

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD - 791
CHURCH STREET, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WA12 9SR

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Administrative Information

St. Peter's Church is located on Church St., Newton-Le-Willows WA12 95R. The parish is part of the Newton Team in the Diocese of Liverpool.

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Secretary's Report

Another year has passed and the dreaded Covid19 virus reinvented itself regularly and caused havoc with our plans and schedules. We thank God for the new technologies which have allowed people to keep in touch. We opened up our church for worship at Easter 2021. Attendance wise, people are still wary and not everyone came back to church initially, but numbers are creeping up and confidence is returning.

There was only one church social event in the summer. A small marquee was put up in the church garden and food and fellowship was shared along with a rather difficult general knowledge quiz.

In September our incumbent Rev Stephen was interviewed and was subsequently appointed to be Team Rector of Culcheth and Croft and Priest in Charge of Winwick. His last service at St Peter's was on January 9th 2022. Rev Stephen worked extremely hard to ensure that St. Peter's Church was as prepared as we could be for our time in vacancy.

It was with great sadness that we were informed of the tragic death of Canon Stephen Grey at the start of the 2022 just days after leaving St. Peter's Church. We continue to keep Janette and their children in our prayers.

This report has been prepared by the Standing Committee along with reports from Church contributors. The Standing Committee wish to express their thanks to everyone involved with St Peter's Church for ensuring that a worshipping presence continues to grow and thrive in the Parish.

PCC and Ex-Officio Members

Members of the PCC are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There are also some members with ex-officio status.

Clergy – Rev Canon Stephen Grey (Chair)

Ordinand - Annie Houghton

Readers Emeritus - Dorothy Matthews and Audrey Myers

Churchwardens - James Robb and William Irving

Churchwarden Emeritus - Albert Waterworth

Deputy Churchwardens - Victoria Whiteside (up-to 20th May 2021)

Vice Chair - Phil Brammeier

Deanery Synod Reps - Ian Henry/Annie Houghton/ Canon Stephen Grey/ Kathryn Cunliffe

Treasurer - Wendy Jones

Secretary - Kathryn Cunliffe

PCC Members

- Elaine Fairhurst
- Lianne Burgess
- Helen Archibald
- Sue Cooke
- Sue Hutton
- Glenn Hutton
- Serena Meadows (up to May 20th 2021)
- Debbie Livesey
- William Irving
- Lisa Whittaker
- Kathryn Cunliffe
- Jim Robb
- Ian Henry
- Annie Houghton
- Phil Bremmeier
- Wendy Jones

The Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Chair - Rev Canon Stephen Grey
Churchwardens - William Irving & Jim Robb
Treasurer - Wendy Jones
Secretary - Kathryn Cunliffe

Other Responsibilities

Legal Advisor - Given through Diocese of Liverpool
Architect - Grimshaw Associates
Electoral Roll Officer - Sue Hutton
Child Protection Co-ordinator – Sharon Brammeier
Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator - Michelle Brammeier
Parish News letter - Rev Canon Stephen Grey
Website Editor – Wendy Jones
GDPR - David Smith
Gift Aid Officer - Janette Grey
Christian Aid Rep – Janette Grey

Structure, Management and Governance

St Peter's PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. (Charity number 1133794)

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The method of appointment of PCC members is as set out in the Church Representation Rules. The size of the Parochial Church Council is determined by the numbers on the electoral roll: currently the Parochial Church Council is made up of 17 members in total; 8 ex-officio, 9 elected.

Each year at the Annual Parochial Meeting, five elected members retire after having served for three years (or an unexpired portion thereof) and five new members are elected for a three-year term.

Four Deanery Synod representatives are elected every three years and these, along with the Vicar, Readers, Wardens and Deputy Wardens are ex-officio members.

In 2021, the PCC continued to meet in person or via zoom.

The PCC has a Standing committee, which meets as necessary between full meetings. The Standing Committee operates under Terms of Reference approved by the PCC and reports to the PCC at the next full meeting.

The PCC can recommend for appointment to the Diocese of Liverpool four Foundation Governors of St. Peter's Church of England Aided Primary School, Birley St, Newton-Le-Willows. The vicar of St. Peter's is an ex-officio member of the Governing Body of the school. A member of the congregation of St. Peters, Sharon Brammeier, is Chair of the Governing Body.

Individual PCC members receive training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training may include trustee responsibility training, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, child protection procedures (Basic Awareness). A major provider of such training is the Diocese of Liverpool.

During this year the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance acted as custodian trustee for the inalienable property of the church.

Risk Assessments

Financial Risk

On the advice of the Diocese, £15,000 should be kept in reserve.

All assets are insured and levels have been reviewed and approved by the PCC. Smart Water has been applied to precious metals to ensure full reclaim value in the event of theft.

Annual budget setting and monitoring is carried out by the PCC. Online banking has been introduced with appropriate safeguards.

Health and Safety

Coronavirus Pandemic Risk Assessment

During 2021 the government announced a National Lockdown due to Covid19.

The PCC, following the guidance from Bishop Paul and Rev Stephen decided to close for Corporate Worship during the lockdown for the safety of our members and all our user groups. The National lockdown lasted until April 4th.

In order to reopen our doors once again, our church needed to be Covid19 compliant. The risk assessment undertaken continued to include many considerations, below is a list of the main requirements that needed to be made, these restrictions remained in place for most of the year:

- The introduction of wooden pews with alternate rows with restricted use
- A one way system
- Laminated signage
- A Booking in system

- No Choir or Singing permitted
- Shorter services (approx. 30 min duration)
- Individual Administration of Holy Communion 'in one kind'
- Cash Handling process and Electronic 'Sum Up '
- Ventilation
- Social Distancing and mask wearing
- Hand sanitisation points
- Antibacterial Cleaning after each Service
- Recorded Viewing of online Funeral Services

The Churchwardens ensure that the Church is kept free of any hazards, that heating boilers are serviced regularly. The Health and Safety Policy including fire procedures is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

First aid kits are sited at each end of the building. The accident book is kept in the vestry office. A defibrillator is sited in the annex and some PCC members have received training on how to use it.

The list of First Aid Helpers has been reviewed with each member now required to possess a "First Aid at Work" certificate.

Security

The Church is protected by a well-maintained alarm. The number of keys issued to Church members is limited. A floodlight illuminates the car park while groups are occupying the Church in the evening.

Children and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC follows the guidelines issued by the Diocese of Liverpool regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. In 2020 the Standing committee carried out a major audit of its Child Protection Policy and this policy is kept under review.

The PCC is extremely appreciative of the important and considerable work that Sharon Brammeier (Child Protection Co-ordinator) and Michelle Brammeier (Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator) contribute to this task.

All volunteers complete the self-declaration form and those undertaking roles such as Sunday school teacher and Parish Visitors are required to complete a DBS check. Officers responsible for child protection and protection for vulnerable adults have undertaken training from the Diocese. Guidelines issued by the Diocese have been discussed and adopted by PCC.

The PCC have adopted the Safeguarding Procedures 2015, as recommended by the Diocese, which is displayed on Church notice boards. The Council also approved the Policy Statement on 'children and young people', which is distributed to all parents of Sunday school children.

The Lettings Policy for hire of the Annexe is currently under review to include Safeguarding requirements.

Objectives and Activities

The Primary objective of St Peter's PCC is to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

St. Peters is part of the Newton Team in the Diocese of Liverpool, which includes the five Anglican parishes that geographically cover the areas of Newton-Le-Willows, Earlestown and Burtonwood.

There are five churches: All Saints, Emmanuel, St. John's, St. Michael's and St. Peter's. The Rev. Chris Stafford is Team Rector; the Rev. Canon Stephen Grey and Rev. Gareth Banton (up-to Sept) are the Team Vicars. Rev Tim Griffith was appointed the position of Priest in Charge of St Michaels Burtonwood and Associate Priest in Newton Team in September 2021 (Licensed 13th March 2022). Rev Veronica Hancock was licensed to the Newton team on 26th September. Rev Stephen continued as Area Dean.

The PCC is responsible for working with the Team Vicar of St. Peter's and the other clergy and churches of the Newton Team, in promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It works together with the Clergy and the Churchwardens of St. Peter's to ensure continuity of ministry for regular services and to ensure that Sunday school and other Church groups are run and staffed properly.

The PCC has responsibility to manage the finances of the Church and to care for the Church building. It liaises with the higher Councils of the Church of England through its representation on the Deanery Synod and participates in diocesan funding through its contribution to the 'Parish Share'.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

PCC Objectives:

Church Building and Grounds

During 2021 the churchwardens have continued to address the fabric and building needs of St. Peter's. The priorities with the exception of the stonework have now been completed.

Work completed in 2021:

- Replacement of wooden flooring to the Lady Chapel and carpeting
- Cleaning of the guttering
- Roofing Repair to the Annexe
- Boiler Repair
- Repair to the roof of the Church Entrance
- Installation of Car Park Payment system, including fixed lighting
- Clock Repair

A rolling programme of building repairs will need to be put in place.

Repairs to the stonework is ongoing, it was decided in 2020 in view of the cost of this work that a grant application be made to English Heritage.
It was agreed by the PCC to always keep ECO church on the agenda.

Proposed Work for 2022

- Repair electric lights in the Church.
- Internal decoration of the Annexe
- PAT testing of all electrical equipment.
- Fire Extinguisher inspection.
- Undertake Survey to Annexe Roof.

Growth Agenda

The PCC continued to be committed to the Growth Agenda of the Diocese of Liverpool.

Financial Review

At the end of 2021 the total funds held by the PCC were £85,328, with £43,098 of this being in restricted funds.

Income from regular giving and donations was comparable with 2020, and we received £7514 from legacies. As we were able to hold a Christmas Fair in 2021, income from fund-raising was better than in 2020.

As in previous years, the Parish Share was paid in full. Other major expenditure included insurance, electricity and gas for the church, council tax and water rates for the vicarage, and £11,082 in church repairs. The Building and Fabric Fund was used to pay for the repairs with the Lady Chapel costing £5,892, and the majority of the remainder being for repairs to the roof and electrics.

A Generosity and Giving Campaign was held in the autumn, which saw a slight increase in giving, but our expenditure month by month is greater than our income. We are however, very grateful to all who give financially (and of their time) to the church and recognise that we continue to live in challenging times.

Community

Due to Covid19 restrictions and the limited scope regarding mission, all planned outdoor community outreach was put on hold.

St Peters School has also been closed due to the pandemic for several months. However Rev Stephen has maintained close contact with the school and once the school reopened, Rev Stephen continued to deliver school assemblies.

The Christmas Celebrations included a Covid19 secure Christingle service, with limited bookings via Eventbrite. Sunday School reconvened during Advent. The Community Carol service and light 'switch on' went ahead. The annual Brass Band Concert was cancelled due to Covid19. The Church's Facebook Page, Website and 'Church Near You' website has been updated regularly to keep members informed throughout the pandemic in addition to the Churches Parish News Sheet.

Achievement and Performance

Membership

There were 199 members on the electoral roll

Worship

No services were held during the Government controlled lockdown.

Sunday services continued when deemed safe and included:

8am Sunday Holy Communion service

9.30 Sunday Parish Communion service

10 am Wednesday Holy Communion

These services were shorter than usual (approx. 30 min) due to Covid19 restrictions.

The choir did not meet during the pandemic and CD musical accompaniment was provided for worship services for the majority of the year.

Baptisms (12), Weddings (7) and Funerals (13) were conducted in 2021 but due to government restrictions many services had a reduction in numbers.

In December 10 children from St. Peter's Primary School and Newton Academy prepared for Confirmation. A service of Confirmation was officiated by Bishop Geoff Pearson on December 5th.

Attendance

The average attendance for Sunday services is 108

The average attendance on Wednesday HC is 16

A total of 215 attended the Easter Services

A total of 1070 attended the Advent Services

There were 229 members of our worshipping community at the end of 2021.

Total	Children (age 0-10)	Young people (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)
229	30	35	129	35

A total of 20 Adults joined our worshipping community in 2021 and 10 Adults left. The total number of children remained the same.

Open Church - Bob Dickinson, Co-ordinator for Open Church

Open Church is a monthly opportunity to visit St. Peters when there is nothing else happening inside the building and enjoy a period of silence, peace, prayer and reflection. It has been taking place for several years and is open to all—those of Christian faith and those who are not. Open Church began again after the pandemic and lock down in September 2021 and continued in October and November. As in previous years, it does not happen in December. There was an average of 5/6 who were visiting for different lengths of time, involving a regular cohort who come every month. The event was timed from 4.30 until 6pm on the first Wednesday of the month, and each gathering concluded with a short service of "Night Prayer" in which those who are present pray for the parish of St. Peters and those in need.

The Newton Team: "Hope Hub"

Team ministry has been invaluable during the lockdown with shared ministry taking place online.

These have included:

- Evening Prayer
- Wednesday Morning Services
- Sunday Morning Services

Winwick Deanery Synod Report by Garry Harley

Deanery Synod met once by Zoom during the year on 9th March.

We then met three times in person on 24th June, 23rd September and 25th November.

The main issues were further discussions on:

1. The new Deanery Plan which created **three Mission areas** in the Deanery –

North Lowton and Golborne team. A ready established team. Population 18,500.

Central – potentially moves Burtonwood into the ready established Newton-le-Willows team with Haydock. Population 32,000

South -which brings together Winwick, Culcheth & Croft, Hollinfare & Glazebury. Population 20,000.

This was to ensure that no Priest was working in isolation, and that parishes could work collaboratively with each other, sharing gifts and skills.

Churches in the **South Mission Area** have now set up a **Group council** with reps from each church.

The Area Dean was voted in as Chair of the Group Council and Christine Melia (Churchwarden from Winwick as Vice Chair.) The Archdeacon came to the meetings and spoke frankly about the need to attempt to resolve the financial situation of some of the churches by establishing a payment plan. All the treasurers got together and each church had to be transparent about its assets.

2. Clergy Moves in the Deanery

Rev Canon Stephen Grey was appointed to be Team Rector of Culcheth and Croft/ and Priest-in-Charge of Winwick and with a vision to draw together the Churches of the Group Council into a Mission Partnership.

Stephen was very excited about the project, but sadly Stephen died early in the new year having just left St Peter, Newton-le-Willows.

Rev Andrew Welsby retired from St James Haydock, and Rev Gareth Banton (Curate in the Newton team) has gone to be a Team Vicar in Eccleston Team. A new Team Vicar was appointed for the Newton Team.

Rev Jonathan Stott resigned from the Lowton team but will help out at Newton-le-Willows. St James' Haydock has been advertised and the Culcheth role and the Lowton post will be advertised soon.

St Peter's School

The school children did not attend Church during the Lockdown period which ran from 2nd January till 4th April, due to Covid restrictions.

The children were invited to come to the Church Lychgate to receive daffodils for Mothering Sunday and Palm crosses for Palm Sunday. The school children came into Church in small groups for a special Easter Service.

Members of the church also serve as governors under the leadership of the Chair, Sharon Brammeier. Rev Stephen continued to develop the position of School Chaplain offering pastoral and spiritual support to the whole school body.

Church Groups

- The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts uniformed organisations have not been able to meet during the pandemic, but following the lifting of Covid19 restriction, the uniformed groups held regularly meetings in the church and monthly Parade service commenced once again.
- We continue to be a Fair Trade Church.
- Other groups for adults, including Bible Study, Choir, Bell Ringers and Mothers Union reconvened once restrictions were lifted.
- The Mothers Union met on several occasions beginning with a Strawberry Tea in April and concluded with a Christmas meal at the local Garden Centre in December.
- The Bible study group met on many occasions, one study in particular looked at 'Living in Love and Faith'

Regular contact has been made with Church Groups as and when required.

Christian Aid and other charities

Campaigns have been delivered for National Charities such as Christian Aid with the option for electronic giving.

A World Day of Prayer Service was available to view on YouTube.

Summary

During the first few months of the year, whilst still in lockdown St Peter's has maintained contact with its members either by personal telephone calls from our Vicar Rev Stephen Grey or via our weekly online newsletter.

Our priority has been to check in regularly with the most vulnerable members of our congregation.

Our Church finances have been seriously affected due to lock down restriction. Without direct giving and particularly the Parish Giving Scheme we would be in a far worse state that we find ourselves in today. Parish share relief has been given by the diocese to struggling churches both in 2021 and 2022

The Church Wardens have ensured that the Fabric of the Church has been kept in good order throughout the year.

The PCC and the Standing Committee have continued to carry out their duties either in person or on-line.

Throughout 2021 our Christian objectives have remained the same even though we may not have been able to carry them out to the extent to which we had planned at the beginning of the year.

We believe that we continue to provide a benefit to the public, with the following objectives:

To Love the Lord our God and be open to him through

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of a sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- To help people who have asked for assistance with prayer.
- To provide more variety in our services in order to enhance the experience of our worship.

To Love our neighbours and be open to them through

- Pastoral work including visiting the sick, bereaved and elderly.
- Religious instruction for children either in St Peter's School and on the Church premises.
- Promoting the Mission of the Church through activities in the wider community.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

To Love each other through Christian fellowship

- Teaching God's love through sermons, courses and small groups.
- To promote good working relations across the Newton Team and Ecumenically.
- To encourage all members to sign up to the 'Rule of Life'.

The Churchwardens, PCC and the Newton Team appreciate the support they have received throughout the year from the congregation and were pleased that our services have all been so well attended.

St. Peter's Church will host the Archdeacon's visitation on 28th June 2022.

Report Signed by Rev Chris Stafford


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Position – Newton Team Rector

Date - 3.5.22

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Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts	Unrest.	Restricted	Total	Total
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>				
Planned Giving Gift Aided	32556		32556	29441
Other Planned Giving	3197		3197	4430
Collections at services	7230		7230	5483
Gift Aid recovered	16110		16110	23250
	<u>59093</u>		<u>59093</u>	<u>62604</u>
<i>Other voluntary Income</i>				
All other giving and sundry donations	3351		3351	2262
Donations to CBF 3001 Building and Fabric		100	100	
Donations to CBF 3004 De Looze Flag		705	705	
Donations to CBF 3006 Tower Bells				648
Donations to CBF 3007 Stonework				25
Legacies	5014	2500	7514	8646
	<u>8365</u>	<u>3305</u>	<u>11670</u>	<u>11581</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Sponsored Walk	1118		1118	1579
Burns Night 2020	112		112	
Christmas Fair	3517		3517	
Magazine sales and advertising				1205
	<u>4747</u>		<u>4747</u>	<u>2784</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>				
Fees - Weddings and Funerals	12821		12821	9088
Tea/Coffee	88		88	62
Hire of Annexe and Church	1147		1147	790
Team ministry - Expenditure reversed				548
	<u>14056</u>		<u>14056</u>	<u>10488</u>
<i>Investment income</i>				
Interest from CBF Funds	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>278</u>
<i>Other Ordinary Income</i>				
Area Dean Grant	<u>1000</u>		<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>
Total Receipts	<u>87273</u>	<u>3325</u>	<u>90598</u>	<u>88735</u>

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	2021 £ Unrest.	2021 £ Restricted	2021 £ Total	2020 £ Total
Payments				
<i>Cost of generating Voluntary Income</i>	<u>70</u>		<u>70</u>	<u>124</u>
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Macmillan				413
Donations St. Peter's School	500		500	500
	<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>	<u>913</u>
<i>Ministry - Parish Share</i>	<u>52491</u>		<u>52491</u>	<u>59491</u>
<i>Church Running Expenses</i>				
Insurance	6634		6634	6668
Utilities - Gas and Electricity	5551		5551	4048
Utilities - Water	472		472	1007
	<u>12657</u>		<u>12657</u>	<u>11723</u>
<i>Clergy Expenses</i>				
Vicar's Expenses	290		290	264
Relief Clergy	449		449	
Vicarage Council Tax and Water	2933		2933	2401
Newton Team Curate	2122		2122	1291
	<u>5794</u>		<u>5794</u>	<u>3956</u>
<i>Cost of services</i>				
Sanctuary	241		241	70
Organist (Monthly Fees)	294		294	1650
Verger/Bellringers/ Organist	2930		2930	1220
Sundry	390		390	297
Subscriptions and Conferences	45		45	
Repairs and maintenance	11082		11082	1658
Servicing of organ		242	242	476
Accountancy and Professional Fees	900		900	1740
Printing and Stationery	210		210	392
	<u>16092</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>16334</u>	<u>7503</u>
<i>Fund Raising costs</i>				
Magazine				230
Christmas Fair	140		140	
	<u>140</u>		<u>140</u>	<u>230</u>
<i>Other</i>				
Fees paid to Diocese	3873		3873	4734
Wedding Fee refunds	11		11	628
	<u>3884</u>		<u>3884</u>	<u>5362</u>
Total Payments	<u>91628</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>91870</u>	<u>89302</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments			-1272	-567
Bank balance as at 1 January 2021			86600	89187
Bank balance as at 31 December 2021			85328	86600

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets	Unrest.	Restricted	Total	Total
Nat West - General a/c	26,369		26,369	19,963
Nat West - No 2 a/c - Organ & choir		2,019	2,019	2,261
Nat West - No 3 a/c - Sunday School		1,000	1,000	1,000
CBF Fund 3001 Building & Fabric	15,834		15,834	26,382
CBF Fund 3002 Bell Restoration & M'tnc		9,247	9,247	9,242
CBF Fund 3003 Hand Bells		680	680	680
CBF Fund 3004 De Looze Flag		1,352	1,352	647
CBF Fund 3006 Tower Bell General		6,332	6,332	6,329
CBF Fund 3007 Stonework		22,468	22,468	19,957
Petty cash & Tea/coffee cash	27		27	139
Total	42,230	43,098	85,328	86,600

Non-Monetary Assets

None

Debtors

Burial of Ashes fee **216**

Creditors

Wedding & Funeral Fees 2020 owed to Diocese 4734

Wedding & Funeral Fees 2021 owed to Diocese 4729

Total 9463

Notes to the accounts.

1. The financial statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities : moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.
3. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other member of the PCC received any payment for being a member of the PCC
4. Gift-aid to be claimed in 2022 in respect of 2019, 2020 & 2021 = £4275 (estimated)
5. Collections on behalf of Christian Aid (in / out transaction only) = £365.22

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 3.5.22

and signed on its behalf by



Rev Chris Stafford - Chair of PCC



Wendy Jones - PCC Treasurer

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. Peter's Church, Newton-in-Makerfield in respect of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2021 as set out on pages 12 to 14 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed. *Alan A. Clements* Date 4th. May 2022.

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