

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON

England & Wales · Charity number 1133041

Details

Other names	ST JAMES THE GREAT PCC CONGLETON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-12-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including the visiting of the sick and bereaved teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The provision of Sunday School. Supporting other charities in the UK and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£33,140	£14,977	-	-
2024-12-31	£28,984	£35,141	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,990	£33,866	-	-
2022-12-31	£42,156	£48,556	-	-
2021-12-31	£39,613	£32,119	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,341	£35,948	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Albert Edward Crew		2025-05-25
Angela Jane Balcombe		2023-04-16
Barbara Andrew		2020-10-01
Celia Crew		2025-05-25
MARK THOMAS		2018-04-26
MR L B R MURGATROYD		
MRS S M MURGATROYD		
Patrick Andrew		2020-10-01
Philip Balcombe		2025-05-25
Rosemary Judith Newling		2025-05-25

Accounts

**Agenda for Annual meeting 2025-2026 on Sunday April 26th after Mass at approx. 11.30pm
in the Church**

Welcome by the Deputy Chairman

Approval of Minutes of 2023 -2024 (attached in the package)

Matters arising

Apologies

Attendance

Election of Officers

Churchwardens

PCC members

Sidesmen now elected at first PCC meeting following the APCM

Deanery Synod Representatives.

Reports (Any Questions)

PCC report

Church Magazine Report

100 Club Report

Parish Safeguarding Report

Action Plan Safeguarding

Electoral Roll report

Social Committee Report

Fabric Report

Deanery Synod Report

Server's Report

Finance Report

No Chairman's report because of Interregnum

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 25th MAY 2025 HELD AFTER MORNING MASS AT APPROXIMATELY 11-30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL.

In the absence of the Chairman due to the Interregnum, the deputy chair referred the duty to the secretary. The secretary welcomed everybody present to the meeting.

Apologies None

Attendance 21 parishioners attended the meeting.

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on Sunday 12 May 2024 had previously been circulated to PCC members and were attached to the package of reports which had been distributed to parishioners prior to this Annual Meeting. It was proposed by Mark Thomas and seconded by Patrick Andrew that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

Matters arising none

Election of Officers

Prior to the election Mr Philip Balcome asked for the following statement to be read out 'In advance of the vote at the 2025 APCM for the election of a new PCC and post of churchwardens I feel that it is my duty to let the congregation know that I have no objection to women clergy within the Church of England. Furthermore, if I am elected to the PCC and as a Churchwarden, I would should the situation arise vote in favour of accepting a woman as incumbent at St James'.

The secretary did indeed read the above statement out prior to the election.

Churchwardens. Patrick Andrew and Philip Balcome have been nominated to serve as churchwardens for the coming year and it was proposed by Chas Linsell and seconded by Sue Murgatroyd that their appointments be accepted. All agreed and Patrick and Philip were thanked by the secretary for taking up their positions as churchwardens. Both are ex-officio members of the PCC.

PCC members The following people had been nominated, proposed and seconded and they were Angela Balcombe, Don Newling, Ro Newling, Barbara Andrew, Lyndon Murgatroyd, Sue Murgatroyd, Pamela Moore, Pat Page and Roy Page. It was proposed by the secretary that the PCC members be nominated en bloc and all present agreed.

Deanery Synod Representatives Elections were not required this year.

Sidespeople will be elected at the PCC meeting which will immediately follow this APCM

Reports The reports from a number of organisations within the church were presented in the APCM package. People attending the meeting were asked for any comments on any of the reports. With two exceptions, there were no comments.

The first comment was raised by our Electoral Roll Officer who stated that the original report would require amendment. The original report stated that we had 43 members on the electoral roll however, three people did not return their forms and therefore it is assumed they no longer wish to be on the electoral roll and in addition a new member of the congregation has completed a form so the correct number of people as of now is 41.

The second lot of comments were from this new member of our congregation Pamela Moore who had three questions to ask about the finances.

The first one related where the information on funerals fees etc could be found in the accounts. Mark Thomas replied that fees of this kind are listed under 'Fees to PCC'

The second question which was a concern was that as the finances showed a considerable loss what would happen to the church if this continued? Mark said that it was a good question for her to ask and he answered it in the following way. A few weeks earlier we had a meeting with The Bishop of Beverley Bishop Steven Race who clarified the situation with the Parish Share which we had been unable pay in full for many years. He told the PCC that giving to the diocese is the same as giving to the church in that you give as much as you feel you can afford. There should be no feeling of guilt that there is a deficit, and nobody on the PCC is responsible for any debt. Following this meeting the diocese were informed of the financial situation that currently exists and the diocese immediately stated that no Parish Share should be paid at the present time and they reduced it to £5per month simply to maintain the Direct Debit. Of course now, this is helping our situation immensely and our financial situation should improve dramatically this coming year.

The third question which Pamela asked was What was the Education Fund? This was money which came originally from the sale of St James School. The money can only be used for education purposes. The last time any of the money was withdrawn was when the refurbishment of the church (which involved the room where the Sunday school was held), was carried out. The trustees of this fund are the resident incumbent and the churchwardens.

There being no further questions, the secretary then referred briefly to Fr Jonathan's report which had been kind to us all and that we at St James are all very grateful to him for the huge amount of help he has given us. Fr Jonathan said 'it has been a joy to be at St James' and he expressed his sadness that he would not be at our next APCM.

There being no further business, the secretary closed the meeting but asked the elected PCC members to remain for a short meeting to appoint officers for the coming year and to elect sidespeople.

CHURCH REPORTS 2025-2026

PCC REPORT Your PCC has met 7 times over the past year. The main items that were covered during the year included Parish Safeguarding which is on every agenda routinely. The Patronal Festival held last July was an important topic as it became a civil event with the mayor and mayoress of Congleton being invited. Another main issue was the preparation of the Parish Profile which is needed prior to advertising for a new incumbent. We were greatly helped by The Archdeacon Jane Proudfoot and the PCC appreciated her input.

As a result of our treasurer being away for a period of approximately 3 months, it was necessary to increase the number of signaturees for cheques to be paid during his absence.

The last main issue this year was a PCC policy document drawn up by one of our new PCC members Pamela Moore, to cover all aspects of responsibilities the church is liable for which include , Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Data protection, Conflict of Interests, Complaints, Equality issues, Fundraising , Finance and many more. Pamela is to be congratulated for producing this document which is still in discussion and each of the areas require signing off. Subsequent to this, the document will then be reviewed annually. **Thank you to all PCC members for their hard work covering a number of issues during the year.**

Lyndon Murgatroyd

CHURCH MAGAZINE The only change this year was that we lost the support of Egerton's the butchers opposite the church as a sponsor. No reason was given, they just decided not to continue. I would like to thank them for their support over many years. I was able to replace the sponsorship with Birch Jewellers in town who were happy to support us.

For accounting purposes it was agreed that our new printer would be paid annually for the church magazine which would make management of payment much easier. The printing has been excellent and we will continue to use Gordon as our printer.

We have lost a few regular magazine readers sadly as a result of death. However the lower cost of the printing still enables the cost of the magazine to be cost negative to the church. Thank you to all the contributors to the magazine over the past year. I hope people who continue to take it find the content interesting

Lyndon Murgatroyd

100 CLUB The 100 club continued throughout the past twelve months. Unfortunately we lost some members sadly through death. The total amount paid out to winners in 2025 was £840 but some winners donated their winnings to the church which received substantially more. Our membership number is now 33 so there is just over a 1 in 30 chance of winning. Anyone wishing to join pays £5 per month by standing order. I do not handle any money. The average prize pay out monthly this year has been £80 and an equal amount has gone to the church. The amount paid out will vary depending on the number of members we have.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

SAFEGUARDING REPORT.

First of all a reminder, safeguarding in our Church context involves all vulnerable people not just children. At St. James' we do have members and visitors that require protection and that is why we are undertaking to do all that is required to meet the diocesan guidelines. It is important that we are all aware of this and not only are aware of our own safety but also seek to protect other members of the congregation.

I am pleased to report that the St James' safeguarding journey is still moving forward and we are compliant in most of the required fields. The PSO is accepted by the diocesan office as a representative of St James'. Mark Thomas is also a safeguarding champion, mainly needed to DBS check the PSO. The safeguarding policy has been adopted by the PCC and is being reviewed along with all other PCC policies.

I am happy to report that there have been no instances which have needed dealing with this year. However, as a reminder, if any concerns are raised people should get in touch with me as the safeguarding officer or the safeguarding team at the diocese. There are posters on the notice board and details on our 'A Church Near You' website to explain how to do this.

The Diocese introduced in 2024 a 'Safeguarding Dashboard' which is an online facility which allows guidance, clarity and access. As a Parish we have to comply with different aspects of safeguarding, for example of DBS checking certain individuals, adoption of various policies, completion of courses etc. The dashboard shows how far we have come on our journey. We have almost completed Level

1, have made progress on Level 2 and have been invited to start on Level 3. No one expects all Churches to complete everything immediately, there is always an element of 'working towards'. However, I know that whilst some parishes have almost finished, if we ever can do, some haven't even launched their dashboards. We are doing ok at St. James.

An action plan produced by the Parish dashboard is attached for approval.

From the attached action plan it will be noted that the main issue to be tackled is the completion of courses. Availability of time and suitable IT provision has hampered our completion of these courses but rest assured they will be tackled when possible. The leadership course for the Church Wardens in particular is onerous time wise and will be done when possible.

In conclusion, we are well on our way to fulfilling all that is required of us to demonstrate that St. James the Great at Congleton is a welcoming and safe environment for all to come and worship. We are in a position to show any prospective new clergy that we are serious about our duties regarding safeguarding. Ultimately, we are putting into action our calling from Jesus to show care and compassion to everyone, whoever and whatever they may be, and to love and protect them. With the Grace of God, we will.

Angela Balcombe

Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Safeguarding Action Plan

Level 2

Congleton St

James

Introduction

The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, *Promoting a Safer Church*, says: *"All Church bodies should ensure that they have a 'Promoting a Safer Church' action plan in place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly."*

To help parishes prioritise their safeguarding work, a *Safeguarding Dashboard* can produce three levels

of Action Plan:

Level 1 - Safer foundations

Level 2 - Safer foundations and activities

Level 3 - Safer foundations, activities and practices

The PCC is asked to discuss and approve this Level 2 Action Plan.

Most Level 2 actions must be completed before the *Safeguarding Dashboard* can produce a Level 3

Action Plan.

Only a Level 3 Action Plan shows all the mandatory requirements with which the parish must comply. It

is therefore important that the Dashboard advances to Level 3 as quickly as possible.

Overall Progress

54% progress has been made towards the mandatory requirements of the Church of England.

Policies and Action Plan

Status Notes

Safeguarding Action Plan

The PCC must approve a Safeguarding Action Plan and review it at least once a year.

The PCC needs to review their Safeguarding Action Plan before 10/07/2026.

Safeguarding action plan to be discussed and included in the APCM agenda

Safeguarding Roles

Status Notes

DBS Administrator

The PCC must appoint at least one DBS Administrator who is responsible for the administration of DBS applications. This role may be carried out by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

A question needs to be reviewed before 19/06/2026.

Training for Key Roles

Status Notes

Parish Safeguarding Officer

The PCC must ensure that the Parish Safeguarding Officer undertakes the required safeguarding training.

Urgent

The Parish Safeguarding Officer needs to complete some safeguarding training.

Safer recruitment needs to be done

Churchwardens

The PCC must ensure that all Churchwardens undertake the required safeguarding training.

Urgent

Churchwardens need to complete some safeguarding training.

Leadership training needed

DBS Administrator

The PCC must ensure that DBS Administrators undertake the required safeguarding training.

Urgent

A question needs to be reviewed before 08/07/2026.

Safer recruitment needed

PCC Members

The PCC must ensure that all their members

undertake the required safeguarding training.

Urgent

PCC members need to complete some safeguarding training.

Some still need to complete

Reviews and Reports

Status Notes

PCC Agendas

Safeguarding must be a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.

A question needs to be reviewed before 19/06/2026.

Review List of Church Activities

The PCC must confirm that the list of Church Activities on this dashboard is complete.

Urgent

Action is required.

Church Activities

The PCC must not approve this Action Plan until the following information has been added.

This section of the Action Plan must include a list of every church activity that involves teaching,

training, instructing, caring for, supervising or transporting children or vulnerable adults. Any other

church activity that is organised primarily for children or vulnerable adults must also be listed.

Alternatively, this section must include a statement that confirms there are no such activities. Please update the *Safeguarding Dashboard* and then download a new Action Plan.

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Last year I reported that there were 41 names on the Electoral Roll. During the past year two of our Church members have died, but four new members have been added to the list which brings the number up to 43. For interest sake ten years ago the number of people on the Electoral Roll was 74.
Pat Page

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Once again we have had a full Social year.

Our main event was our Patronal Festival for St James day. Our ladies produced a truly magnificent spread, and the church was full, including the Mayor and Mayoress, and many other friends and parishioners of St James. This was a truly remarkable day with a full church, and a superlative buffet spread, with food that everyone was able to eat. Our church ladies made a beautiful spread, which ran from sandwiches to quiches, including everything in between.

We have also had our usual "get togethers", comprising, the Shrove Tuesday Meal and Harvest Supper, each of which was held at Sunday lunchtime, to enable everyone to be present.

As well as these we have also had an Afternoon Tea, and a "Tea and Cakes" afternoon

As usual, our thanks go to the Social team who do a marvellous job of organisation, and to everyone who helps at these events.

Sue Murgatroyd

FABRIC REPORT

There are currently pointing issues above the West Door when it rains heavily. This needs to be rectified fairly soon.

Electrical PAT Testing is due this year if we are to keep up with the two year testing cycle.

The Extractor fan in the WC on the left hand side requires replacing.

All other testing work is presently up to date and is serviced on a yearly basis.

Patrick Andrew

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Since the last APCM we have had two meetings of Congleton Deanery Synod. These took place at St Peter's Elworth and Christ Church Alsager. A third meeting which should have taken place in March this year has been postponed until next month due to the illness of the deanery secretary and correct information not being relayed to representatives.

At our meeting at Elworth the Synod welcomed Mrs Anne Joyce as its speaker. Her topic was on Developmental Language Deficit. This is a common condition and difficult to understand. About 14% of the population has difficulty in taking in information. For some people if they are given three instructions, they will only process what the last instruction is. As a deanery, together with Anne, we are working towards producing a booklet of what DLD is, how it affects people and how we can help them engage in a better way with worship and the Church community.

Over a number of meetings, the deanery has been hearing from Christian people who work with others in a variety of ways throughout the community. At the meeting in October Matthew Wright, the Community Champion from Kids Grove Tesco was our speaker. He talked about how on behalf of Tesco he ministers to customers in the store, helping people with their shopping, lending a listening ear to those who have difficulties in life and suggesting places where help might be sought and finding quiet places to pray with customers. Matthew is not only there for customers but also the store's staff. He is keen to involve Tesco in the needs of the community, displaying posters for charitable events and arranging visits where organisations can publicise how they can be of help. community within which it is situated.

The Deanery not only engages speakers for its meetings, it also carries out business by referring issues to the Diocesan Synod. This last year we asked the Diocese to review their policy regarding clergy pensions and the contracts of part-time clergy. They have done this and clergy pensions will be increased. We are in the course of compiling a Trust a Trader Catalogue of tradespeople who have carried out repair work and who parishes have found to be good.

Our next meeting will be an open meeting for anyone to attend to gain ideas on such topics as mission. Details will be available shortly.

Albert Crew.

SERVER REPORT

Since last year's APCM there has been little change in activity. Services have been covered usually with a single server both on Sundays and midweek. I suppose the highlights must include the celebration of our Patronal festival on the 26th of July when we were fortunate enough to have the presence of Bishop John Gaisford as our guest preacher together with a host of servers from the Guild of Servers to enhance the day which was attended by a number of dignitaries. We shall be having further visits of the Guild Chapter on Ascension Day on May 14th at 7.00pm and again later in September.

Albert Crew

FINANCE REPORT

St James the Great Congleton

2026 Annual Meeting – Treasurers Report

2025 Full Year Accounts Review

The detailed books and records together with bank statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2025 have been reviewed by Mr Charles Linsell. The signed off account summary is provided at the end of this report. Many thanks to Charles for undertaking this review.

2025 Full Year Accounts Report

2024 was a very challenging year for our finances and at the year end our bank balance was significantly depleted. In a telephone call and subsequent email exchange on 12th March 2025 Diocesan Accountant Sharon Taylor-Booth recommended that as a result of depleted reserves and a concern that on the financial trajectory at that time we may not be able to pay our bills our Parish Share was reduced to a token £5 to maintain the Direct Debit. Subsequently on the 14th March we were blessed with a visit from Bishop Stephen to our PCC Meeting where he helped us to understand the level of reserves we should restore and how we as a PCC should consider the demands of our Parish Share going forward. In addition to effectively suspending our Parish Share we continued to minimise expenditure to the extent that refreshments, cleaning materials and many of the costs of our worship from candles to altar wine were generously provided by members of our worshipping community. It is hard to see how any further cost reductions could have been made.

Bank Balance

This is a good high level indicator of how our financial recovery has progressed.

December 2024	June 2025	October 2025	December 2025
5,434	9,401	19,257	23,597

Whilst we have had to pay a contribution to Coppenhall of £3,300 in 2025 as a share of the living costs of Fr Jonathan, the ongoing Interegnum means that we have not paid any vicarage utilities,

Council Tax nor incumbents' expenses in 2025. The fee for visiting officiating retired priests passes through our books and is re-imbursed by the Diocese with just mileage costs of £385.40 paid by us. Note this will be higher in 2026 as we did not need to make any payments to Fr Jonathan.

In March 2025 I presented a budget to the PCC and this is set out below together with the actual out-turn. Note that the fees claimed from the diocese and paid to visiting clergy and a change in the way we account for funerals since the budget make direct comparisons difficult and the notes attempt to explain this. **In summary we have made a surplus of £15,400 albeit noting that the Interregnum and temporary suspension of the Parish Share result it in being anything but a typical year.**

2025 Budget v Actuals

INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	NOTES
Planned Giving	16,896	16,803	-93	
Cash Collections	1,000	2,136	1,136	
Fetes etc	500	489	-11	
100 club	960	1,170	210	
Fees	500	4,165	3,665	Includes reimbursement of interregnum PTO fees
Gift Aid	3,800	4,833	1,033	
Donations / Sundry Income		106	106	
Extrarodinary Income		1,000	1,000	Peter Eaton legacy
Magazine		322	322	
Restricted Income		2,114	2,114	Tree Pollarding Grant £2K
On Line Giving		2	2	
TOTAL INCOME	23,656	33,140	9,484	
EXPENSES				
Ministry	4,000	235	-3,765	No vicarage running costs & no clergy expenses
Heat Light Water	5,200	3,836	-1,364	Lower tarrifs secured
Insurance	2,745	2,757	12	
Upkeep of Services	750	1,695	945	Payments PTO fees to visiting clergy (excl Fr Jonathan)
Other Parish Exps	500	3,958	3,458	£3,300 paid to Coppenhall re Fr Jonathan
Charities	140	224	84	
Minor repairs		406	406	
Parish Share		60	60	
Fetes & bazzars		50	50	
Magazine		149	149	
Organist / Verger fees		635	635	For funerals included in Fees above
Fees paid to Diocese		972	972	Diocese share of Fees included in Fees above
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,335	14,977	1,642	
SURPLUS	10,321	18,163	7,842	
DEDUCT				
Restricted funds - tree grant		-2,000		
Residual Eaton legacy		-731		Gospel book purchased = £269
Operational Surplus		15,432		
Note that Fees Income above includes:				
Fees invoices for Funerals from which PCC fee, Diocese fee and Organist / Verger expenses are accounted in Expenses				
£1,200 PTO fees for officiants (excl Fr Jonathan) re-imbused by the Diocese and paid out in Expenses as Upkeep of Services				

A successful year as a result of:

- Lower energy costs (new fixed tariffs from October 2024)
- No vicarage costs or clergy expenses
- Cash collections increased due to special services
- No parish share paid (token £60 only)
- No unexpected repair costs
- Retained fees for Funerals
- Gift aid above forecast
- Continued aggressive management of costs and expenses
- Ongoing generous gifting of essential items throughout the year by our worshipping community

2026 Proposed Budget

I have drafted this on the basis of vicarage running costs and clergy expenses as if our vacancy was filled as that provides a 'worst case' financial case.

INCOME		BUDGET	
	Planned Giving	16,652	
	Cash Collections	2,000	
	Fets etc	500	
	100 Club	2,040	
	Fees	500	
	Gift Aid	3,400	
	TOTAL	25,092	
EXPENDITURE			
	Ministry	4,000	
	Heat Light Water	4,000	
	Insurance	3,000	
	Upkeep of Services	1,000	
	Other Expenses/Repairs	1,000	
	TOTAL	13,000	
	SURPLUS	12,092	

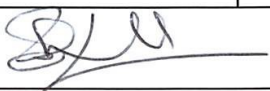
As a result of this recovery in our finances the PCC will agree an appropriate level of reserves and then having considered the balances of restricted funds such as legacies, an affordable contribution to our Parish Share in 2026.

Finally, we implemented an on-line giving solution in 2025. This is based on scanning a QR code on each pew with a smartphone. This will permit visitors who may have no cash to make a contribution. This solution was at no cost to the PCC with a small commission around 1.5% being taken from contributions.

Mark Thomas, Treasurer April 2026.

Audited sheets follow

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2025

Income	2024		2025	
Planned Giving	18,326.50		16,506.20	
Gift Aid Envelopes	350.68		295.00	
Other Collections	1,099.85		2,136.15	
Fetes, Bazaars	453.56		489.50	
Donations / Sundry Vol income	538.07		105.66	
Fees Paid to PCC	424.00		4,165.66	
Gift Aid Return	4,842.44		4,833.84	
Extraordinary Income	261.98		1,000.00	
100 Club	1,065.00		1,170.00	
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	25.00			
Parish Magazine	376.40		322.00	
Restricted Income	176.94		2,114.20	
Grants				
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,044.00			
On-Line Giving			1.96	
TOTAL		28,984.42		33,140.17
Expenses				
The Ministry	3,000.48		235.11	
Heating, Light, Water	5,227.77		3,835.60	
Insurance	2,924.33		2,757.82	
Minor Repairs	0.00		406.40	
Upkeep of Services	701.42		1,695.01	
Other Parish Expenses	493.00		3,957.90	
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00		60.00	
Charities	135.00		224.20	
Fetes and Bazaars	0.00		50.00	
Flower Fund	50.00		0.00	
Parish Magazine	224.41		148.50	
Payments from restricted income	176.94		0.00	
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,207.55		0.00	
Organist / Verger Fees			635.00	
Fees Paid to Diocese			972.00	
TOTAL		35,140.90		14,977.54
Surplus/(Deficit)		(6,156.48)		18,162.63
Bank Balance b/f from previous year		11,590.60		5,434.12
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE		5,434.12		23,596.75
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE		1,443.75		1,509.09
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE		6,877.87		25,105.84
REVIEWED BY : 		DATE : 18 APR '26		

St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2025 AD

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Receipts	2025
21,722.86	19,328.25	18,621.92	19,730.39	22,844.75	24,583.91	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	22,010.00	19,390.50	18,244.20	18,326.50	Planned Giving	16,506.20
2,680.40	2,266.46	3,185.95	2,309.00	2,412.00	2,084.50	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	1,773.12	1,299.20	1,221.00	350.68	Gift Aid Envelopes	295.00
1,152.90	1,829.66	1,349.98	1,882.67	1,094.66	1,591.29	1,001.39	591.67	423.20	723.25	866.48	866.48	1,099.85	Other Collections	2,136.15
2,781.86	2,792.84	2,527.96	2,953.57	3,536.95	3,214.62	2,775.84	2,407.65	165.84	590.50	919.97	1,016.22	453.56	Fetes, Bazaars	489.50
3,409.14	2,216.24	143.59	366.00	120.85	552.65	463.14	1,381.56	587.75	477.74	450.05	5,267.47	538.07	Donations / Sundry Vol Income	105.66
619.00	2,243.50	876.00	865.00	1,025.00	910.00	545.00	564.00	226.00	229.00	514.00	537.00	424.00	Fees Paid to PCC	4,165.66
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.55	45.20	157.46	183.92	59.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Remembrance Candles	0.00
3,505.71	5,311.39	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.46	6,889.00	6,004.59	7,478.07	6,183.25	5,581.34	5,320.64	4,937.06	4,842.44	Gift Aid Return	4,833.84
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund	0.00
170.26	62.74	805.54	406.64	129.00	489.37	478.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.98	Extraordinary Income	1,000.00
683.90	3,686.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Flower Festival Fund	0.00
125.09	90.35	121.96	52.97	4.24	22.00	131.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	13.15	0.00	0.00	General Flower Fund	0.00
932.50	1,272.50	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,170.00	1,135.00	1,235.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	1,510.00	1,370.00	1,270.00	1,065.00	100 Club	1,170.00
202.17	235.42	103.00	229.91	112.86	99.21	52.00	103.00	55.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	-
132.45	134.31	41.80	89.35	345.05	358.60	361.05	393.95	504.00	200.00	352.00	312.00	376.40	Parish Magazine	322.00
0.34	0.34	0.09	19.23	21.36	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Magazine Wall box	-
1,997.60	736.40	1,469.56	1,478.71	415.61	1,464.23	1,038.53	1,188.55	25.00	5,419.50	9,607.06	299.02	176.94	Restricted Income	2,114.20
0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	388.80	985.77	0.00	0.00	Grants	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	4,374.00	17,139.65	5,794.78	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	-
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,880.00	226.92	440.00	1,000.00	1,180.00	0.00	1,044.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Or-Line Giving	1.96
40,116.18	42,713.76	35,201.34	40,549.72	62,182.36	49,290.72	51,655.53	42,111.07	36,341.96	39,613.50	42,155.59	33,990.45	28,984.42	TOTAL	33,140.17
Payments														
2,964.05	3,083.80	3,085.36	3,125.81	2,637.47	2,761.46	3,042.91	2,893.56	3,025.20	3,057.64	3,145.06	3,244.02	3,000.48	The Ministry	235.11
2,745.26	2,014.92	2,268.57	1,721.91	2,393.26	1,628.25	2,126.81	2,557.72	2,290.38	2,483.23	1,991.56	3,450.28	5,227.77	Heating, Light, Water	3,835.60
3,883.50	4,400.79	4,249.08	3,544.79	2,636.99	2,079.91	2,310.39	2,364.36	2,413.88	2,456.17	2,548.26	2,773.19	2,924.33	Insurance	2,757.82
135.61	707.57	2,761.46	5,412.14	660.00	687.34	2,253.79	312.50	356.96	1,029.98	6,184.40	1,596.75	0.00	Minor Repairs	406.40
540.71	539.24	670.72	592.99	515.16	678.09	858.48	946.36	299.98	810.34	735.95	907.60	701.42	Unkeep of Services	1,695.01
0.00	262.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Organist / Verger Fees	635.00
50.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunday School	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Choir	0.00
2,500.91	2,067.50	2,042.03	1,408.27	951.37	656.27	911.72	795.12	972.83	931.29	659.73	245.00	493.00	Other Parish Expenses	3,957.90
21,510.00	20,384.00	25,550.00	25,918.00	25,930.20	26,460.00	28,800.00	30,000.00	25,800.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	Parish Share	60.00
169.50	1,414.50	260.00	272.00	121.00	928.60	301.03	604.00	110.00	127.50	172.00	135.00	135.00	Charities	224.20
0.00	1,908.89	0.00	0.00	220.00	574.00	235.00	207.65	0.00	78.12	72.20	0.00	0.00	Fetes and Bazaars	50.00
0.00	152.13	113.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	80.34	50.00	50.00	Flower Fund	0.00
0.00	275.11	120.40	110.15	51.20	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Candles	0.00
18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	254.77	350.67	315.50	323.95	125.75	94.79	0.00	245.54	224.41	Parish Magazine	148.50
2,047.45	1,120.70	1,161.87	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	0.00	9,607.06	219.02	176.94	Payments from restricted income	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.58	0.00	18,106.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	-
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,208.00	1,820.00	553.56	0.00	2,360.00	0.00	1,207.55	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fees paid to Diocese	972.00
36,566.31	38,350.50	42,302.00	42,656.90	56,093.00	37,591.18	63,410.03	43,647.22	35,948.54	32,119.06	48,556.56	33,866.40	35,140.90	TOTAL	14,977.54
3,549.87	4,363.26	(7,100.66)	(2,107.18)	6,090.36	11,695.54	(11,754.50)	(1,536.18)	393.42	7,494.44	(6,400.97)	124.05	(6,156.48)	Surplus/(Deficit)	18,162.63

Reviewed by :

Dated :

Accounts

**Agenda for Annual meeting 2024-2025 on Sunday May 25^h after Mass at approx.
11.30pm in the Church**

Welcome by the Chairman

Approval of Minutes of 2023 -2024 (attached in the package)

Matters arising

Apologies

Attendance

Election of Officers

Churchwardens

PCC members

Sidesmen now elected at first PCC meeting following the APCM

Deanery Synod Representatives. No election this year

Reports (Any Questions)

PCC report

Church Magazine Report

100 Club Report

Electoral Roll Report

Parish Safeguarding Report

Social Committee Report

Fabric Report

Finance Report

Deanery Synod Report

Server's Report

No Chairman's report because of Interregnum. However, A Report from Fr Jonathan is included.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024 HELD AFTER MORNING MASS AT APPROXIMATELY 11-30AM IN CHURCH

The Chairman Fr. Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies None

Attendance 17 parishioners attended the meeting.

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on Sunday 16th April 2023 had previously been circulated to PCC members and were attached to the package of reports which had been distributed to parishioners prior to the Annual Meeting. It was proposed by Mark Thomas and seconded by Roy Page that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

Matters arising none

Election of Officers

Churchwardens. Patrick Andrew has been nominated to serve as churchwarden for the coming year and it was proposed by Mark Thomas and seconded by Charles Linsell that his appointment be accepted. All agreed and Patrick was thanked by Fr Colin for his service the previous year. There were no further nominations.

PCC members The following people had been nominated, proposed and seconded and they were Lyndon and Sue Murgatroyd, Don Newling, Angela Balcombe, Roy and Pat Page, Patrick and Barbara Andrew and Mark Thomas. It was proposed by Charles Linsell and seconded by Angela Balcome that the above members be elected to serve another 12 months. All agreed.

Deanery Synod Representatives Elections were not required this year.

Sidespeople will be elected at the PCC meeting which immediately will follow this APCM

Reports The reports from a number of organisations within the church were presented in the APCM package. People attending the meeting were asked for any comments on any of the reports but none were forthcoming. The secretary did say that he had received an e-mail from Graham Holland the Diocesan architect to say that the Quinquennial inspection of the church was due this year and that he would be pleased to carry it out. The secretary stated that he had replied to this e-mail enlightening Mr Holland as to our financial situation. He felt it was important for him to be aware of this fact. He also said that the PCC had maintained the church during the last five years as best they could. A copy of this year's fabric report will be sent to Mr Holland.

Chairman's Report The Chairman Fr. Colin then read out his annual report which includes thanks to all the individuals who carry out specific roles in the church. It also contains church statistics for the past year. This report will be attached to the final package prior to archiving.

The Chairman reliably informed the meeting that there should not be **any other business** at this meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting with the grace.

REPORTS FOR 2024-25

PCC REPORT. From May 24- May 25 your PCC met nine times. Following the planned departure of Fr Colin Sanderson in October 24, a meeting was arranged with the Archdeacon Jane Proudfoot in June to discuss the situation with respect to the forthcoming interregnum. Shortly after that meeting we heard that the curate Fr Jonathan Roberts would be leading us in worship from October 24- September 25. Fr Jonathan is really working hard to try and introduce new people to the church and he is having some success. We are very lucky to have Fr. Jonathan's input and enthusiasm.

Two of the PCC meetings were specifically arranged to meet and discuss issues with Bishop Stephen Race the Bishop of Beverley and a further meeting was held with Bishop Sam, Bishop of Stockport. The first meeting with Bishop Stephen was to discuss the financial situation and we received some very helpful advice. As a result of this meeting and subsequent discussions with the diocese our financial situation should start to improve. The second meeting with Bishop Sam was set up to discuss the needs for the Parish Profile which has to be prepared for a forthcoming new incumbent. This was also a very helpful meeting and the Parish Profile is now in preparation.

The diocese have decided to sell the current vicarage and replace with a smaller house in the parish. This situation is currently ongoing.

Parish Safeguarding continues to be a main item on the agenda of each PCC meeting. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer Angela Balcombe keeps us up to date on issues surrounding this topic.

Fortunately we have not had any major repair needs.

Lastly I would like to record my thanks to all the hardworking members of the PCC. Your church would not be able to function without them.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

CHURCH MAGAZINE REPORT. The church magazine continues to be produced monthly and thanks to our sponsors, the majority of the cost is covered by them. The remainder is paid for by the people taking the magazine. In December we had to change our printer because of a dispute at Congleton Museum. A Mr G Watt in Buglawton is printing the magazine for us. His cost of printing is cheaper and inclusion of colour photographs does not make any difference to the cost. We should actually cover the annual cost of printing by the donations from the local shops advertising in the magazine. So the main factor is that it continues to be cost negative to the church. I do try and make the content as interesting as possible but it is always helpful to receive contributions.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

100 CLUB REPORT. This year we lost some members through death so the total amount from May 24 to May 25 distributed amounted to £785 to members. The amount paid out is dependent on the number of members that contribute. Several members however kindly donated their winnings to the church so the church received £1230. The membership is currently down to 28 so the odds on winning are pretty good. Anyone wishing to join pays £5 per month to St James' Church by standing order. I do not handle any money.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT. This year it was necessary to renew the Electoral Roll List. Last year there were 53 names on the list but in the last year 2 members have died and three have moved away. Therefore 48 invitations to renew inclusion on the list were sent out and of these 40 have been returned. The following amendment was made at the Parish Meeting and was minuted. 3 expected

returns did not materialise and a new member of the church came onto the electoral roll. So the final number is 41.

Pat Page

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPORT. First of all a reminder, safeguarding in our context involves all vulnerable people not just children. At St. James' we do have members and visitors that require protection and that is why we are undertaking to do all that is required to meet the diocesan guidelines.

I am happy to report that there have no instances which have needed dealing with this year. However, as a reminder, if any concerns are raised people should get in touch with me as the safeguarding officer or the safeguarding team at the diocese. There are posters on the notice board and details on our 'A Church Near You' website to explain how to do this.

The Diocese introduced in 2024 a 'Safeguarding Dashboard' which is an online facility which allows guidance, clarity and access. As a Parish we have to comply with different aspects of safeguarding, for example of DBS checking certain individuals, adoption of various policies, completion of courses etc. The dashboard shows how far we have come on our journey. We have almost completed Level 1, have made progress on Level 2 and have been invited to start on Level 3. No one expects all Churches to complete everything immediately, there is always an element of 'working towards'. However, I know that whilst some parishes have almost finished, if we ever can do, some haven't even launched their dashboards. We are doing ok at St. James.

One good consequence of starting our dashboard journey is that our 'A Church Near You' presence has been refreshed under a new editor. This means that people can contact us and can see when our services are etc. And they have! It is a good alternative to a Church website which at the moment we are unable to create or maintain.

In the near future the church warden(s?) will be completing their Safeguarding Leadership courses and I will be doing my postponed 'Safer recruitment' course.

In conclusion, we are well on our way to fulfilling all that is required of us to demonstrate that St. James the Great at Congleton is a welcoming and safe environment for all to come and worship. We are in a position to show any prospective new clergy that we are serious about our duties regarding safeguarding. Ultimately, we are putting into action our calling from Jesus to show care and compassion to everyone, whoever and whatever they may be, and to love and protect them. With the Grace of God, we will.

Angela Balcombe Parish Safeguarding Officer.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT. While it has not been possible to continue to carry on arranging outside fund raising events due to logistics; the Social team have continued to arrange/host a full Social calendar.

We have opened the church on various occasions to allow the public to come and join us, and have some refreshment and a natter, notably during Lent. We have also organised various social events and gatherings.

One of the main ones was a farewell lunch for Fr Colin on his retirement and his move to be nearer his family. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

We also provided Shrove Tuesday and Harvest Meals, but enjoyed them as lunches on the appropriate Sundays, this being better for our congregation.

As well as the above, the committee provides refreshment and support when needed, and has also arranged social gatherings (with refreshment) where it is required.

All in all a busy year.

My thanks go to the committee for all the work involved, and to the church for its continued support.

Sue Murgatroyd.

FABRIC REPORT. Thunderbolt Test & Maintenance Ltd - Lightning protection test November 2024.

HeatinGlobal Boiler maintenance to be carried out later this month.

Calbarrie - PAT Testing carried out in February 2024 (do we need to PAT test every year as the cost of the full test and Fixed Wire was £450.00. The individual objects PAT Test was £70.00).

North Staffs Fire - inspection and extinguishers servicing - carried out August 2024.

Church Quinquennial report carried out 2024.

Pending - Choir Vestry roof needs repair and we have someone already looking into this.

Lime Trees pruning to be carried out.

Bubble in carpet by High Altar formed by spillage needs investigation for safe repair.

Patrick Andrew

FINANCE REPORT

Thanks to Chas Linsell for undertaking an independent review of the books and records of our 2024 accounts.

It was a very challenging year for our Finances caused by significantly increased energy costs and the previous year 2023 income being boosted by a generous legacy.

Our approach each year has been to set our Parish Share payment to match our surplus income over expenditure. For example, in 2023 having paid £21,000 (53% part payment) of the parish share we broke even.

In 2024 we continued with Parish Share payments at the same level £21,000 for the year, but as a result our expenses have exceeded income by £6,156. This 'loss' or reduction in our already depleted reserves is against a background of continuing to only approve essential expenditure.

An analysis of 2024 to 2023 reveals the following year on year variances:

Income Giving -£614, Fetes etc -£563, One off legacy in 2023 -£5,000, Fees -£113, Gift Aid -£94, 100Club -£205

Payments Ministry -£243, Energy +£1,777, Insur +£151, Repairs -£1,596, Upkeep Services -£206, Other +£246

Summary Main components of the variance were a legacy (Tom Hulme RIP) of £5,000 in 2023 that helped us break even that year and then increased energy costs in 2024 of £1,777.

Reserves 2024 performance has reduced our reserves by half.

End 2023 £12,961. End 2024 £6,777

Whilst not within the scope of this 2024 report, in early 2025 the PCC have discussed the situation with both the Diocesan Accountant and Bishop Stephen and confirmed a 2025 budget that prioritises restoring our reserves to an appropriate level.

Many dedicated members of our worshipping community continue to donate essential items for the ongoing upkeep of services, the building, its decoration and the hospitality provided after services. This generosity is not quantified in the accounts but nonetheless is a very real reduction to our actual running costs to help our difficult financial situation. – THANK YOU.

Mark Thomas Treasurer 28th April 2025

The actual audited accounts are presented at the end of this document.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There have been 3 (maybe 4) meetings of the Synod since the last report.

At each meeting there have been widespread discussions over Safeguarding issues. In one session, the discussion was guided by excellent presentations by the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers, leading to widespread exchanges of views from the members of the Synod. Many members of the Synod have completed safeguarding training courses.

At another meeting, the discussion was led by representatives from the Diocesan Youth Movement who presented their suggestions for promoting dialogue at a Parish level between the generations. The situation in Congleton has been difficult since the closure of Saint James' Church School.

Other discussions have concerned the failure to attract new incumbents to local parishes in the Congleton Area following recent retirements. It has been stressed by the Rural Dean and Bishops that there are a number of options for offering employment on a part-time basis to retiring clergy, with or without accommodation and to clergy with other commitments such as hospital chaplaincies provided proper contracts can be agreed.

Finally, both our Secretary and Treasurer who have given outstanding service to the Synod, wish to retire. Both posts are essential and an appeal has gone out for volunteers, so far without success.

Don Newling

SERVERS REPORT Since my previous report last year we have seen little change with only one regular server being present in our twice weekly Eucharist celebrations. However I must express thanks to Mark and Cyril who offer help and assistance when possible. Following Fr. Colin's retirement, Fr. Jonathan Roberts has been seconded to provide our Priestly and Pastoral needs under whose guidance and support we have seen some differences in our acts of worship. Our relationship with the St. Francis and St. Chad Chapter of the GSS continues and we shall this year celebrate our Patronal Festival on Saturday July 26th with a special Service including members of the guild with invited guests from throughout the Deanery. Fr Jonathan is of course the Chaplin General of the Guild.

Albert Crew

As we are currently in an interregnum, there will be no Chairman's report. However, as Father Jonathan has now been with us for several months and has worked really hard to improve the situation at St James', I asked him if he would kindly consider writing something for this report. His response is below.

Fr Jonanthan writes This is not so much as a report, as I do not hold a position on the PCC. I thank the church council for inviting me to say a few words. This therefore, is more of a reflection on the past seven months of being with you here at St James the Great, which fills me with deep gratitude and joy. From the moment I arrived, I have been warmly welcomed into this loving church family. The kindness and hospitality I have received is a testament to the spirit of this community – a spirit that radiates through everything we do together.

That said, there were times in the first couple of months when I sensed anxiety, uncertainty, despondency and even dare I say, a feeling of giving up. However, based on the welcome I received and the openness for change I realised there was more life in St James' than many people, understandably, were unable to conceive several months back. And so, the new chapter of St James the Great began and what fun and spiritual renewal we have had together.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this time has been seeing how we are making ourselves known more intentionally in the wider community. The reintroduction of the church bell has brought a renewed sense of presence, both physically and spiritually. It has sparked curiosity and conversation among passers-by, and it's been heartening to see how such a simple sound has helped connect the church to the daily life of our neighbourhood once again.

I've had a positive response from the Head Teacher at Congleton High and we look forward to discussing how we can nurture our relation with the staff and students in the coming months. Black Firs Primary have shown interest in how we can support them. Hopefully I should meet with the staff soon.

The Easter open day at the church was another significant moment. The turnout, the engagement, and the joy shared that day all spoke volumes about how much this church means to people, even beyond our regular congregation. Conversations with visitors, some of whom were stepping into the church for the first time in many years, revealed a genuine interest in what we do and who we are. These efforts have not gone unnoticed. There has been a gentle but encouraging increase in attendance at our services, with new faces joining us and others returning after time away. This growth is a sign of hope and a confirmation that the church is seen as a place of welcome, relevance, and spiritual nourishment.

As we look forward into the calendar, we have our St James' Patronal Festival on Saturday 26th July at 12 noon. Lyndon (church secretary) has put together a letter, inviting the local dignitaries and other members of the community to join us in celebrating the church's place in the community. I encourage you to mark the date in your diary and invite others. There is a cohort coming from Crewe to support us. Bishop John Gaisford, who has a long-standing relationship and fondness with the people of St James', is our guest preacher. So, let us make St James' Patronal Festival the pinnacle of this year.

As many of you will know, my curacy ends in September at St Michael's in Crewe, which means my time serving you here will sadly also come to an end. I have explored options of staying with you. However, the bishops have other plans for me and plans for a sustainable future for St James'.

But I am with you now and as we look ahead, we do so with great expectation and confidence. St James the Great is more than just a building – it is a living, breathing expression of God's love in this community. Let us continue to be bold in our witness, creative in our outreach, and joyful in our worship. The foundations are strong, the Spirit is moving, and the opportunities before us are rich. Anything is possible with God and God is moving in this place!

On a different note, many of you will know that over the past year we have sadly lost several of our loved ones, which has brought great sadness and has left a void within our church family and in our own families. Once again, the love and kindness of you all meant we were able to grieve together whilst remaining faithful in prayer and support of each other. On behalf of you all I'd like to acknowledge and give thanks to those who are now at rest in God's love, for everything they have done for our church family and within our own lives over the course of many years.

Finally, I'd like to thank each one of you for welcoming me into your family. For trusting and allowing me to try new things and on several occasions to delve into the unknown... taking you all with me and not knowing where we might end up.

You have all shown complete and unwavering commitment in everything we have done and accomplished so far. People have stepped out of their comfort zones and taken up new duties and roles enabling us to flourish as a worshipping community.

I hope each one of you have had a renewal of enthusiasm within each of your ministries over the past several months that we have journeyed through together. I hope that your relationship with each other and more importantly with God has flourished and will continue to do so.

Together, let us press on with faith and enthusiasm, trusting that God is doing – and will continue to do – a new and beautiful thing in each of us and through us. The best is yet to come, I'm sure!

A HUGE thank you to each and everyone of you.

Father Jonathan

AND A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO YOU FATHER JONATHAN FROM ALL OF US AT ST JAMES FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR FOR US AND THE CHURCH.

St James the Great Congleton Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2024 AD

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
20,670.20	21,116.00	21,722.86	19,338.25	18,612.92	19,730.39	22,844.75	24,585.91	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	22,010.00	19,390.50	18,244.20	Planned Giving	18,316.50
1,510.50	1,856.10	2,660.40	2,266.46	3,185.95	2,309.00	2,412.00	2,084.50	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	1,771.12	1,799.20	1,221.00	Gift Aid Envelopes	350.68
1,933.20	1,979.55	1,152.90	1,823.66	1,349.98	1,882.67	1,094.66	1,591.29	1,001.39	1,349.70	591.67	423.30	773.25	866.48	Other Collections	1,099.85
2,755.71	3,316.07	2,781.86	2,799.84	2,527.96	2,953.57	3,536.95	3,214.62	2,407.65	1,654.84	590.50	919.97	450.05	1,016.22	Fetes, Bazaars	453.56
3,722.37	1,850.44	3,409.14	2,216.24	143.59	366.00	120.85	552.65	463.16	1,381.56	587.75	477.74	450.05	5,267.47	Donations / Sundry Vol Income	538.07
2,046.01	248.90	619.00	2,243.50	876.00	865.00	1,025.50	910.00	545.00	564.00	276.00	279.00	514.00	537.00	Fees Paid to PCC	424.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.20	157.46	183.92	59.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Remembrance Candles	0.00
5,096.45	5,063.12	3,505.71	5,311.39	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.46	6,889.00	6,004.59	7,478.07	6,183.25	5,581.54	5,320.64	4,937.06	Gift Aid Return	4,842.44
0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from High Interest Account/Reof Fund	0.00
3,989.72	1,249.47	120.36	62.74	805.54	406.64	129.00	489.37	478.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Extraordinary Income	261.98
0.00	0.00	663.90	3,686.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Flower Festival Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	125.09	90.35	121.95	52.97	4.24	22.00	131.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	13.15	0.00	General Flower Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	932.50	1,272.50	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,170.00	1,136.00	1,350.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	1,510.00	1,370.00	1,270.00	100 Club	1,065.00
0.00	0.00	202.17	235.42	103.00	229.91	112.86	99.21	52.00	103.00	55.00	10.00	0.00	20.00	Gift Aid Sacramental Candles	25.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	-
279.75	261.62	132.45	134.31	41.80	89.35	345.05	358.60	361.05	393.95	504.00	200.00	352.00	312.00	Parish Magazine	376.40
0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.09	19.33	21.36	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Magazine Mail box	-
3,529.73	2,078.98	1,997.60	276.40	1,469.56	1,478.71	415.61	1,464.23	1,038.53	1,188.55	25.00	5,419.50	9,607.06	299.02	Restricted Income	176.94
900.00	350.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	388.80	985.77	0.00	Grants	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,374.00	17,139.65	5,794.78	2,000.00	4,880.00	226.92	440.00	0.00	1,180.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	1,044.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	-
46,733.97	41,380.59	40,116.18	42,713.76	35,201.34	40,549.72	62,182.36	49,290.72	51,655.53	42,111.04	36,341.96	39,613.50	42,155.59	33,990.45	TOTAL	28,984.42

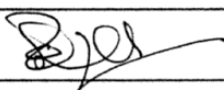
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1,148.43	2,856.13	2,964.05	3,083.80	3,085.56	3,125.81	2,612.47	2,761.46	3,042.91	2,893.56	3,025.10	3,057.64	3,145.06	3,244.02	The Ministry	3,000.48
3,553.92	3,096.34	2,745.56	2,014.92	2,268.57	1,721.91	2,393.26	1,628.25	2,126.81	2,557.72	2,290.28	2,483.23	1,991.56	3,450.28	Heating, Light, Water	5,227.77
2,660.51	2,948.81	3,883.50	4,400.79	4,268.08	3,544.79	2,656.99	2,079.91	2,310.99	2,354.36	2,413.98	2,456.17	2,548.26	2,173.19	Insurance	2,924.33
434.59	1,444.03	115.51	707.57	2,761.46	5,412.14	660.00	687.34	2,153.79	312.50	356.06	1,020.98	6,184.40	1,596.75	Minor Repairs	0.00
519.09	834.68	540.71	539.24	670.72	592.99	515.16	678.09	858.48	946.36	299.98	810.34	735.95	907.60	upkeep of Services	701.42
0.00	0.00	262.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salaries	0.00
78.28	111.79	50.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunday School	0.00
81.00	83.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Choir	0.00
5,967.21	1,650.19	2,500.91	2,067.50	2,042.03	1,408.27	951.37	656.27	911.72	795.12	972.83	931.29	659.73	245.00	Other Parish Expenses	493.00
30,530.54	27,644.36	21,510.00	20,384.00	25,550.00	25,918.00	25,930.20	26,460.00	28,600.00	30,000.00	25,800.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	Payments to Diocese	21,000.00
1,602.40	386.67	169.50	1,414.50	260.00	272.00	111.00	928.60	301.00	604.00	110.00	127.50	172.00	135.00	Charities	135.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,906.89	0.00	0.00	220.00	574.00	255.00	207.65	0.00	78.12	72.20	0.00	Fetes and Bazaars	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	152.13	113.76	110.15	51.20	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.34	50.00	Flower Fund	50.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	275.11	18.75	18.75	254.77	315.50	313.95	125.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Candles	0.00
69.00	34.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	0.00	9,607.06	245.54	Parish Magazine	224.41
3,154.15	1,759.06	2,047.45	1,120.70	1,161.87	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.02	Payments from restricted income	176.94
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.58	0.00	18,106.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	-
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,308.00	1,820.00	553.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,207.55
50,399.12	42,849.56	36,566.31	38,350.50	42,302.00	42,656.90	56,092.00	37,591.18	63,410.03	43,647.22	35,948.54	32,119.06	48,556.56	33,866.40	TOTAL	35,140.90

Reviewed by :

Dated

24. Apr '25

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2024

Income	2023	2024
Planned Giving	18,244.20	18,326.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,221.00	350.68
Other Collections	866.48	1,099.85
Fetes, Bazaars	1,016.22	453.56
Donations / Sundry Vol income	5,267.47	538.07
Fees Paid to PCC	537.00	424.00
Remembrance Candles		0.00
Gift Aid Return	4,937.06	4,842.44
Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund		0.00
Extraordinary Income		261.98
Flower Festival Fund		0.00
General Flower Fund		0.00
100 Club	1,270.00	1,065.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	20.00	25.00
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles		0.00
Parish Magazine	312.00	376.40
Magazine Wall box		
Restricted Income	299.02	176.94
Grants		
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund		1,044.00
TOTAL	33,990.45	28,984.42
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,244.02	3,000.48
Heating, Light, Water	3,450.28	5,227.77
Insurance	2,773.19	2,924.33
Minor Repairs	1,596.75	0.00
Upkeep of Services	907.60	701.42
Salaries	0.00	0.00
Sunday School	0.00	0.00
Choir	0.00	0.00
Other Parish Expenses	245.00	493.00
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00	21,000.00
Charities	135.00	135.00
Fetes and Bazaars	0.00	0.00
Flower Fund	50.00	50.00
Candles	0.00	0.00
Parish Magazine	245.54	224.41
Payments from restricted income	219.02	176.94
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund		1,207.55
TOTAL	33,866.40	35,140.90
Surplus/(Deficit)	124.05	(6,156.48)
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	11,466.55	11,590.60
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	11,590.60	5,434.12
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,370.99	1,443.75
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	12,961.59	6,877.87
REVIEWED BY : 	DATE : 24 APR '25	

Education Fund Deposit Account

17,519.23

Accounts

**Agenda for Annual meeting 2023-2024 on Sunday May 12th after Mass at approx.
11.30pm in the Church**

Welcome by the Chairman

Approval of Minutes of 2022 -2023 (attached in the package)

Matters arising

Apologies

Attendance

Election of Officers

Churchwardens

PCC members

Sidesmen now elected at first PCC meeting following the APCM

Deanery Synod Representatives. No election this year

Reports (Any Questions)

PCC report

Church Magazine

100 Club

Fabric Report

Parish Safeguarding report

Social Committee report

Electoral Roll report

Finance report

Deanery Synod Report

Server's report

Chairman's report

AOB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023 HELD AFTER MORNING MASS AT APPROXIMATELY 11-30AM IN CHURCH

The Chairman Fr. Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies Angela Balcombe

Attendance 16 parishioners attended the meeting.

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on Sunday 24th April 2022 had previously been circulated to PCC members and were attached to the package of reports which had been distributed to parishioners prior to the Annual Meeting. It was proposed by Roy Page and seconded by Don Newling that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

Matters arising none

Election of Officers

Churchwardens. Patrick Andrew has been nominated to serve as churchwarden for the coming year and it was proposed by Sue Murgatroyd and seconded by Lyndon Murgatroyd that his appointment be accepted. All agreed and Patrick was thanked by Fr Colin for his service the previous year. There were no further nominations.

PCC members The following people had been nominated, proposed and seconded and they were Lyndon and Sue Murgatroyd, Don Newling, Angela Balcombe, Roy and Pat Page, Patrick and Barbara Andrew and Mark Thomas. It was proposed by the secretary that the PCC members be nominated en bloc and all present agreed.

Deanery Synod Representatives Elections were required this year. Albert Crew and Don Newling had been nominated, proposed and seconded by Lyndon Murgatroyd and Fr. Colin Sanderson and Ro Newling and Lyndon Murgatroyd respectively. The serving term is three years but that does not prevent individuals from resigning earlier.

In addition to the above information, Mr David Johnson expressed serious concern about the future of St James'. He pointed out the reduction in the congregation over the past couple of years. The reduction had largely occurred through the death of some members and others moving away. He felt that the lack of Evangelistic zeal in our parish rests with its members including the clergy and this must be addressed by all concerned if we are going to remain independent. He felt it was important to raise this issue. Everyone present could understand his concern but were unable to provide any answer. The social committee have however since, attempted to draw people in by having a family day where most of the people who turned up were from the congregation, a Christmas coffee morning in the library was tried and only 14 people came, most of who were from the congregation. The most recent attempt was the opening of the church for coffee every Wednesday during the recent period of LENT, but that too was not very fruitful. With the small number of people available to do the necessary work, it is difficult to see what more can be done.

REPORTS FOR 2023-24

PCC REPORT Your PCC met seven times during the past year. Parish Safeguarding has been the main issue for discussion this past year. A representative from the diocese came to one of our meetings to specifically talk about the new Parish Safeguarding initiative. Following this meeting Angela Balcombe was appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and her first report relating to those holding office at St James is on the following page

The Knutsford Deanery Choir visited the church again last May and sang Evensong which was very much appreciated.

The seating in the church room has been completely replaced by upholstered chairs which are more comfortable and enhance the appearance of the church room. The cost of this was largely born out by members of the congregation so it was only necessary for the church to contribute a small amount towards the total cost.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

CHURCH MAGAZINE The church magazine continues to be produced monthly and thanks to our sponsors, the majority of the cost is covered by them. The remainder is paid for by the people taking the magazine. This year our printer announced an increase in the cost of printing. The printer stated accordingly that the cost of printing each magazine would be increased. We are still currently able to cover the total cost without the need to increase our sponsor's costs. I do try and make the content as interesting as possible but it is always helpful to receive contributions.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

100 CLUB. This year we lost some members through death so the total amount distributed amounted to £1000 to members but two members kindly donated their winnings to the church so the church received £1180. There was no draw in February because some cheques from previous months had been drawn skewing the amount available at the end of that month.

The membership is currently 31 so the odds on winning are pretty good. Anyone wishing to join pays £5 per month by standing order. I do not handle any money.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

FABRIC REPORT 2023-24 The following church building up-keeping tasks were carried out as follows:-

26/07/23 Gutterplus 85. Renewal of broken gutter on north side of church. (required scaffolding)

01/08/23 North Staffs Fire. Checking and servicing of Fire Extinguishers.

11/10/23 Thunderbolt Test Maintenance Ltd. Lightning conductor service.

14/02/24 Calbarrie Compliance Service. PAT testing on all plug-in appliances and electricity wires servicing.

28/03/24 HeatinGlobal Ltd. Servicing of main church boilers situated in the vestry and connecting radiators.

Patrick and Barbara Andrew

2024 PSO SAFEGUARDING REPORT.

I am pleased to report that the St James' safeguarding journey has commenced and is well on its way.

The PSO has completed all of the courses necessary and has been accepted by the diocesan office as a representative of St James'. Mark Thomas very kindly agreed to be a safeguarding champion, mainly needed to DBS check the PSO!

All but one of the PCC are now DBS checked and many have completed some of the online training. This will be an ongoing process and is not time dependent.

Notices have been placed around Church, a new safeguarding e mail obtained and advertised along with the PSO details. All this means the Church environment is compliant with good practice.

A model safeguarding policy has been adopted by the PCC.

There are moves within the C of E to change the basis of safeguarding. Until the new direction of policy becomes clear we should be happy as a PCC that we are complying with what we need to.

Angela Balcombe Parish Safeguarding Officer

SOCIAL REPORT 2023-2024

Once again we have had a full social year.

We have held 2 coffee mornings in the Library but due to poor attendances and the costs concerned, we will no longer be continuing with these in the future.

We have also held Social events in church, with our ever popular Harvest and Shrove Tuesday meals, although these were moved to a lunchtime gathering, due to the requirements of our congregation.

Also arranged was a family fun day in the summer with fun and games for all, which was enjoyed by all who attended, although this was mainly church members.

During Lent, we have kept the church open on Wednesday mornings, as a “drop in” for tea and coffee etc for anyone wishing to “drop in”

During this time the church was also thoroughly spring cleaned, and brasses etc cleaned and polished.

We also, of course, had our usual round of Coffee and Cake morning, plus many Afternoon Tea and Cake afternoons; plus an Afternoon Tea at the Murgatroyds’ in August, plus of course our Christmas Lunch at the Legs of Man.

Thanks go to our Social team, and all who have helped in any way throughout the year
Sue Murgatroyd

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2023-24

Last year there were 53 names on the list. Unfortunately one of our members has died this year but we have gained one new member, which means for this year the number remains the same, ie 53. Next year the list needs to be totally renewed.

Pat Page

FINANCE REPORT 2023-24

On the face of it we broke even ! But.....some items to consider

Receipts

- 2023 includes a £5K legacy
- Collections and giving were £1K down on 2022 (5%)
- 2022 receipts included an anonymous donation to the Appeal fund of £1,180

Payments

- Heat, Light Power is up £1,500 on 2022 (73%)
- Minor repairs is up around £900 on trend

Historical view of income

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Receipts	2023
28,259.70	29,519.58	27,013.42	24,695.17	24,206.42	21,412.95	Planned Giving / Gift Aid envelopes / Plate	20,331.68

Summary

Our income continues to decline and the trend indicates around £1,100 pa

Perhaps fuel costs will stabilise at this new higher level. Even if they do break even seems unlikely in 2024.

Although we broke even we underpaid our share by £18,466 in 2023. That shortfall is now almost equal to our total giving each year. This is effectively the loss made in 2023. The audited information all of which has been accepted by the PCC is included at the end of the report's section.

Mark Thomas Treasurer

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2023-24

There have been two meetings of the synod since our last APCM the first held at All Saints Church Lawton on June 13th and at St Mary's Sandbach on October 17th. Our early 2024 meeting scheduled for March 13th was unfortunately cancelled due to sickness and inability to attend. At the June meeting, following opening worship and minutes the Rural Dean introduced Jared Brown a Youth Minister at Holy Trinity Hudsfield who described his role working with the youth of the parish within the local secondary school establishing a Christian Union which is well attended and led by pupils. His account of his work was inspirational and members engaged with him in a vibrant discussion. There then followed routine business of electing officers for the ensuing 3 years. The October meeting was an open meeting by request of the Diocesan Mission team and the usual synod business being completed, the Rev'd Peter Froggart and members of the team led a talk and discussion on the Diocesan Vision. Various leaflets and booklets were available for parishes to take away.

Albert Crew

SERVER'S REPORT 2023-24

Things do not change much and I would again like to thank Cyril and Mark for their continued support, although Cyril is now finding it difficult to continue with the Wednesday Masses. He regularly attends and often helps at the end of the service whilst also looking after obtaining the essentials to support our worship. Our relationship with the GSS continues and we have a full programme arranged for the year with visits to several churches throughout the diocese. We at St James will welcome our Chapter in July when we hope to sing the Guild Office again.

Albert Crew

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023-24 This report will be read out at the meeting by Fr. Colin. The report will then be added prior to filing.

Audited accounts follow

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2023

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Planned Giving	19,390.50	18,244.20
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20	1,221.00
Other Collections	723.25	866.48
Fetes, Bazaars	919.97	1,016.22
Donations / Sundry Vol income	450.05	5,267.47
Fees Paid to PCC	514.00	537.00
Gift Aid Return	5,320.64	4,937.06
Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund		
Extraordinary Income		
General Flower Fund	13.15	
100 Club	1,370.00	1,270.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles		20.00
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	30.00	
Parish Magazine	352.00	312.00
Restricted Income	9,607.06	299.02
Grants	985.77	
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,180.00	
TOTAL	42,155.59	33,990.45
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,145.06	3,244.02
Heating, Light, Water	1,991.56	3,450.28
Insurance	2,548.26	2,773.19
Minor Repairs	6,184.40	1,596.75
Upkeep of Services	735.95	907.60
Other Parish Expenses	659.73	245.00
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00	21,000.00
Charities	172.00	135.00
Fetes and Bazaars	72.20	0.00
Flower Fund	80.34	50.00
Parish Magazine		245.54
Payments from restricted income	9,607.06	219.02
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	2,360.00	0.00
TOTAL	48,556.56	33,866.40
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,400.97)	124.05
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	17,867.52	11,466.55
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	11,466.55	11,590.60
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,328.42	1,370.99
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	12,794.97	12,961.59
AUDITED BY: <i>David Jensen</i>	DATE: <i>12/2/24</i>	

Audited by

Dated

DR Janson
David Johnson

12 February 2024

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AUDITED BY: <i>DR Jenson</i> <i>David Jenson</i> DATE: <i>12/2/24</i>				

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Planned Giving	19,390.50		18,244.20	
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20		1,221.00	
Other Collections	723.25		866.48	
Fetes, Bazaars	919.97		1,016.22	
Donations / Sundry Vol income	450.05		5,267.47	
Fees Paid to PCC	514.00		537.00	
Gift Aid Return	5,320.64		4,937.06	
Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund				
Extraordinary Income				
General Flower Fund	13.15			
100 Club	1,370.00		1,270.00	
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles			20.00	
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	30.00			
Parish Magazine	352.00		312.00	
Restricted Income	9,607.06		299.02	
Grants	985.77			
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,180.00			
TOTAL		42,155.59		33,990.45
Expenses				
The Ministry	3,145.06		3,244.02	
Heating, Light, Water	1,991.56		3,450.28	
Insurance	2,548.26		2,773.19	
Minor Repairs	6,184.40		1,596.75	
Upkeep of Services	735.95		907.60	
Other Parish Expenses	659.73		245.00	
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00		21,000.00	
Charities	172.00		135.00	
Fetes and Bazaars	72.20		0.00	
Flower Fund	80.34		50.00	
Parish Magazine			245.54	
Payments from restricted income	9,607.06		219.02	
Boiler / Lighting Fund			-	
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	2,360.00		0.00	
TOTAL		48,556.56		33,866.40
Surplus/(Deficit)		(6,400.97)		124.05
Bank Balance b/f from previous year		17,867.52		11,466.55
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE		11,466.55		11,590.60
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE		1,328.42		1,370.99
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE		12,794.97		12,961.59
AUDITED BY: <i>DR Jenson</i> <i>David Jenson</i> DATE: <i>12/2/24</i>				

Accounts

**Agenda for Annual meeting 2022-2023 on Sunday April 16th after Mass at
approx. 11.30pm in the Church**

Welcome by the Chairman

Approval of Minutes of 2021 -2022 (attached in the package)

Matters arising

Apologies

Attendance

Election of Officers

Churchwardens

PCC members

Sidesmen now elected at first PCC meeting following the APCM

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives this year

Reports (Any Questions)

PCC report

Church Magazine

100 Club

Social Committee report

Electoral Roll report

Finance report

Fabric report

Servers report

Deanery Synod Report

Chairman's report

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023 HELD AFTER MORNING MASS AT APPROXIMATELY 11-30AM IN CHURCH

The Chairman Fr. Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies Angela Balcombe

Attendance 16 parishioners attended the meeting.

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on Sunday 24th April 2022 had previously been circulated to PCC members and were attached to the package of reports which had been distributed to parishioners prior to the Annual Meeting. It was proposed by Roy Page and seconded by Don Newling that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All were in favour.

Matters arising none

Election of Officers

Churchwardens. Patrick Andrew has been nominated to serve as churchwarden for the coming year and it was proposed by Sue Murgatroyd and seconded by Lyndon Murgatroyd that his appointment be accepted. All agreed and Patrick was thanked by Fr Colin for his service the previous year. There were no further nominations.

PCC members The following people had been nominated, proposed and seconded and they were Lyndon and Sue Murgatroyd, Don Newling, Angela Balcombe, Roy and Pat Page, Patrick and Barbara Andrew and Mark Thomas. It was proposed by the secretary that the PCC members be nominated en bloc and all present agreed.

Deanery Synod Representatives Elections were required this year. Albert Crew and Don Newling had been nominated, proposed and seconded by Lyndon Murgatroyd and Fr. Colin Sanderson and Ro Newling and Lyndon Murgatroyd respectively. The serving term is three years but that does not prevent individuals from resigning earlier.

REPORTS FOR APCM 2022-2023

PCC REPORT 2022-23

The PCC met 5 times since the last Annual General Meeting. The main issues discussed and resolved were the removal of the signage on the pews relating to Covid restrictions and the reinstatement of the chalice at Holy Communion.

The other main issue was the need of all serving church officers including PCC members to receive some training in Parish Safeguarding which the Diocese has provided. In addition it is also essential for serving PCC members to obtain a DBS certificate. This is to comply with the new requirements laid down by the Church of England. The Parish Safeguarding Officer Angela Balcombe was co-opted onto the PCC as a result of this need.

Other issues included church building problems namely the boiler in the church room and the church roof required attention due severe weather conditions. The cost of this work was covered by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Help was also requested with church cleaning and flowers. This is primarily due to the reduced congregation.
Lyndon Murgatroyd

CHURCH MAGAZINE REPORT 2022-23

Over the past twelve months and up to present time, a church magazine has been issued each month with a varied selection of items. Our sponsors who also receive a copy of the magazine have continued to support us which means that the church magazine is continuing to be cost neutral to the church. Thank you to all the contributors of the magazine.

Contributions mean less work for the editor who is truly grateful. A huge thank you to Congleton Museum who kindly print the magazine at a very reasonable cost.

Lyndon Murgatroyd

100 CLUB REPORT 2022-23

Over the past twelve months with one exception we have had a draw every month

Over the last twelve months £1155 was paid out to winners and as a result of donations back to the church of various winners the church received £1555.

The only occasion when a draw did not take place was in February 2023 and this was due to the fact that a large amount of winnings from the church and winners was withdrawn in one month leaving only £87 balance. It was felt that the draw should not take place on that month because the figures were skewed. So March became the next draw. Thank you to all who support this event. As you can see for a small contribution each month a substantial amount has been raised for the church.

Since we started this in 2012, £12,695 has been paid out to winners and as a result of donations from winners the church received £13,630 up to the end of 2022

Lyndon Murgatroyd

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2022-23

After the restrictions of the past few years 2022 was the year to get us back into the social scene.

We had coffee mornings in the Library room, of which our Christmas one made over £300.

We also restarted our Afternoon Teas; having a total of 3 throughout the year, plus our Shrove Tuesday and Harvest Supper meals, both of which were catered for "in house".

On the food front we also held our Garden Party, hosted by the Murgatroyds; and our Christmas meal was again held at the Legs of Man with everyone having a very enjoyable get together.

Once again, my thanks to my Social team and to all who help, and donate, to make our Church social life possible.

Sue Murgatroyd

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2022-23

Last year there were 59 names on the Electoral Roll List. During the year 5 of our members have died and one person has left to attend another Church. No new names have been added this year, which means there are now 53 names remaining on the list.

Pat Page

FINANCE REPORT 2022

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2022 have been inspected and signed off.

The year-end bank and deposit account balances are as follows:

Current Account Bank Balance @ 31/12/2022	£ 11,411.55
General Fund Deposit Account @ 31/12/2021	£ 1,328.42
Total Year End Bank & Deposit Balances	£ 12,739.97

Within these balances the following restricted amounts are recorded:

Flower Fund	£ 157.52
Appeal Fund	£ 1,884.86
Total Balances net of restricted funds	£ 10,697.59

2022 Financial Analysis

Income				
	Income per Accounts		42,155.59	
	Less Grants received	-985.77		
	Less donations to appeal fund	-1,180.00		
	Less Insurance Claim received	-9,400.00		
	Non Project / Appeal Fund Income			30,589.82
Expenses				
	Expenses per accounts	-48,556.56		
	Less Repairs re Insurance Claim	9,400.00		
	Less Painting paid by appeal fund	2,360.00		-36,796.56
Adjustments				
	Bill paid re roof repairs in 2022			
	But credit received in 2021			+4,540.00
Surplus / Deficit on day to day running				-1,666.74

Surplus / Deficit adjusted if full share met in 2022 (not inc prior year arrears)
-18,983.74

Payments to Diocese

2022 Share	38,317.00
Amount paid	21,000.00

Shortfall for 2022	-17,317.00
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Estimated multi year arrears -100,882.00

Commentary

Our net position after adjustments for extraordinary items swung from a small surplus in 2021 of £1,565 to a deficit of £1,666 in 2022, a deterioration of £3,231 year on year. This outcome **does not** reflect the significant increase in energy costs which due to a supplier change had not hit our accounts by 2022 year end.

Our payments to the diocese remained the same as in 2021 and the financial outcome confirms that we could not afford any increase.

The table below shows that our income from all forms of giving, social events and fees continues to decline and is now almost 30% less than before the pandemic.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Planned Giving	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	22,010.00	19,390.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	1,773.12	1,299.20
Other Collections	1,001.39	1,349.70	591.67	423.30	723.25
Fetes & Bazaars	2,775.84	2,407.65	165.84	590.50	919.97
Fees paid to the PCC	545.00	564.00	226.00	229.00	514.00
Main Income Streams	32,840.42	29,985.07	25,087.01	25,025.92	22,846.92

By way of illustration if our 2022 expenditure is adjusted for our current energy tariffs these accounts would be showing a further circa £4,000 deficit.

In conclusion our financial position continues to deteriorate, and we can only expect this to accelerate with the full impact of increased energy prices in 2023.

Mark Thomas
Treasurer 15th March 2023

ADDITIONAL AUDITED PAGES CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS REPORT

FABRIC REPORT 2022-2023

On 15/07/22, all the fire appliances were updated by North Staffs Fire. This included fire extinguishers, fire blankets and fire exit signs. On 05/10/22, Thunderbolt carried out an inspection and test of the lightning conductor.

On 10/03/23 AHP Heating and Plumbing serviced the boiler in the Flower room. They supplied and fitted a remote expansion vessel kit and safety discharge. Also on 14/03/23, Heating Global carried out the service on the vestry boilers. Finally new covers on air vent extractors at the rear of the church were fitted.

Patrick Andrew

SERVERS REPORT 2022-23

The year has seen services covered by a solitary server in the main and I would like to express our thanks to Cyril and Mark for their help. Cyril has covered the Wednesday masses on a regular basis with few exceptions and we are very grateful for his contribution. The Chapter of Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary made two visits to St James during the year, when we held a sung mass in the summer and recently welcomed them to a Lenten Stations of the Cross evening. They will be with us again in July this year. It is worthy of note that Jonathon Roberts of St Michael and All Angels Coppenhall recently ordained Deacon has been appointed Chaplain General of the Guild and works closely with the Warden Revd Canon Darren Smith.

Albert Crew

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2022-23

Since our 2022 APCM there have been three Deanery Synod meetings, Wednesday June 8th Wednesday September 14th and March 1st 2023. Each was well attended. In June we met at St. Bertoline Barthomley where the main item of discussion was the election of Kath Cliffe as Lay Chairman of the deanery leaving a vacancy on the Standing and Pastoral committee. Nominations were invited from the floor and Anthea Buxton of St. Johns Sandbach Heath was duly elected. Prior to the election the purpose of the committee was explained. This was followed by a number of reports including treasurer and Rural Deans report.

The September Meeting was held at St. Peters, Elworth and was led by the Diocese which unfortunately I was unable to attend due to a recent stay in hospital. I understand it was well attended but have not seen any details as no minutes have been issued.

March 1st at Holy Trinity Mossley saw a visit of the Bishop of Stockport who led a question and answer session regarding queries raised by the membership and included the spiritual education of young people, parish share and availability of curates throughout the diocese. The Bishop left after refreshments had been served and the synod resumed its usual business which included the audited account for 2022, Diocesan Synod report and General Synod report. A secret ballot followed to elect a member of the clergy to serve on the Diocesan Synod the candidates being Revd Anne Marie Naylor and Revd Canon David Page. Kath Cliffe the Lay chairman announced the result saying that Revd Canon David Page was duly elected. Closing prayers were led by the Rural Dean. The next meeting of the Deanery will be on June 13th 2023 at All Saints Church Lawton.

Albert Crew

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2022-2023 This report was read out at the meeting.

Things seem to be getting back to normal after the outbreak of Covid 19.

The Worship at the Mass

I want to thank Fr. Bruce for all the hard work he puts in to working in the Parish.

Many thanks go to the members of the Choir for leading us in the worship of the Sunday Mass.

We are also grateful to our two organists David & Denis who play for the Sunday Mass week by week, we are very lucky to have two wonderful competent organists.

A big thank you goes to all those who week by week read the lessons at Mass.

We are indebted to Mr. Albert Crew who serves at Mass along with Mark Thomas who helps when he is here. Thanks also go to Mr. C Jackson who serves at the Wednesday morning Mass and orders candles and other items required for running the church Services.

Thanks to other people working for the Church

Thanks go to our very efficient Church Warden Mr. Patrick Andrew

Thanks to Lyndon Murgatroyd (1) as PCC Secretary for recording all the minutes of the PCC meetings & circulating them to PCC members.

(2) for collating the material for the editions of The Shell and arranging for it to be printed.

(3) for running the 100 club and making the draw on the first Sunday of every month.

Thanks go to all the Members of the PCC who meet every other month to aid the well running of the Church and Parish.

Many thanks go to Mr. Mark Thomas who as the Parish Treasurer maintains the church accounts and makes sure we keep within the parish budget.

Thanks go to Sue Murgatroyd as Covenant Secretary who maintains the envelope offerings to acquire gift -aid money that we get from charitable donations from those who pay income-tax. Secondly, we thank Sue who also draws up the rotas for those who read the lessons at the Sunday Morning Mass.

Thank you to Mrs. Pat Page who maintains the up to date Parish Electoral Role.

Many Thanks go to Mrs Hilda Leake and all the flower girls who adorn the church with wonderful flower arrangements.

Thank you to all those who work as members of the cleaning teams who keep the church in a clean & tidy condition.

Thanks also go to all those who run the Coffee Bar Week by week.

The Social Committee under the leadership of Sue & Pat continue to organise events to raise money for the Church.

Thanks go to Angela who is the Parish Safeguarding officer.

Churches Together in Congleton

St. James church continues to be represented by Lyndon Murgatroyd and myself.

Congleton Bible Week this year is from 21-24 September 2023.

Deanery Synod

The two reps. for the parish are Mr. Albert Crew & Mr. Don Newling.

Statistics

Electoral Role 59 Members

Easter Day Communicants 36 Attendance 37

Christmass Communicants 29 Attendance 31

October 2022

Week 2nd October 30 Communicants

Week 9th. October 39 Communicants

16th October 30 Communicants

23rd October 33 Communicants

3 Funerals conducted in Church

2 infant Baptisms

Age range of worshipping Community

18-69 12 adults Age 70 + 21 adults

On the 30th November we had a New Bishop of Beverley the Right Reverend Stephen Race who was consecrated Bishop Beverley.

He is our Bishop of the See of Beverley.

Future Mission of the Parish

We seek at St. James to grow in Holiness through (1) Worship and personal prayer (2) by reading the scriptures (3) and through the sacraments of the church.

We as a parish are committed to proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord through (1) Mission, pastoral care & service (2) by working to build a society that points to the Kingdom of God.

By following the Society of St. Hilda & Wilfred

By promoting & maintain Catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England.

Following what the bishops of the Society say and being led under their episcopal oversight, which guarantees a ministry in the historic apostolic succession.

ANY OTHE BUSINESS David Johnson expressed considerable concern in relation to the reducing numbers of the congregation. He was concerned that when Fr Colin retires the church may well close. This prompted a considerable discussion. Topics raised included lack of a mission, no sense of vision and no sense of relationship with the local community. If we have a mission who is going to run it? It is like a catch 22 situation. The fact is that just about everybody who regularly attend the church, are in their 70s and 80s, and have several duties in the church already. When Fr Andrew Burton was here, he advised the PCC to stay out of the Team Parish because he felt we would lose our identity as an Anglo Catholic Parish He was probably right but it has left us isolated. Perhaps the root cause of this stems from the industrial period in the 1850s when industrialists wanted to build a church for their workforce. Consequently a small town like Congleton has ended up with 5 church of England churches.

We do not have any younger members joining the church. Traditional worship now does not seem to be favoured by younger people. The diocese started this decline when they closed St James School because now there is no nucleus on which to build. It was suggested that we get more involved with the schools. Black Firs are going to hold their special services in the church and they are also booked for December. Mark had to endorse what David was saying about possible closure based on the amount we owe to the diocese, now over £100,000. The discussion was a prolonged one yet no immediate solution could be found.

The meeting was closed with The Grace

St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
21,126.05	26,722.46	19,318.25	16,621.92	10,784.39	22,644.74	24,585.91	25,414.29	21,291.07	21,620.50	22,010.00	22,010.00	25,595.55
1,856.10	2,667.46	2,276.46	1,185.99	2,350.00	2,112.00	2,004.55	2,024.90	1,815.45	1,815.45	1,712.12	Gifted and FreeBikes	1,199.22
1,939.54	1,152.90	1,854.64	1,346.96	1,182.67	1,024.66	1,159.29	1,201.39	1,348.25	991.67	421.50	Open Collections	773.21
3,158.07	2,781.81	2,799.21	2,527.94	2,713.57	2,310.95	3,131.66	2,775.61	2,407.95	151.94	595.19	Events, Bazaar, etc.	919.01
1,850.40	1,409.14	2,254.74	1,411.55	1,164.00	1,201.55	555.65	463.14	1,381.56	467.75	472.31	Donations, Charity, Vol. anyone	430.00
248.50	619.00	2,751.90	876.05	845.00	1,021.52	922.00	157.46	151.82	226.00	129.00	FCM Fund to REC	518.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.10	45.10	181.82	99.99	0.00	Permanence Capital	0.00
5,061.17	1,504.74	5,111.90	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.47	6,885.00	6,004.58	7,718.07	6,181.25	5,481.54	Gift Aid Baiton	3,110.42
2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from 48th Military Reserve Fund	0.00
1,289.42	120.74	42.74	375.54	476.61	119.00	468.17	678.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	contingency Income	0.00
0.00	691.95	1,048.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Financial Assistance Fund	0.00
0.00	175.09	90.31	1,21.74	52.97	4.24	27.00	111.60	39.64	39.05	0.00	General Flower Fund	13.15
0.00	832.50	1,272.92	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,110.00	1,135.00	1,135.00	1,140.00	1,190.00	1,510.00	100 Cycles	1,170.00
0.00	102.31	275.42	101.05	279.71	412.95	412.95	42.00	100.00	35.00	10.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Cycles)	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100 Gift Aid Assistance (Cycles)	0.00
263.42	112.45	134.31	41.67	89.31	295.05	318.40	381.05	351.95	504.00	420.00	Prize Machine	112.00
0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	19.21	21.14	11.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Prize)	0.00
2,673.04	2,992.35	714.40	1,469.54	1,438.11	455.61	1,464.17	1,058.51	1,148.55	25.00	0.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Prize)	0.00
350.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	650.00	650.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Prize)	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Prize)	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Gift Aid Assistance (Prize)	0.00
41,380.59	46,316.38	42,713.26	35,101.34	40,508.72	62,142.36	49,290.72	51,455.51	42,311.01	36,341.00	19,613.57	TOTAL	47,135.50

Parent(s)

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Reviewed by

Comment

David Johnson

15 March 2023

Thompson

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2022

Income	2021	2022
Planned Giving	22,010.00	19,390.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,773.12	1,299.20
Other Collections	423.30	723.25
Fetes, Bazaars	590.50	919.97
Donations / Sundry Vol income	477.74	450.05
Fees Paid to PCC	229.00	514.00
Remembrance Candles		
Gift Aid Return	5,581.54	5,320.64
Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund		
Extraordinary Income		
Flower Festival Fund		
General Flower Fund		13.15
100 Club	1,510.00	1,370.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	10.00	
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles		30.00
Parish Magazine	200.00	352.00
Magazine Wall box		
Restricted Income	5,419.50	9,607.06
Grants	388.80	985.77
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,000.00	1,180.00
TOTAL	39,613.50	42,155.59
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,057.64	3,145.06
Heating, Light, Water	2,483.23	1,991.54
Insurance	2,456.17	2,548.26
Minor Repairs	1,029.98	6,184.40
Upkeep of Services	810.34	735.95
Salaries	0.00	
Sunday School	0.00	
Choir	0.00	
Other Parish Expenses	931.29	659.73
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00	21,000.00
Charities	177.50	172.00
Fetes and Bazaars	78.12	72.20
Flower Fund	50.00	80.34
Candles	0.00	
Parish Magazine	94.79	
Payments from restricted income	0.00	9,607.06
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00	2,360.00
TOTAL	32,119.06	48,556.56
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,494.44	(6,400.97)
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	10,373.08	17,867.52
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	17,867.52	11,466.55
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,311.18	1,328.42
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	19,178.70	12,794.97
AUDITED BY:	<i>Dr Janis</i>	DATE: 15/5/23

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON

Vicar
116 Holmes Chapel Road Congleton CW12 4NX



14th March 2023

Mr David Johnson
11 Priory Close
Congleton
CW12 3JL

Dear Mr Johnson,

ST JAMES CONGLETON – AUDIT OF 2022 ACCOUNTS

Thank you for agreeing to audit the Church Accounts. I enclose:

- A flash drive containing the Excel workbook used to record the 2022 Receipts and Payments, reconciled monthly to the Bank Statement, document the deposit account balance, create the year end financial statements and track various restricted funds.
- Cheque and paying in Books used in 2022
- Bank Statements
- Weekly Cashier sheets
- Receipts
- Utility Bills
- Diocesan Parish share and other direct debit advices
- The year end financial statement sheets to be signed off if all is confirmed as in order

I look forward to hearing from you. My contact details are set out below.

Yours sincerely

Mark Thomas
Treasurer

Treasurer: Mark Thomas, 5 Bosley View, Congleton, Cheshire. CW12 3TU
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St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022 AD												
Summary of Accounts		Reconciliations to Bank Account					Balance Based on Bank Statements					
Receipts :		1. 2021 Year End Adjustments										
Planned Giving	19,390.50	Bank Balance per 31/12/21 Bank Statement					18,036.99	Bank Balance 31/12/21		18,036.99		
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20											
Other Collections	723.25											
Extra Ordinary income	0.00	Add Credit in Accounts not posted to Bank					0.00	Bank Credits During 2022				
Fetes, Bazaars etc	919.97											
100 Club	1,370.00	Less Chesques not presented					-169.47	Jan			1,980.50	
Parish Magazine	352.00							Feb			3,479.00	
Sundry Voluntary income	450.05							Mar			2,059.63	
General Flower Fund	13.15							Apr			1,962.50	
Fees to PCC	514.00	End 2021 Balance per our Accounts					17,867.52	May			12,031.94	
Diocesan & Other Grants	985.77							Jun			7,602.70	
Remebrance Candle Box	0.00							Jul			1,582.00	
Gift Aid Return	5,320.64							Aug			2,348.56	
Inter A/C Transfers	0.00	2. Monthly Reconciliation to Bank Statement						Sep			2,181.40	
2018 Appeal Fund	1,180.00							Oct			1,543.00	
Spare 1	0.00							Nov			2,243.30	
Spare 2	0.00	Bank Bal at 31/12/21 adjusted above					17,867.52	Dec			3,086.06	
Sacramental Candle	30.00											
Restricted Income	9,607.06	Add 2022 YTD Receipts from Accounts					42,155.59	TOTAL CREDITS 2022		42,100.59		
TOTAL 42,155.59		Less 2022 YTD Payments from Accounts					-48,556.56					
		Add Payments not included in Bank Statements										
Payments :							Bank Debits During 2022					
Ministry	3,145.06	Cheques 0.00										
Heat, Light, Water	1,991.56	DDR's 0.00						Jan			-8,044.87	
Insurance	2,548.26						0.00	Feb			-4,500.41	
Minor Repairs, Organ etc	6,184.40	Less Credits not included in Bank Statements						Mar			-1,131.07	
Upkeep of Services	735.95							Apr			-4,327.10	
Oher Salaries	0.00	Banking 55.00						May			-10,796.65	
Sunday School	0.00						0.00	Jun			-4,541.54	
Choir	0.00						-55.00	Jul			-633.17	
Parish Magazine	0.00							Aug			-2,681.30	
Other Parish Expenses	659.73							Sep			-4,294.55	
Payments to the Diocese	21,000.00							Oct			-816.14	
Payments to Charities	172.00							Nov			-4,288.36	
Fetes and Bazaars	72.20							Dec			-2,670.87	
Flower Fund	80.34							TOTAL DEBITS 2022		-48,726.03		
Votive Candles	0.00											
2018 Appeal Fund	2,360.00											
Spare 1	0.00	Reconciliation to End Month Bank Statement					11,411.55	BANK BALANCE BASED ON ABOVE		11,411.55		
Spare 2	0.00											
Payments from Restricted Recpts	9,607.06											
TOTAL 48,556.56		Audited by :					Dated :					
SURPLUS / DEFICIT -6,400.97												

St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022 AD

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Receipts	2022
21,126.00	21,722.86	19,328.25	18,621.92	19,730.39	22,844.75	24,583.91	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	22,010.00	Planned Giving	19,390.50
1,856.10	2,680.40	2,266.46	3,185.95	2,309.00	2,412.00	2,084.50	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	1,773.12	Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20
1,979.55	1,152.90	1,829.66	1,349.98	1,882.67	1,094.66	1,591.29	1,001.39	1,349.70	591.67	423.30	Other Collections	723.25
3,316.07	2,781.86	2,799.84	2,527.96	2,953.57	3,536.95	3,214.62	2,775.84	2,407.65	165.84	590.50	Fetes, Bazaars	919.97
1,850.44	3,409.14	2,216.24	143.59	366.00	120.85	552.65	463.14	1,381.56	587.75	477.74	Donations / Sundry Vol income	450.05
248.90	619.00	2,243.50	876.00	865.00	1,025.50	910.00	545.00	564.00	226.00	229.00	Fees Paid to PCC	514.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.55	45.20	157.46	183.92	59.95	0.00	Remembrance Candles	
5,063.12	3,505.71	5,311.39	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.46	6,889.00	6,004.59	7,478.07	6,183.25	5,581.54	Gift Aid Return	5,320.64
2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from High Interest Account/Boof Fund	
1,249.47	170.26	62.74	805.54	406.64	129.00	489.37	478.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	Extraordinary Income	
0.00	683.90	3,686.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Flower Festival Fund	
0.00	125.09	90.35	121.96	52.97	4.24	22.00	131.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	General Flower Fund	13.15
0.00	932.50	1,272.50	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,170.00	1,135.00	1,235.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	1,510.00	100 Club	1,370.00
0.00	202.17	235.42	103.00	229.91	112.86	99.21	52.00	103.00	55.00	10.00	Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	30.00
261.62	132.45	134.31	41.80	89.35	345.05	358.60	361.05	393.95	504.00	200.00	Parish Magazine	352.00
0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.09	19.23	21.36	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Magazine Wall box	
2,078.98	1,997.60	736.40	1,469.56	1,478.71	415.61	1,464.23	1,038.53	1,188.55	25.00	5,419.50	Restricted Income	9,607.06
350.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	388.80	Grants	985.77
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,374.00	17,139.65	5,794.78	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,880.00	226.92	440.00	1,000.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,180.00
41,380.59	40,116.18	42,713.76	35,201.34	40,549.72	62,182.36	49,290.72	51,655.53	42,111.04	36,341.96	39,613.50	TOTAL	42,155.59
											Payments	
2,856.13	2,964.05	3,083.80	3,085.36	3,125.81	2,637.47	2,761.46	3,042.91	2,893.56	3,025.20	3,057.64	The Ministry	3,145.06
3,096.34	2,745.26	2,014.92	2,268.57	1,721.91	2,393.26	1,628.25	2,126.81	2,557.72	2,290.38	2,483.23	Heating, Light, Water	1,991.56
2,948.81	3,883.50	4,400.79	4,249.08	3,544.79	2,636.99	2,079.91	2,310.39	2,364.36	2,413.88	2,456.17	Insurance	2,548.26
1,444.03	135.61	707.57	2,761.46	5,412.14	660.00	687.34	2,253.79	312.50	356.96	1,029.98	Minor Repairs	6,184.40
834.68	540.71	539.24	670.72	592.99	515.16	678.09	858.48	946.36	299.98	810.34	Upkeep of Services	735.95
0.00	0.00	262.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salaries	
111.79	50.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunday School	
83.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Choir	
1,650.19	2,500.91	2,067.50	2,042.03	1,408.27	951.37	656.27	911.72	795.12	972.83	931.29	Other Parish Expenses	659.73
27,644.36	21,510.00	20,384.00	25,550.00	25,918.00	25,930.20	26,460.00	28,800.00	30,000.00	25,800.00	21,000.00	Payments to Diocese	21,000.00
386.67	169.50	1,414.50	260.00	272.00	121.00	928.60	301.03	604.00	110.00	127.50	Charities	172.00
0.00	0.00	1,908.89	0.00	0.00	220.00	574.00	255.00	207.65	0.00	78.12	Fetes and Bazaars	72.20
0.00	0.00	152.13	113.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	Flower Fund	80.34
0.00	0.00	275.11	120.40	110.15	51.20	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Candles	
34.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	0.00	254.77	350.67	315.50	323.95	125.75	94.79	Parish Magazine	
1,759.06	2,047.45	1,120.70	1,161.87	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	0.00	Payments from restricted income	9,607.06
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.58	0.00	18,106.00	0.00	0.00	-	Boiler / Lighting Fund	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,208.00	1,820.00	553.56	0.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	2,360.00
42,849.56	36,566.31	38,350.50	42,302.00	42,656.90	56,092.00	37,591.18	63,410.03	43,647.22	35,948.54	32,119.06	TOTAL	48,556.56
(1,468.97)	3,549.87	4,363.26	(7,100.66)	(2,107.18)	6,090.36	11,699.54	(11,754.50)	(1,536.18)	393.42	7,494.44	Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,400.97)

Audited by

David Johnson
DJ Johnson

Dated

15 March 2023

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2022

Income	2021	2022
Planned Giving	22,010.00	19,390.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,773.12	1,299.20
Other Collections	423.30	723.25
Fetes, Bazaars	590.50	919.97
Donations / Sundry Vol income	477.74	450.05
Fees Paid to PCC	229.00	514.00
Remembrance Candles		
Gift Aid Return	5,581.54	5,320.64
Transfer from High Interest Account/Room Fund		
Extraordinary Income		
Flower Festival Fund		
General Flower Fund		13.15
100 Club	1,510.00	1,370.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	10.00	
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles		30.00
Parish Magazine	200.00	352.00
Magazine Wall box		
Restricted Income	5,419.50	9,607.06
Grants	388.80	985.77
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,000.00	1,180.00
TOTAL	39,613.50	42,155.59
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,057.64	3,145.06
Heating, Light, Water	2,483.23	1,991.56
Insurance	2,456.17	2,548.26
Minor Repairs	1,029.98	6,184.40
Upkeep of Services	810.34	735.95
Salaries	0.00	
Sunday School	0.00	
Choir	0.00	
Other Parish Expenses	931.29	659.73
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00	21,000.00
Charities	127.50	172.00
Fetes and Bazaars	78.12	72.20
Flower Fund	50.00	80.34
Candles	0.00	
Parish Magazine	94.79	
Payments from restricted income	0.00	9,607.06
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00	2,360.00
TOTAL	32,119.06	48,556.56
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,494.44	(6,400.97)
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	10,373.08	17,867.52
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	17,867.52	11,466.55
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,311.18	1,328.42
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	19,178.70	12,794.97

AUDITED BY :

DR Janosa

DATE : 15/3/23

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON

Vicar
116 Holmes Chapel Road Congleton CW12 4NX



14th March 2023

Mr David Johnson
11 Priory Close
Congleton
CW12 3JL

Dear Mr Johnson,

ST JAMES CONGLETON – AUDIT OF 2022 ACCOUNTS

Thank you for agreeing to audit the Church Accounts. I enclose:

- A flash drive containing the Excel workbook used to record the 2022 Receipts and Payments, reconciled monthly to the Bank Statement, document the deposit account balance, create the year end financial statements and track various restricted funds.
- Cheque and paying in Books used in 2022
- Bank Statements
- Weekly Cashier sheets
- Receipts
- Utility Bills
- Diocesan Parish share and other direct debit advices
- The year end financial statement sheets to be signed off if all is confirmed as in order

I look forward to hearing from you. My contact details are set out below.

Yours sincerely

Mark Thomas
Treasurer

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St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022 AD													
Summary of Accounts		Reconciliations to Bank Account					Balance Based on Bank Statements						
Receipts :		1. 2021 Year End Adjustments											
Planned Giving	19,390.50	Bank Balance per 31/12/21 Bank Statement					18,036.99	Bank Balance 31/12/21		18,036.99			
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20												
Other Collections	723.25												
Extra Ordinary income	0.00	Add Credit in Accounts not posted to Bank					0.00	Bank Credits During 2022					
Fetes, Bazaars etc	919.97												
100 Club	1,370.00	Less Chesques not presented					-169.47	Jan			1,980.50		
Parish Magazine	352.00							Feb			3,479.00		
Sundry Voluntary income	450.05							Mar			2,059.63		
General Flower Fund	13.15							Apr			1,962.50		
Fees to PCC	514.00	End 2021 Balance per our Accounts					17,867.52	May			12,031.94		
Diocesan & Other Grants	985.77							Jun			7,602.70		
Remebrance Candle Box	0.00							Jul			1,582.00		
Gift Aid Return	5,320.64							Aug			2,348.56		
Inter A/C Transfers	0.00	2. Monthly Reconciliation to Bank Statement						Sep			2,181.40		
2018 Appeal Fund	1,180.00							Oct			1,543.00		
Spare 1	0.00							Nov			2,243.30		
Spare 2	0.00	Bank Bal at 31/12/21 adjusted above					17,867.52	Dec			3,086.06		
Sacramental Candle	30.00												
Restricted Income	9,607.06	Add 2022 YTD Receipts from Accounts					42,155.59	TOTAL CREDITS 2022		42,100.59			
TOTAL 42,155.59		Less 2022 YTD Payments from Accounts					-48,556.56						
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Choir	0.00						-55.00	Aug			-2,681.30		
Parish Magazine	0.00							Sep			-4,294.55		
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Fetes and Bazaars	72.20												
Flower Fund	80.34							TOTAL DEBITS 2022		-48,726.03			
Votive Candles	0.00												
2018 Appeal Fund	2,360.00												
Spare 1	0.00	Reconciliation to End Month Bank Statement					11,411.55	BANK BALANCE BASED ON ABOVE		11,411.55			
Spare 2	0.00												
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TOTAL 48,556.56		Audited by :					Dated :						
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JR/Johnson

15 March 2023

St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022 AD

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Receipts	2022
21,126.00	21,722.86	19,328.25	18,621.92	19,730.39	22,844.75	24,583.91	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	22,010.00	Planned Giving	19,390.50
1,856.10	2,680.40	2,266.46	3,185.95	2,309.00	2,412.00	2,084.50	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	1,773.12	Gift Aid Envelopes	1,299.20
1,979.55	1,152.90	1,829.66	1,349.98	1,882.67	1,094.66	1,591.29	1,001.39	1,349.70	591.67	423.30	Other Collections	723.25
3,316.07	2,781.86	2,799.84	2,527.96	2,953.57	3,536.95	3,214.62	2,775.84	2,407.65	165.84	590.50	Fetes, Bazaars	919.97
1,850.44	3,409.14	2,216.24	143.59	366.00	120.85	552.65	463.14	1,381.56	587.75	477.74	Donations / Sundry Vol income	450.05
248.90	619.00	2,243.50	876.00	865.00	1,025.50	910.00	545.00	564.00	226.00	229.00	Fees Paid to PCC	514.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.55	45.20	157.46	183.92	59.95	0.00	Remembrance Candles	
5,063.12	3,505.71	5,311.39	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.46	6,889.00	6,004.59	7,478.07	6,183.25	5,581.54	Gift Aid Return	5,320.64
2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from High Interest Account/Room Fund	
1,249.47	170.26	62.74	805.54	406.64	129.00	489.37	478.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	Extraordinary Income	
0.00	683.90	3,686.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Flower Festival Fund	
0.00	125.09	90.35	121.96	52.97	4.24	22.00	131.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	General Flower Fund	13.15
0.00	932.50	1,272.50	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,170.00	1,135.00	1,235.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	1,510.00	100 Club	1,370.00
0.00	202.17	235.42	103.00	229.91	112.86	99.21	52.00	103.00	55.00	10.00	Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	30.00
261.62	132.45	134.31	41.80	89.35	345.05	358.60	361.05	393.95	504.00	200.00	Parish Magazine	352.00
0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.09	19.23	21.36	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Magazine Wall box	
2,078.98	1,997.60	736.40	1,469.56	1,478.71	415.61	1,464.23	1,038.53	1,188.55	25.00	5,419.50	Restricted Income	9,607.06
350.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	388.80	Grants	985.77
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,374.00	17,139.65	5,794.78	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,880.00	226.92	440.00	1,000.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,180.00
41,380.59	40,116.18	42,713.76	35,201.34	40,549.72	62,182.36	49,290.72	51,655.53	42,111.04	36,341.96	39,613.50	TOTAL	42,155.59
											Payments	
2,856.13	2,964.05	3,083.80	3,085.36	3,125.81	2,637.47	2,761.46	3,042.91	2,893.56	3,025.20	3,057.64	The Ministry	3,145.06
3,096.34	2,745.26	2,014.92	2,268.57	1,721.91	2,393.26	1,628.25	2,126.81	2,557.72	2,290.38	2,483.23	Heating, Light, Water	1,991.56
2,948.81	3,883.50	4,400.79	4,249.08	3,544.79	2,636.99	2,079.91	2,310.39	2,364.36	2,413.88	2,456.17	Insurance	2,548.26
1,444.03	135.61	707.57	2,761.46	5,412.14	660.00	687.34	2,253.79	312.50	356.96	1,029.98	Minor Repairs	6,184.40
834.68	540.71	539.24	670.72	592.99	515.16	678.09	858.48	946.36	299.98	810.34	Upkeep of Services	735.95
0.00	0.00	262.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salaries	
111.79	50.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunday School	
83.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Choir	
1,650.19	2,500.91	2,067.50	2,042.03	1,408.27	951.37	656.27	911.72	795.12	972.83	931.29	Other Parish Expenses	659.73
27,644.36	21,510.00	20,384.00	25,550.00	25,918.00	25,930.20	26,460.00	28,800.00	30,000.00	25,800.00	21,000.00	Payments to Diocese	21,000.00
386.67	169.50	1,414.50	260.00	272.00	121.00	928.60	301.03	604.00	110.00	127.50	Charities	172.00
0.00	0.00	1,908.89	0.00	0.00	220.00	574.00	255.00	207.65	0.00	78.12	Fetes and Bazaars	72.20
0.00	0.00	152.13	113.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	Flower Fund	80.34
0.00	0.00	275.11	120.40	110.15	51.20	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Candles	
34.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	0.00	254.77	350.67	315.50	323.95	125.75	94.79	Parish Magazine	
1,759.06	2,047.45	1,120.70	1,161.87	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	0.00	Payments from restricted income	9,607.06
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.58	0.00	18,106.00	0.00	0.00	-	Boiler / Lighting Fund	
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,208.00	1,820.00	553.56	0.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	2,360.00
42,849.56	36,566.31	38,350.50	42,302.00	42,656.90	56,092.00	37,591.18	63,410.03	43,647.22	35,948.54	32,119.06	TOTAL	48,556.56
(1,468.97)	3,549.87	4,363.26	(7,100.66)	(2,107.18)	6,090.36	11,699.54	(11,754.50)	(1,536.18)	393.42	7,494.44	Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,400.97)

Audited by

David Johnson
DJ Johnson

Dated

15 March 2023

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2022

Income	2021	2022
Planned Giving	22,010.00	19,390.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,773.12	1,299.20
Other Collections	423.30	723.25
Fetes, Bazaars	590.50	919.97
Donations / Sundry Vol income	477.74	450.05
Fees Paid to PCC	229.00	514.00
Remembrance Candles		
Gift Aid Return	5,581.54	5,320.64
Transfer from High Interest Account/Room Fund		
Extraordinary Income		
Flower Festival Fund		
General Flower Fund		13.15
100 Club	1,510.00	1,370.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	10.00	
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles		30.00
Parish Magazine	200.00	352.00
Magazine Wall box		
Restricted Income	5,419.50	9,607.06
Grants	388.80	985.77
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,000.00	1,180.00
TOTAL	39,613.50	42,155.59
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,057.64	3,145.06
Heating, Light, Water	2,483.23	1,991.56
Insurance	2,456.17	2,548.26
Minor Repairs	1,029.98	6,184.40
Upkeep of Services	810.34	735.95
Salaries	0.00	
Sunday School	0.00	
Choir	0.00	
Other Parish Expenses	931.29	659.73
Payments to Diocese	21,000.00	21,000.00
Charities	127.50	172.00
Fetes and Bazaars	78.12	72.20
Flower Fund	50.00	80.34
Candles	0.00	
Parish Magazine	94.79	
Payments from restricted income	0.00	9,607.06
Boiler / Lighting Fund		
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00	2,360.00
TOTAL	32,119.06	48,556.56
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,494.44	(6,400.97)
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	10,373.08	17,867.52
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	17,867.52	11,466.55
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,311.18	1,328.42
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	19,178.70	12,794.97

AUDITED BY :



DATE :

15/3/23

Accounts

158 Holmes Chapel Road,
Somerford,
Congleton,
Cheshire.
CW12 4QB
1st March 2022

Mr Mark Thomas

St James Church Accounts

I have audited the accounts for the year 2021 and found them to be in good order. I have some minor comments as listed below:

- 1) There are two receipts numbered 18,
 - North Staffs Fire
 - Peter Chandler
- 2) There are two receipts numbered 19,
 - Hayes and Finch
 - Sue Murgatroyd
- 3) There are two receipts numbered 33,
 - Norwich Books and Music
 - Additional Curates Society
 - The payment for these transactions appear to have included the VAT twice.
- 4) The Magazine Subs 2021 spreadsheet stops at 18/4/2021 with a total of £170. However, on the receipts sheet the total is given as £200. An extra £30 has been added after 18/4/2021.
- 5) The Monthly Bank Rec – the entries for November do not look right.
- 6) Should the CBF Fund be included in this audit?

I enclose the signed sheets.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Trevers

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON

Vicar
116 Holmes Chapel Road Congleton CW12 4NX



10th February 2022

Mr Chris Trevers
158 Holmes Chapel Road
Somerford
Congleton
CW12 4QB

Dear Mr Trevers,

ST JAMES CONGLETON – AUDIT OF 2021 ACCOUNTS

Thank you for agreeing to once again audit the Church Accounts. I enclose:

- A flash drive containing the Excel workbook used to record the 2020 Receipts and Payments, reconcile monthly to the Bank Statement, document the deposit account balance, create the year end financial statements and track various restricted funds.
- Cheque and paying in Books used in 2020
- Bank Statements
- Weekly Cashier sheets
- Receipts
- Utility Bills
- Diocesan Parish share and other direct debit advices
- The year end financial statement sheets to be signed off if all is confirmed as in order

I look forward to hearing from you. My contact details are set out below.

Yours sincerely

Mark Thomas
Treasurer

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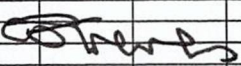
St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2021 AD

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Receipts	2021
20,870.20	21,126.00	21,722.86	19,328.25	18,621.92	19,730.39	22,844.75	24,583.91	25,419.29	23,798.07	23,029.50	Planned Giving	22,010.00
1,610.50	1,856.10	2,680.40	2,266.46	3,185.95	2,309.00	2,412.00	2,084.50	3,098.90	1,865.65	1,074.00	Gift Aid Envelopes	1,773.12
1,933.20	1,979.55	1,152.90	1,829.66	1,349.98	1,882.67	1,094.66	1,591.29	1,001.39	1,349.70	591.67	Other Collections	423.30
2,755.71	3,316.07	2,781.86	2,799.84	2,527.96	2,953.57	3,536.95	3,214.62	2,775.84	2,407.65	165.84	Fetes, Bazaars	590.50
3,722.37	1,850.44	3,409.14	2,216.24	143.59	366.00	120.85	552.65	463.14	1,381.56	587.75	Donations / Sundry Vol income	477.74
2,046.01	248.90	619.00	2,243.50	876.00	865.00	1,025.50	910.00	545.00	564.00	226.00	Fees Paid to PCC	229.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.55	45.20	157.46	183.92	59.95	Remembrance Candles	0.00
5,096.45	5,063.12	3,505.71	5,311.39	4,288.74	4,666.42	5,219.46	6,889.00	6,004.59	7,478.07	6,183.25	Gift Aid Return	5,581.54
0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund	0.00
3,989.71	1,249.47	170.26	62.74	805.54	406.64	129.00	489.37	478.34	0.00	0.00	Extraordinary Income	0.00
0.00	0.00	683.90	3,686.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Flower Festival Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	125.09	90.35	121.96	52.97	4.24	22.00	131.00	30.00	50.00	General Flower Fund	0.00
0.00	0.00	932.50	1,272.50	1,165.00	1,145.00	1,170.00	1,135.00	1,235.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	100 Club	1,510.00
0.00	0.00	202.17	235.42	103.00	229.91	112.86	99.21	52.00	103.00	55.00	Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	10.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	35.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	-
279.75	261.62	132.45	134.31	41.80	89.35	345.05	358.60	361.05	393.95	504.00	Parish Magazine	200.00
0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.09	19.23	21.36	11.00	0.00	0.00	Magazine Wall box	-
3,529.73	2,078.98	1,997.60	736.40	1,469.56	1,478.71	415.61	1,464.23	1,038.53	1,188.55	25.00	Restricted Income	5,419.50
900.00	350.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	Grants	388.80
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,374.00	17,139.65	5,794.78	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	-
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,880.00	226.92	440.00	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	1,000.00
46,733.97	41,380.59	40,116.18	42,713.76	35,201.34	40,549.72	62,182.36	49,290.72	51,655.53	42,111.04	36,341.96	TOTAL	39,613.50
											Payments	
1,148.43	2,856.13	2,964.05	3,083.80	3,085.36	3,125.81	2,637.47	2,761.46	3,042.91	2,893.56	3,025.20	The Ministry	3,057.64
3,553.92	3,096.34	2,745.26	2,014.92	2,268.57	1,721.91	2,393.26	1,628.25	2,126.81	2,557.72	2,290.38	Heating, Light, Water	2,483.23
2,860.51	2,948.81	3,883.50	4,400.79	4,249.08	3,544.79	2,636.99	2,079.91	2,310.39	2,364.36	2,413.88	Insurance	2,456.17
434.59	1,444.03	135.61	707.57	2,761.46	5,412.14	660.00	687.34	2,253.79	312.50	356.96	Minor Repairs	1,029.98
519.09	834.68	540.71	539.24	670.72	592.99	515.16	678.09	858.48	946.36	299.98	Upkeep of Services	810.34
0.00	0.00	0.00	262.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Salaries	0.00
78.28	111.79	50.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sunday School	0.00
81.00	83.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Choir	0.00
5,967.21	1,650.19	2,500.91	2,067.50	2,042.03	1,408.27	951.37	656.27	911.72	795.12	972.83	Other Parish Expenses	931.29
30,930.54	27,644.36	21,510.00	20,384.00	25,550.00	25,918.00	25,930.20	26,460.00	28,800.00	30,000.00	25,800.00	Payments to Diocese	21,000.00
1,602.40	386.67	169.50	1,414.50	260.00	272.00	121.00	928.60	301.03	604.00	110.00	Charities	127.50
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,908.89	0.00	0.00	220.00	574.00	255.00	207.65	0.00	Fetes and Bazaars	78.12
0.00	0.00	0.00	152.13	113.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	150.00	0.00	Flower Fund	50.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	275.11	120.40	110.15	51.20	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	Candles	0.00
69.00	34.50	18.75	18.75	18.75	0.00	254.77	350.67	315.50	323.95	125.75	Parish Magazine	94.79
3,154.15	1,759.06	2,047.45	1,120.70	1,161.87	550.84	1,070.00	771.55	870.40	672.00	0.00	Payments from restricted income	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,650.58	0.00	18,106.00	0.00	0.00	Boiler / Lighting Fund	-
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,208.00	1,820.00	553.56	Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	0.00
50,399.12	42,849.56	36,566.31	38,350.50	42,302.00	42,656.90	56,092.00	37,591.18	63,410.03	43,647.22	35,948.54	TOTAL	32,119.06
(3,665.15)	(1,468.97)	3,549.87	4,363.26	(7,100.66)	(2,107.18)	6,090.36	11,699.54	(11,754.50)	(1,536.18)	393.42	Surplus/(Deficit)	7,494.44

Audited by

Dated

1/3/2022

St James the Great Congleton. Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2021 AD									
Summary of Accounts		Reconciliations to Bank Account				Balance Based on Bank Statements			
Receipts :		1. 2020 Year End Adjustments							
Planned Giving	22,010.00	Bank Balance per 31/12/20 Bank Statement				10,373.08	Bank Balance 31/12/20		10,373.08
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,773.12								
Other Collections	423.30								
Extra Ordinary Income	0.00	Add Credit in Accounts not posted to Bank				0.00	Bank Credits During 2021		
Fetes, Bazaars etc	590.50								
100 Club	1,510.00	Less Chesques not presented				0.00	Jan		1,907.00
Parish Magazine	200.00						Feb		1,965.50
Sundry Voluntary Income	477.74						Mar		2,337.97
General Flower Fund	0.00						Apr		8,004.24
Fees to PCC	229.00	End 2020 Balance per our Accounts				10,373.08	May		2,004.50
Diocesan & Other Grants	388.80						Jun		2,613.42
Remebrance Candle Box	0.00						Jul		3,361.80
Gift Aid Return	5,581.54						Aug		2,325.00
Inter A/C Transfers	0.00	2. Monthly Reconciliation to Bank Statement					Sep		2,672.07
2018 Appeal Fund	1,000.00						Oct		1,875.80
Spare 1	0.00						Nov		3,603.50
Spare 2	0.00	Bank Bal at 31/12/20 adjusted above				10,373.08	Dec		6,722.20
Sacramental Candle	10.00						Dec		220.50
Restricted Income	5,419.50	Add 2021 YTD Receipts from Accounts				39,613.50	TOTAL CREDITS 2021		39,613.50
TOTAL 39,613.50		Less 2021 YTD Payments from Accounts				-32,119.06			
		Add Payments not included in Bank Statements							
Payments :							Bank Debits During 2021		
		Cheques				169.47			
Ministry	3,057.64	DDR's				0.00	Jan		-1,030.67
Heat, Light, Water	2,483.23					169.47	Feb		-928.59
Insurance	2,456.17						Mar		-866.36
Minor Repairs, Organ etc	1,029.98	Less Credits not included in Bank Statements					Apr		-1,623.37
Upkeep of Services	810.34						May		-1,033.05
Oher Salaries	0.00	Banking				0.00	Jun		-1,244.00
Sunday School	0.00					0.00	Jul		-1,646.40
Choir	0.00						Aug		-621.94
Parish Magazine	94.79						Sep		-1,787.63
Other Parish Expenses	931.29						Oct		-1,198.81
Payments to the Diocese	21,000.00						Nov		-1,333.55
Payments to Charities	127.50						Dec		-935.22
Fetes and Bazaars	78.12						Dec		-17,700.00
Flower Fund	50.00						TOTAL DEBITS 2021		-31,949.59
Votive Candles	0.00								
2018 Appeal Fund	0.00								
Spare 1	0.00	Reconciliation to End Month Bank Statement				18,036.99	BANK BALANCE BASED ON ABOVE		18,036.99
Spare 2	0.00								
Payments from Restricted Recpts	0.00								
TOTAL 32,119.06									
SURPLUS / DEFICIT 7,494.44		Audited By : 				Dated : 1/3/2022			

ST JAMES THE GREAT CONGLETON. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31/12/2021

Income	2020	2021
Planned Giving	23,029.50	22,010.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,074.00	1,773.12
Other Collections	591.67	423.30
Fetes, Bazaars	165.84	590.50
Donations / Sundry Vol income	587.75	477.74
Fees Paid to PCC	226.00	229.00
Remembrance Candles	59.95	0.00
Gift Aid Return	6,183.25	5,581.54
Transfer from High Interest Account/Roof Fund	0.00	0.00
Extraordinary Income	0.00	0.00
Flower Festival Fund	0.00	0.00
General Flower Fund	50.00	0.00
100 Club	1,350.00	1,510.00
Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	55.00	10.00
Non Gift Aided Sacramental Candles	0.00	-
Parish Magazine	504.00	200.00
Magazine Wall box	0.00	-
Restricted Income	25.00	5,419.50
Grants	2,000.00	388.80
Boiler / Lighting Fund	0.00	-
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	440.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	36,341.96	39,613.50
Expenses		
The Ministry	3,025.20	3,057.64
Heating, Light, Water	2,290.38	2,483.23
Insurance	2,413.88	2,456.17
Minor Repairs	356.96	1,029.98
Upkeep of Services	299.98	810.34
Salaries	0.00	0.00
Sunday School	0.00	0.00
Choir	0.00	0.00
Other Parish Expenses	972.83	931.29
Payments to Diocese	25,800.00	21,000.00
Charities	110.00	127.50
Fetes and Bazaars	0.00	78.12
Flower Fund	0.00	50.00
Candles	0.00	0.00
Parish Magazine	125.75	94.79
Payments from restricted income	0.00	0.00
Boiler / Lighting Fund	0.00	-
Path Fund / General Appeal Fund	553.56	0.00
TOTAL	35,948.54	32,119.06
Surplus/(Deficit)	393.42	7,494.44
Bank Balance b/f from previous year	9,979.66	10,373.08
BANK A/C FUNDS AVAILABLE	10,373.08	17,867.52
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,310.50	1,311.18
TOTAL YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE	11,683.58	19,178.70
AUDITED BY : 	DATE : 1/3/2022	