin had to take special care as due to his previous health problems he had to limit his social contact, and Peter also was shielding for most of the time due to his own health concerns. This left June to carry the main burden of keeping the church running in accordance with the restrictions imposed. In this she was greatly assisted by Sue Ward and Vic Wiles and the many others who helped in whatever way they could. Thanks go to everyone who has helped in this time. Georgina and Louise were unable to hold Children @ Church meetings at church but managed to provide continued teaching and support to our younger members and their families online and pre-recorded online services for Christmas and Easter.

The Covid restrictions not only affected public worship but also the normal administration of church activities. Heather is a key worker and so was able to continue her duties as Parish Administrator in isolation in the church office. Verger Bill was put on furlough until July and all committee and other group meetings put on hold. The AGM was deferred from April to October when a brief break in lockdown rules enabled the PCC to meet in church. Some meetings have been held via zoom and Annabel Wise and Ben Cliff have been exploring other ways to extend online communication to enable more people to take part in services and meetings.

The Covid restrictions have had a dramatic effect on the PCC finances. Not only were collection plate donations well down due to the church being unable to allow services to proceed for most of the year, especially over the Christmas period when services are usually well attended and donations generous, but there was no opportunity to hold any fund raising events at all during the year. It has also proved costly to provide the necessary sanitising wipes, hand gels and signage to enable compliance with the rules, expenditure that was not budgeted for. The reduction in income and rise in unexpected expenditure meant that our finances have been severely affected and we have struggled to meet all our financial obligations. For the first time for many years we were not able to pay the full Parish Share, eventually paying just half of the full amount demanded. The prospects of paying the full share in 2021 are unlikely. We have not been able to provide the level of financial help to charities that we normally support but we still managed to raise £234 for the Children's Society via the collection boxes and provide support for the 3 students at a Ugandan school that we agreed to sponsor. Gifts donated for Harvest Festival were given to St. Basil's charity for the homeless and the local Food Banks.

The Wardens have been supported by many members of the church community without whose help it would be much harder. Sue Ward and Vic Wiles have already been commended for their help in supporting June with the organisation of the services. Heather Allen, our Parish Administrator, works tirelessly in the background making sure everything runs smoothly in the office, and has found herself with extra duties assisting June and the others ensuring the church continues to comply with the restrictions imposed by Covid.. Sheila Ward continues to stand in as organist and choir leader in the absence of a permanent appointment to this post but due to the restrictions on singing in church the choir has been unable to perform at church services during the year. Bill Knight our Verger ensures that the church is always properly prepared for the limited number of church services conducted here and cleaned down afterwards. Charles Hatfield keeps the church clean and is always available to help, although his duties have curtailed during the lockdown. The Bell Ringers unfortunately have not been able to ring this year due to the restrictions. Thanks go to all of these valued members of our team and to everyone who has supported us in so many different ways.

Fabric Report

The completion of the Roof Repairs and Renovation of the entrance to provide Disabled toilet facilities last year meant that no major maintenance or repair problems were encountered this year.

Maintenance of the churchyard remains a problem as it covers such a large area. Mark Room, an independent gardening contractor employed part time by the PCC maintains the new graveyard area and the area further down the churchyard. Mark also assists with some grave digging and general handyman duties.

Thanks to the help of many volunteers the churchyard remained beautiful throughout the year. Special thanks go to Chris and Brenda Bird who turn up every week to maintain the front drive and the area at the rear of the Meeting Room. Thanks also to Vic Wiles for mowing the front lawn and all the other volunteers who give their time freely to help the church.

Thanks also to Keith Watkins who has painted the main gates at the entrance to the church. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Churchwardens again this year, and we thank the PCC, Dennis Clive and William Horrell (Deputy Wardens), and all the other people who have helped us support the church and the Vicar.

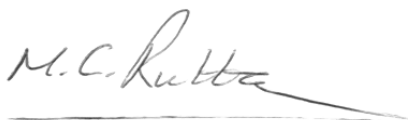
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Churchwardens

Peter Clark

This report has been prepared jointly by the Chairman, Secretary and Church Wardens.

On behalf of the PCC



(Chairman)

21st April 2021

Charity Number 1132892

**The Parish of St Margarets Church
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**Accounts for the Year ended
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I report to the trustees of St Margaret's Church, Great Barr Parochial Church Council (Charity No1132892) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on pages 2-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- . To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) on the Charities Act, and
- . To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 - .to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
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Signed: _____



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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

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Other Trading Activities	2C	700		700	1,046
Investments	2D	6,568		6,568	10,473
Other	2E	566		566	1,280
Total		87,389	5,282	92,671	193,531
Resources Expended					
Raising Funds	3A	0		0	308
Charitable Activities	3B	136,194	85,337	221,531	372,586
Other	3C	110		110	456
Total		136,304	85,337	221,641	373,350
Net gain/(losses) on investment		15,230		15,230	57,172
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-48,915	-80,055	-128,838	-179,819
Transfer between Funds		-29,104	29,104	0	0
Net Movements in Funds		-62,789	-50,951	-113,740	-122,647
Total Funds brought forward 1st January 2020		250,119	51,274	301,393	424,040
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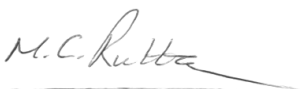
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Balance Sheet

	notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	216,414	271,184
		<u>216,414</u>	<u>271,184</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		28,808	35,804
Cash		46	38
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>28,854</u>	<u>35,842</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-59,604	-8,960
Debtors		1,989	3,327
		<u>-57,615</u>	<u>-5,633</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-28,761</u>	<u>30,209</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>187,653</u>	<u>301,393</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		187,330	250,119
Restricted Funds		323	51,274
Total		<u>187,653</u>	<u>301,393</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 21st April 2021 and signed by



Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

The Parish of St Margarets Church Great Barr

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

c) Income and Endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies				
2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	23,711			29,587
Other planned giving				0
Collections at services	1,766			5,237
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	2,784	5,282		16,803
Gift Aid Recovered	4,159			15,223
Legacies received	4,998			100
Grants	19,400			80,000
	<u>56,818</u>	<u>5,282</u>	<u>62,100</u>	<u>146,950</u>
Charitable Activities				
2b				
Church Activities				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	22,532			28,360
Summer Fete				3,735
Autumn Fayre				1,496
Other Fundraising Activities	205			191
	<u>22,737</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,737</u>	<u>33,782</u>
Other Trading Activities				
2c				
Activities for Generating Fund				
Church Hall Hire	10			40
Parish Magazine	690			1,006
	<u>700</u>		<u>700</u>	<u>1,046</u>
Investments				
2d				
Dividends	6,568			10,473
Rent received				0
	<u>6,568</u>		<u>6,568</u>	<u>10,473</u>
Other				
2e				
	<u>566</u>			<u>1,280</u>
	<u>566</u>		<u>566</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Total	<u>87,389</u>	<u>5,282</u>	<u>92,671</u>	<u>193,531</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
3				
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	3a			
<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
Summer Fete	0			175
Other fundraising expenses	0			133
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>308</u>
Charitable Activities	3b			
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	110	287		1,630
Diocesan Parish Share	66,385			74,471
Salaries/Wages	26,678			27,112
Clergy and Staff Expenses	2,612			3,088
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	25,908			23,623
Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	706			968
Church utility bills	6,831			7,139
Cost of trading	5,755			10,240
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church		85,050		223,129
Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
New Building Work				0
<i>Governance Costs</i>	1,209			1,186
	<u>136,194</u>	<u>85,337</u>	<u>221,531</u>	<u>372,586</u>
Other	3c			
	110			456
	<u>110</u>		<u>110</u>	<u>456</u>
Total	<u>136,304</u>	<u>85,337</u>	<u>221,641</u>	<u>373,350</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
4(a) Staff Costs		
Salaries	26,678	27,112

During the year the PCC employed 3 staff; a verger, a parish worker and a church office administrator.

4(b) PCC Costs

The following payments were made to members of the PCC during the financial year

P Clark	£	290.00	CCLI Subscription
H Allen	£	798.02	Stationery & Postage
H Allen	£	29.98	Cleaning Materials
H Allen	£	49.99	AVG licence
H Allen	£	179.99	Repairs
Rev M Rutter	£	1,714.00	Vicar's Expenses
M Room	£	2,500.00	Churchyard Upkeep
M Room	£	220.00	Grave Digging
M Room	£	109.28	Mower service

5(a) Fixed Assets

Investment property	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/19	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/19	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2020	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2020
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	271,184	0	-70,000		15,230	216,414
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	271,184	0	-70,000	0	15,230	216,414

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6 Liabilities	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	815	569
Accrual of pension and HMRC	131	0
Debtor	0	-1,412
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-1,989	-1,915
Other Creditors and accruals	11,243	8,391
Parish Share	47,415	
	<u>57,615</u>	<u>5,633</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>57,615</u>	<u>5,633</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	216,414	0	216,414
Current Assets	28,854	0	28,854
Current Liabilities	-57,615	0	-57,615
	<u>187,653</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>187,653</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves at 1/1/20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfer between funds	Reserves at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	250,119	87,389	-136,304	15,230	-29,104	187,330
Restricted Funds	51,274	5,282	-85,337	0	29,104	323
Total Funds	<u>301,393</u>	<u>92,671</u>	<u>-221,641</u>	<u>15,230</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>187,653</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2020 received	2020 expended	2019
Childrens worker salary			£ -
Childrens society collections	£ 234.43	-£234.43	-£ 158.01
Lent appeal	£ 50.00	£0.00	£ -
Missionary Aviation Fellowship		£0.00	£ -
Roof Appeal	£ 4,997.65	-£85,049.99	£ 48,757.24
Bishops Charity	£ -	£0.00	-£ 0.17
RNLI	£ -	£0.00	£ -
Remembrance Day (RB Legion)	£ -	£0.00	-£ 294.08
Children at Church	£ -	-£52.36	£ 52.53
All We Can Appeal	£ -	£0.00	£ -
	<u>£ 5,282.08</u>	<u>-£85,336.78</u>	<u>£ 48,357.51</u>
Other balances			
Charities Funds (paid out Jan 2020)	£ -		£ 52.36
Roof Repair Appeal Fund	£ 273.00		£ 48,825.34
Heating fund	£ -		£ 2,396.00
Lent appeal	£ 50.00		
	<u>£ 323.00</u>		<u>£ 51,273.70</u>

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9 SOFA Comparatives

(PREVIOUS YEAR)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	55,546	91,404	146,950
Charitable Activities	30,222	3,560	33,782
Other Trading Activities	1,046		1,046
Investments	10,473		10,473
Other	1,280		1,280
	98,567	94,964	193,531
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	308		308
Charitable Activities	147,827	224,759	372,586
Other	456		456
	148,591	224,759	373,350
Net gain/(losses) on investment	57,172		57,172
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-50,024	-129,795	12,060
Transfer between Funds	-178,153	178,153	0
Net Movements in Funds	-171,005	48,358	-122,647
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/19	421,124	2,916	424,040
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/19	250,119	51,274	301,393

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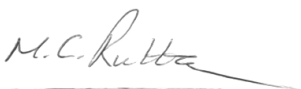
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	notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	0	0
Investment Assets	5(b)	216,414	271,184
		<u>216,414</u>	<u>271,184</u>
Current Assets			
Bank current account		28,808	35,804
Cash		46	38
Lichfield Diocese Board of Finance		0	0
		<u>28,854</u>	<u>35,842</u>
Liabilities due in one year	6		
Creditors		-59,604	-8,960
Debtors		1,989	3,327
		<u>-57,615</u>	<u>-5,633</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>-28,761</u>	<u>30,209</u>
Liabilities due after one year			
Creditors		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>187,653</u>	<u>301,393</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		187,330	250,119
Restricted Funds		323	51,274
Total		<u>187,653</u>	<u>301,393</u>

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 21st April 2021 and signed by



Revd M C Rutter, Chairman

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Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRSSE) or (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Description of Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

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c) Income and Endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies 2a				
Voluntary Income/Receipts				
Tax efficient planned giving	23,711			29,587
Other planned giving				0
Collections at services	1,766			5,237
All other giving and voluntary receipts including special appeals	2,784	5,282		16,803
Gift Aid Recovered	4,159			15,223
Legacies received	4,998			100
Grants	19,400			80,000
	<u>56,818</u>	<u>5,282</u>	<u>62,100</u>	<u>146,950</u>
Charitable Activities 2b				
Church Activities				
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	22,532			28,360
Summer Fete				3,735
Autumn Fayre				1,496
Other Fundraising Activities	205			191
	<u>22,737</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,737</u>	<u>33,782</u>
Other Trading Activities 2c				
Activities for Generating Fund				
Church Hall Hire	10			40
Parish Magazine	690			1,006
	<u>700</u>		<u>700</u>	<u>1,046</u>
Investments 2d				
Dividends	6,568			10,473
Rent received				0
	<u>6,568</u>		<u>6,568</u>	<u>10,473</u>
Other 2e	<u>566</u>			<u>1,280</u>
	<u>566</u>		<u>566</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Total	<u>87,389</u>	<u>5,282</u>	<u>92,671</u>	<u>193,531</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
3				
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising Funds	3a			
<i>Costs of Generating Income</i>				
Summer Fete	0			175
Other fundraising expenses	0			133
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>308</u>
Charitable Activities	3b			
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Mission giving and donations	110	287		1,630
Diocesan Parish Share	66,385			74,471
Salaries/Wages	26,678			27,112
Clergy and Staff Expenses	2,612			3,088
<i>Church Expenses</i>				
Church running expenses	25,908			23,623
Church Expenses (Mission and Evangelism)	706			968
Church utility bills	6,831			7,139
Cost of trading	5,755			10,240
<i>Major Capital Expenditure</i>				
Major Repairs to the Church		85,050		223,129
Major Repairs to Church Hall				0
New Building Work				0
<i>Governance Costs</i>	1,209			1,186
	<u>136,194</u>	<u>85,337</u>	<u>221,531</u>	<u>372,586</u>
Other	3c			
	110			456
	<u>110</u>		<u>110</u>	<u>456</u>
Total	<u>136,304</u>	<u>85,337</u>	<u>221,641</u>	<u>373,350</u>

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	2020 £	2019 £
4(a) Staff Costs		
Salaries	26,678	27,112

During the year the PCC employed 3 staff; a verger, a parish worker and a church office administrator.

4(b) PCC Costs

The following payments were made to members of the PCC during the financial year

P Clark	£	290.00	CCLI Subscription
H Allen	£	798.02	Stationery & Postage
H Allen	£	29.98	Cleaning Materials
H Allen	£	49.99	AVG licence
H Allen	£	179.99	Repairs
Rev M Rutter	£	1,714.00	Vicar's Expenses
M Room	£	2,500.00	Churchyard Upkeep
M Room	£	220.00	Grave Digging
M Room	£	109.28	Mower service

5(a) Fixed Assets

Investment property	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
At Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Additions in the Year			
Disposal in the Year	0		0
Value at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 Jan 2019	0	0	0
Charge for the Year			
As at 31 Dec 2019	0	0	0
Net Book Value 31/12/19	0	0	0
Net Book Value 01/01/19	0	0	0

5(b) Investments

	01/01/2020	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	Change in Market Value	31/12/2020
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	271,184	0	-70,000		15,230	216,414
Restricted funds						
Investments	0	0			0	0
Total	271,184	0	-70,000	0	15,230	216,414

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6 Liabilities	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals of Utilities	815	569
Accrual of pension and HMRC	131	0
Debtor	0	-1,412
HMRC Gift Aid refund due	-1,989	-1,915
Other Creditors and accruals	11,243	8,391
Parish Share	47,415	
	<u>57,615</u>	<u>5,633</u>
Amounts falling due after one year		
Parish Share	0	0
	<u>57,615</u>	<u>5,633</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets

	General Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Investment Assets	216,414	0	216,414
Current Assets	28,854	0	28,854
Current Liabilities	-57,615	0	-57,615
	<u>187,653</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>187,653</u>

8 Funds Reconciliation

	Reserves at 1/1/20	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Investment Gains/Losses	Transfer between funds	Reserves at 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted Funds	250,119	87,389	-136,304	15,230	-29,104	187,330
Restricted Funds	51,274	5,282	-85,337	0	29,104	323
Total Funds	<u>301,393</u>	<u>92,671</u>	<u>-221,641</u>	<u>15,230</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>187,653</u>

Restricted funds received and expended

	2020 received	2020 expended	2019
Childrens worker salary			£ -
Childrens society collections	£ 234.43	-£234.43	-£ 158.01
Lent appeal	£ 50.00	£0.00	£ -
Missionary Aviation Fellowship		£0.00	£ -
Roof Appeal	£ 4,997.65	-£85,049.99	£ 48,757.24
Bishops Charity	£ -	£0.00	-£ 0.17
RNLI	£ -	£0.00	£ -
Remembrance Day (RB Legion)	£ -	£0.00	-£ 294.08
Children at Church	£ -	-£52.36	£ 52.53
All We Can Appeal	£ -	£0.00	£ -
	<u>£ 5,282.08</u>	<u>-£85,336.78</u>	<u>£ 48,357.51</u>
Other balances			
Charities Funds (paid out Jan 2020)	£ -		£ 52.36
Roof Repair Appeal Fund	£ 273.00		£ 48,825.34
Heating fund	£ -		£ 2,396.00
Lent appeal	£ 50.00		
	<u>£ 323.00</u>		<u>£ 51,273.70</u>

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9 SOFA Comparatives

(PREVIOUS YEAR)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies	55,546	91,404	146,950
Charitable Activities	30,222	3,560	33,782
Other Trading Activities	1,046		1,046
Investments	10,473		10,473
Other	1,280		1,280
	98,567	94,964	193,531
Resources Expended			
Raising Funds	308		308
Charitable Activities	147,827	224,759	372,586
Other	456		456
	148,591	224,759	373,350
Net gain/(losses) on investment	57,172		57,172
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-50,024	-129,795	12,060
Transfer between Funds	-178,153	178,153	0
Net Movements in Funds	-171,005	48,358	-122,647
Total Funds brought forward 1/1/19	421,124	2,916	424,040
Total Funds carried forward 31/12/19	250,119	51,274	301,393