

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF S. MARGARET,
HOLLINWOOD & S. CHAD, LIMESIDE**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

Reference and administration information

The Parish of St Margaret, Hollinwood and St Chad, Limeside is situated in the South East of Oldham. It is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The Parish Church is St Margaret of Antioch, a Grade 2 Listed building.

The Correspondence address is:

St Margaret's Vicarage
Chapel Road
Hollinwood
Oldham OL8 4QQ

Episcopal oversight is provided by the Bishop of Beverley, the Parish having passed the necessary resolutions under the House of Bishops' Declaration.

The Parish is a member of the Society, Forward in Faith and a Corporate member of the Church Union.

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
794 Manchester Road
Failsworth
Manchester M35 9NY

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
Gloucester GL1 1JZ

Auditors

Chadwick & Co
Capital House
272 Manchester Road
Droylsden
Manchester M43 6PW

The PCC is not subject to any Income Tax and is thus able to reclaim any tax on donations made under the Gift Aid scheme. Although not registered for VAT, it is subject to VAT on invoices for goods and services.

VAT can be reclaimed on certain expenditure under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered Charity with the Charity Commission: charity registration number: 1134150. PCC members who filled in the Charity Commission Declaration form are Trustees of the Charity.

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

The PCC comprises the Incumbent, two Churchwardens, two Deanery Synod representatives plus elected members. They are appointed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and serve for one year.

The Standing Committee comprises the Chairman, the Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer who meet from time to time to determine, amongst other matters, the Agenda for each PCC meeting.

Other sub-committees are established to undertake specific tasks, such as social events and fundraising.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC's general functions are set out in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, Section 2. This can be summarised as: *'it shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish.'*

The primary object of all PCC's will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC's mission statement is 'Saint Margaret and St Chad's is a Church family, where we gather as God's people in faith, love and service. It is a place of worship, prayer, welcome and acceptance, reaching out to the whole community'.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the church and its contents. It arranges suitable insurance cover for the building. The PCC has overall charge of all expenditure. Cheque signatories are the two Churchwardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer. All payments require two signatures, any two of the four. The PCC relies wholly on volunteers to carry out all aspects of the work, only engaging contractors where no expertise exists within the congregation. Accordingly, there are no employees.

Whilst the PCC retains ownership of the Canon George Community and Parish Hall, the management of that building is the responsibility of the Hall Management Committee who have their own Bank account and are responsible for the insurance cover for the building.

The making of grants and donations is decided each year by the PCC. Collections are authorised to be taken in church on behalf of other charities. The monies collected are recorded in the accounts and paid to the charities concerned by cheque.

Risk Management Policy 2022

The risks fall into three categories:

1. Risk to the continuation of the church as a 'going concern' in Hollinwood and Limeside.
2. Risk to the premises.
3. Risk to individuals when using the premises.

The first of these has been addressed by the PCC to take steps to rectify any shortcomings.

The Church the Canon George Community and Parish Hall are protected by burglar alarm systems. The Canon George Community and Parish Hall also has smoke detectors fitted. Fire protection is afforded by extinguishers which are serviced annually.

Health and Safety issues have been addressed by the writing and dissemination of procedures governing the conduct of users and visitors.

Investment Policy 2022

Funds are only invested with reputable organisations. During 2022 the PCC did not have any surplus funds to invest and we do not currently have any investments.

PCC Membership 2022 - 2023

PCC members who have served during 2022 and who will serve until the APCM in 2023 are:

Incumbent The Reverend Fr Thomas Henry Davis SSC

Churchwardens Mrs Denise McCoy
 Mr Barry Dainty

The Churchwardens act as joint vice-chairs of the Parochial Church Council.

Representatives on the Manchester North and East Deanery Synod

Mr Barry Dainty
Mrs Denise McCoy

Elected Members

Mrs Sandra Jones
Mr Kenneth Barton
Mrs Marie Barton
Mrs Joan Lees
Miss Kirsty Haugh
Mr Norman Horridge
Mrs Sylvia Dempster
Ms Amanda Carr
Mr Ian McCoy

**The Parish of Hollinwood
St Margaret of Antioch and St Chad of Lichfield, Limeside**

Agenda

- † Opening Prayer
- † Apologies for absence

Meeting to Elect Churchwardens

- † Minutes of the Meeting to Elect Churchwardens 2022 page 6
- † Matters arising
- † Election of Wardens 2023-2024
- † Any other business
- † Date of the next meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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- † Matters arising
- † Election to Deanery Synod – 2 places
- † Election to the Parochial Church Council – 9 places
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- † Date of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- † Date of PCC Meeting to appoint Officers
- † Blessing

**The Parish of Hollinwood
St Margaret of Antioch and St Chad of Lichfield, Limeside**

Meeting to Elect Churchwardens held on Sunday 22nd May 2022

There were 18 people present.

Apologies had been received from:

Mrs Beryl Fletcher, Mr Norman Horridge, Mrs Elaine Horridge, Miss Kirsty Haugh, Mr Neil Kayley, Mrs Tracey Kayley and Mrs Sylvia Dempster.

Fr Tom opened the Meeting with prayer.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting to Elect Churchwardens held on Sunday 23rd May 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by Mrs Joan Lees and seconded by Mrs Susan Boswell that these were a true record of the Meeting. The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens

Mrs Denise McCoy had been proposed and seconded and had consented to her nomination.

Mr Barry Dainty had been proposed and seconded and had consented to his nomination.

There being no other nominations Mrs Denise McCoy and Mr Barry Dainty were duly elected.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the Meeting was closed.

Signed

Date

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Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 23rd May 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by Mrs Joan Lees and seconded by Mrs Jean Garlick that these were a true record of the Meeting. The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Election to the Parochial Church Council

The following had been proposed and seconded and had consented to their nomination:

Mrs Sandra Jones
Mr Kenneth Barton
Mrs Marie Barton
Mrs Joan Lees
Miss Kirsty Haugh
Mr Norman Horridge
Mrs Sylvia Dempster
Ms Amanda Carr
Mr Ian McCoy

There being no other nominations these people were duly appointed.

It was agreed that those who hold Office on the PCC continue to do so until the first Meeting of the new PCC.

Annual Report for Year Ending 31st December 2021

This had been circulated and contained the Reports required under the Church Representation Rules as follows:

1. PCC Secretary Report on the work of the PCC
2. Electoral Roll Report
3. Deanery Synod Report
4. Churchwardens' Report on the fabric of the church
5. Financial Statement
6. Independent Examiner's Report
7. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
8. Review and Adoption of the Parish Safeguarding Policy
9. Canon George Community Hall Report
10. Oldham Foodbank Report
11. Parish Priest's Annual Report
12. Date of the next Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
13. Date of the next PCC Meeting to appoint Officers

PCC Secretary's Report on the work of the PCC

This had been circulated. It was noted that owing to the Pandemic restrictions were still in place and the Canon George Hall remained closed.

Electoral Roll Report

The number on the Electoral Roll at the date of this Meeting remained at 63.

Deanery Synod Report

This had been circulated. It was noted that the proposal to reduce the number of Deaneries in the Diocese to 7 had taken place along with 7 full-time Area Deans. The Meeting was also informed that we are in Mission Community 2.

Churchwarden's Report on the fabric of the church

This had been circulated. It was noted that Phase 4 works had been completed, the Quinquennial Inspection of the church was two years behind, significant damage to the boundary wall of the churchyard had taken place by a motorist and dead/dangerous trees in the churchyard had been addressed by Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st December 2021

These had been circulated for adoption by the Meeting. After queries were answered by Mr Martin Woods, the Accounts were adopted unanimously having been proposed by Mr Ian McCoy and seconded by Mrs Sandra Jones. Mr Martin Woods was thanked for all his work on the accounts during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report

This formed part of the Annual Accounts and had been circulated. It was adopted unanimously.

All these documents appear with these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Mrs Denise McCoy and seconded by Mr Martin Woods to appoint Messrs Chadwick and Company as Independent Examiners for the coming year. This was accepted unanimously by those present.

Review and Adoption of the Parish Safeguarding Policy

Each year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is required to review the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

It was recommended that we adopt the two documents which had been circulated: 'Statement of Safeguarding Principles' and Safeguarding Policy – Promoting a Safer Church' to form the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that these documents be adopted to form the Parish Safeguarding Policy.

Canon George Community Hall Report

This had been circulated. It was noted that there had not been a Management Committee of the Hall since 2018 and the responsibility for it had fallen on the PCC, the hall is being used primarily by the Uniformed Organisations and one-off events and there was a serious ingress of water in the ceiling of the Parish Office which has also caused damage to the roof of the kitchen.

Oldham Foodbank Report

This had been circulated. Fr Tom spoke about the activities of the Foodbank during 2021 and into 2022, the number of those needing emergency food parcels in the Borough, the rental of another warehouse and his hope that in the future it would be possible to separate the Foodbank from the church as an independent charity in its own right.

Parish Priest's Annual Report

This had been circulated. Fr Tom spoke about those who had suffered from Covid-19, those members of the worshipping community who had died, the successes of our school, Seminarian Ben Jennings placement with us as part of his formation for the Priesthood, the annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the Oldham Foodbank, his gratefulness to the Standing Committee, the concerns surrounding the Canon George Community Hall and of his gratitude to almighty God for the privilege of being the Parish Priest.

Date of The Next Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

It was agreed that this will take place after the Solemn Mass on Sunday 21st May 2023.

Date of The First Meeting of the Parochial Church Council 2022

It was agreed that this will take place after the Solemn Mass on Sunday 12th June 2022.

Any Other Business

There being no other business the Meeting was closed.

Signed

Date

Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

Parochial Church Council Report

During the past year, the PCC has met three times. Business covered was the appointment of Officers, to receive the Finance Report, Quinquennial Report and Safeguarding Report; to discuss issues relating to the Hall and churchyard and to approve the Accounts for 2022. Day-to-day issues are dealt with by the Standing Committee.

Amanda Carr
Secretary to the PCC

Electoral Roll Report

There are presently 57 people on the Electoral Roll. Since the 2022 APCM, four people have come off because they no longer live in the parish or worship here, there was one duplicate and Jean Garlick died after a short illness. May she rest in peace. However, three new people have joined our worshipping community.

Denise McCoy – Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod has met four times during the past year at various churches in the Deanery.

The agenda for the Meetings follows the usual pattern with updates from various bodies and, in particular, from Diocesan Synod when it has met. These are usually very interesting sources of information especially on Diocesan finance.

There is always a discussion about the work taking place within the Mission Communities. Most are working well despite the large distance covered by our Deanery. The Area Dean is always accessible and supportive.

The debate on the Report 'Living in Love and Faith' – same sex marriage and the Church – has dominated most of our meetings with people holding strong, differing views. The General Synod Meeting in July 2023 will inform us more about where the Church of England stands on this issue. In this Diocese all the Bishops are in favour while many of the clergy and laity – Conservative Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics – are not. The real question is, 'Does the Church of England have the authority to change the Doctrine of the Church that marriage is a union between a man and a woman?'

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric of the Church

2022 saw the final remedial works from Phase 4 finally being completed, Covid restrictions having caused much of the delay. With the issue of the Architect's Certificate confirming all the works complete, English Heritage finally paid us the 10% balance of the original Grant for the works which was approximately £19,000. This enabled us to pay the Contractor and the Architect their outstanding accounts and to reclaim the VAT on the accounts.

The outstanding issue from this Phase is the replastering of the south aisle wall and the staining of the new timbers. Although part of the original Grant the money for this had to be used when the full state of the damage to the lower roof was discovered. We accept that this work needs to be carried out and we are looking at the cost of the work and whether any grants are available.

In October the Architect conducted his Quinquennial Inspection of the church. This should have taken place in 2020, but Covid prevented it happening. There are no major issues arising from the Report and the PCC will be considering it and looking at a programme of works.

The front boundary wall of the churchyard, damaged when a car drove into it, has been repaired by Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council who have responsibility for the churchyard. The railings that were damaged at the same time are still awaiting repair. This is because of the skill and expertise that is required to repair/replace them. Again, this is the responsibility of OMBC and were indebted to them for them keeping us up to date with progressing this work.

There have been other issues relating to the churchyard during the past year. Some of the graves have begun to sink and some of the entrances to the vaults have opened up owing to soil movement and tree roots. The condition of the vaults was very serious and Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council responded very quickly to get the cordoned off. These issues have now been resolved.

At present we are having problems with the heating system with two of the boilers not working. When the Parish had the system installed, the boilers ceased to be manufactured. This means obtaining spare parts is almost impossible. Eventually, the last two will also become impossible to repair. We are facing the prospect of having to replace the boilers at a cost of over £20,000.

The intention when Phase 4 works were complete was to move to Phase 5 – making the church more viable for other use in addition to its use for worship. The main drawback to this vision has been the lack of toilets. In conversation with the Architect, he has said that installing toilets in church is possible, but there is the issue of cost and where the funding for this would come from. We are also aware that the church desperately needs redecorating and re-wiring. While Covid brought a stop to pursuing Phase 5, the reality is that there is very little funding, if any, available.

Barry Dainty and Denise McCoy – Churchwardens

Treasurer's Report

The 2022 Accounts for the Church show that our regular income, totalling about £34,000, was just sufficient to meet the routine expenses of running the Church and maintaining its mission.

Income

Our main source of income is the voluntary donations from parishioners which were about the same as last year: £15,000 from the Planned Giving scheme, nearly £4,000 from collections and nearly £3,000 from sundry donations. This enabled us to reclaim £7,500 in Gift Aid from HMRC. With the end of the pandemic, we have been able to resume normal fund-raising activities which generated £1,800. Income from funeral and wedding fees have also increased compared with last year to a little over £1,800.

The Accounts also show that, towards the end of 2022, we received the final instalment of the National Heritage grant for the repairs carried out to the South Aisle roof. The outstanding bills for the Architect and the builders was paid in 2023.

Expenditure

The largest item of expenditure was, as usual, the Parish Share. In 2022 we paid nearly £16,000 (which represents no more than a third of the normal full Share for a parish). Church insurance was nearly £6,000 and the cost of utilities a little over £4,000. (The full effects of soaring energy costs have yet to appear in the Accounts, but these have been offset in part by grants from the National Church.) No significant maintenance expenses have been incurred during the year, but the Church has continued to support the costs of running the Canon George Community Hall. Sacristy expenses of nearly £1,300 have been largely covered by donations for votive lamps.

Summary

At the end of 2022, the PCC held about £44,000 in its bank accounts. But taking into account the outstanding bills referred to above, the truer amount was about £20,000. The PCC no longer holds any reserve funds or investments. The prospects for balancing the books in 2023 remain challenging given the substantial increase in many of our routine costs such as energy, insurance and the Parish Share.

Martin Woods

Hon Treasurer to the PCC

Safeguarding and Child Protection Report

In accordance with the Statutory requirements, a report from the Parish Safeguarding Officer is an item on each Parochial Church Council Meeting agenda.

During 2022 there have been no issues to report at a PCC/Standing Committee meeting or during any other period in the year. The Uniformed Organisations who meet in the Hall comply with the Parish Safeguarding Policy Document.

In 2022 The Annual Parochial Church Meeting adopted two documents relating to Safeguarding:

1. Statement of Safeguarding Principles
2. Safeguarding Policy – Promoting a Safer Church

These can be found on pages 30 – 32.

I have completed all the required courses expected of me during the year by the Diocese.

Sylvia Dempster
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Canon George Community and Parish Hall Report

The hall is managed under a Constitution agreed by the PCC and has its own bank account. All accounts for the upkeep of the hall (including insurance) are paid from the hall bank account. This Constitution has been suspended and the PCC has had to take responsibility for it.

The Hall continues to be used by the Uniformed Organisations and one-off events. Selecta Day Care Services haven't used the building since the Pandemic struck and they finally removed their belongings at the beginning of 2023. Someone in the parish needs to take responsibility for investigating any other possible groups who may wish to use the building.

The serious ingress of water in the roof of the Parish Office which also affected the wall and ceiling of the kitchen beneath it has had work done to it. The cost of this emptied the bank account and we now need to look for ways to repair the damage caused by the water.

During the year, the two large trees in the yard were removed as the branches were hanging on the roof of the Hall and the roots were lifting the astroturf. Thanks to Martin Woods and the Scouts, the yard has seen all the rubbish and dead leaves removed.

We remain grateful to the Barton family who come and clean the Hall each week and Denise McCoy's sons who help us with the heating and electrical work that needs doing. Without this, we would be in a far worse state.

Fr Tom Davis – Incumbent

Oldham Foodbank Report

Oldham Foodbank continued to provide emergency parcels to people in crisis throughout 2022. This year saw the highest demand the Foodbank has faced since opening and saw many new people needing to use the service. This could be due to the cost-of-living crisis, which led to increases on prices on essentials across the UK such as food, household items and toiletries, and also gas and electric.

Across the year, Oldham Foodbank supported 20014 people, with 8674 food parcels. This number included 11870 adults and 8144 children. This was a 40% increase on the amount of people supported in 2021. The main cause of crisis that clients presented with was 'Low Income'. This included those who were on universal credit and other benefits, in part or full-time work, through which the income they received didn't cover the cost of their housing, utility bills and essentials for themselves and/or their families. Other key causes of crisis included homelessness, benefit delays, changes or sanctions, and debt. These key causes stayed consistent with the data from the previous year.

Shaw Centre continued to distribute parcels, and currently hold a session 11.00am -1.00pm at the Salvation Army building. The team at Shaw Centre provide clients who arrive at the session with hot drinks and advice along with an emergency food parcel. The Shaw Centre supported 295 people with 166 emergency parcels across 2022.

The spread of parcels across the area was similar to 2021, although with some large increases in certain parts of Oldham. Clients in Alexandra received the highest amount of parcels, followed by St Mary's, Waterhead, Werneth and St James. There were large increases in St Mary's (62%) and Werneth (52%) since 2021.

By the end of 2022, we had around 128 volunteers who were helping at the Foodbank, most on a regular basis, and some on an ad-hoc basis. This huge team have done a fantastic job at keeping up with the demand at the Foodbank, and by the end of the year were sometimes packing and distributing up to 60 parcels per day. The volunteers do many things, such as collecting donations from supermarkets, sorting and categorising stock, packing and delivering food parcels, and processing referrals to name a few. There are many other people who support the Foodbank in other ways, such as through pushing out messages in the community around donations that we need using social media and other networks and working with local businesses. All our volunteers are vital for the operation to keep running and are collectively providing a much-needed service in Oldham.

The local community supported the Foodbank very well across the year, with 120,787.74kg of donations coming into the foodbank in 2022. Around 40% of our stock was donated in supermarkets by customers, whilst churches, schools, local businesses and charities also provided large amounts to be distributed to those experiencing crisis.

Tom Lewis-Hood
Organisational Development Co-ordinator

Parish Priest's Report

2022 was certainly a year of change. After the restrictions of the Pandemic, it took a while to get used to being able to do what we did before. However, what did we do before? Holy Week and Easter was my first in 2022 whereby there were no restrictions, I began to spend more time in the Parish doing my 'day job' and not at the Foodbank, spending more time in school and we have been able to gather to eat, drink and be merry in each other's company. For me, I hadn't been able to do all these before and how very grateful I am that we can now. Where to start?

For the last two years the prospect of an Ofsted Inspection has been on the horizon. It finally took place on 1st and 2nd March this year. I have attached that Report as an appendix to this year's Annual Report. The school was awarded Good in all areas of its overall effectiveness. The pressure the Senior Leadership Team were put under during the Inspection was enormous. Owing to their fine leadership and attention to detail in all areas of the school's life, the staff and pupils have enabled this award. In my role as Chair of Governors I have thanked them most sincerely on our behalf. I would also like to thank Elaine Horridge for the part she took in the Inspection as a Governor. The questions fired at us were fast and furious and she supported me when I felt like the 'rabbit being blinded by the headlamps'. His Majesty's Inspector and those who supported him had a clear agenda of what they wanted to know about the school and its management. Thank you everyone.

During 2022 the PCC agreed to fund the post of an Organisational Development Co-ordinator for the Oldham Foodbank from the Foodbank's funds. Tom Lewis-Hood was appointed and is managed by Action Together. You will have read his fine report for this Meeting. Tom is working hard to ensure all the organisational policies are in place and towards enabling the PCC to separate from the worries of operating one of the largest Foodbanks in the North West. Between 1st January and 11th May 2023, the Foodbank has provided 4,284 emergency food parcels which equates to feeding 5,861 adults and 3,836 children, making a total of 9,697 altogether. Without the volunteers and those who donate

financially and food this would not happen, and we remain grateful to the people of Oldham who enable this to happen. It is my hope that by this time next year, the separation will be nearing completion. In the meantime, I remain grateful to Tom for all his efforts and support of the PCC.

I would like to thank those who held Office during the year for their contribution towards the life and mission of our Parish. Barry and Denise, as Wardens, are loyal and supportive of me even when I find an excuse as to why I haven't had a holiday. Once again, Martin Woods and Ian McCoy have enabled the PCC to understand our financial situation in simple terms while not pulling any punches when it comes to being realistic. The Standing Committee has enabled us to keep PCC Meetings to be held only when absolutely necessary.

The Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council have been a great help concerning the damage to the boundary wall and railings and the issues of the dangerous graves in the churchyard. Throughout, they have kept me and the Wardens up to date with plans and solutions to the problems. In addition to this, the Parks Department maintain the churchyard and the Hollinwood War Memorial to a very high standard. When I am able to, I make the point of thanking them.

The numbers at Mass and other services have remained constant during the year. We have introduced additional acts of worship, Evening Prayer and Adoration on Wednesdays, Morning Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reflection on Sundays and praying the Rosary before Mass on Saturdays, as they proved popular during Advent and Lent. We have Seminarian Ben Jennings to thank for most of the work that goes into these services in addition to his resurrecting the Walsingham Cell group.

On the topic of Seminarian Ben Jennings, I can hardly believe that he has almost completed his second year on placement among us. The process of finding him a Title Parish (curacy) is under way and this is a very exciting time for him. Ben has grown in confidence particularly this year and his work 'behind the scenes' is very much appreciated. I have personally enjoyed Ben's friendship and working with him. Please continue to hold Ben in your prayers and we look forward, God willing, to his being made Deacon in 2024.

Bishop Glyn retired in January 2022 and was succeeded by the Right Reverend Stephen Race. Some of us attended Bishop Stephen's Episcopal Ordination and Consecration at York Minster in November. While our paths haven't crossed that much, I am very much looking forward to welcoming him to St Margaret's and St Chad's for St Margaret's Day – 20th July 2023. There will be a Solemn Mass at 7.00pm followed by a party.

Fundraising for the church, hall and other charities have been well supported. The Ukulele Tea Party for church funds, the retiring collection for the Leprosy Mission, the Table Top Sale for church funds and Poverty Lunches for the Additional Curates Society raised significant donations. Fr Darren Smith, General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, will be visiting us on the First Sunday of Advent 2023. Thank you to all those who supported these events, but we need to keep up the good work.

On 21st December 2022, our dear friend Jean Garlick died after a relatively short illness. We were all shocked at the news and greatly saddened with it happening so close to Christmas. Jean was a faithful Christian woman and a tireless worker for our school and parish. Her Reception into church and Requiem Mass did not take place until January owing to one of her daughter's living in Australia. We gave Jean a wonderful send off from this world knowing that she prays for us in the presence of God in heaven. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

I have been your Parish Priest for nearly four years – where has that time gone? I continue to be happy and fulfilled here and I look forward to the years that lie ahead. Thank you for your love, support and prayers. If I have a regret, it is this: the enormous amount of time I spent at the Oldham Foodbank when I should, where possible because of the restrictions of the Pandemic, have spent them with you. However, the past is behind us and we have everything to look forward to in the future as together, with the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, we strive to worship the One, true God and to bring others to the knowledge of his love and the good news of the Gospel revealed in his Son, Jesus Christ.

Father Tom Davis SSC

Incumbent of Hollinwood and Limeside

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AS TRUSTEES OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF S. MARGARET, HOLLINWOOD & S. CHAD, LIMESIDE**

I report on the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of S. Margaret, Hollinwood & S. Chad, Limeside for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 26. This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and the Independent examiner

As members of the Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord to those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Michael Royle BA FCA
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Dated : 14th May 2023

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF S. MARGARET,
HOLLINWOOD & S. CHAD, LIMESIDE**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Direct giving & voluntary income	2	36,131	-	22,380	58,511	31,867
Investment income	5	15	-	-	15	383
		<u>36,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,380</u>	<u>58,526</u>	<u>32,250</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	6	-	-	494,119	494,119	442,967
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>36,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,499</u>	<u>552,645</u>	<u>475,217</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds:						
Fundraising and publicity	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities						
Operational programmes	8	35,450	-	430,180	465,630	448,191
Governance costs	9	1,860	-	-	1,860	1,860
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>37,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,180</u>	<u>467,490</u>	<u>450,051</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		(1,164)	-	86,319	85,155	25,166
Transfers between funds		440	-	(440)	-	-
Net incoming resources after transfers		<u>(724)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,879</u>	<u>85,155</u>	<u>25,166</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(724)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,879</u>	<u>85,155</u>	<u>25,166</u>
Total funds brought forward		(7,612)	-	320,158	312,546	287,380
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>(8,336)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>406,037</u>	<u>397,701</u>	<u>312,546</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Foodbank tangible fixed assets	10		17,713		23,501
			<u>17,713</u>		<u>23,501</u>
Current Assets					
Foodbank stock		47,447		28,008	
Debtors	11	124,679		2,342	
Petty cash in hand		201		201	
Current account		37,109		14,066	
Cash on deposit		7,087		7,071	
Foodbank current account		216,957		271,442	
Foodbank petty cash		17		60	
		<u>433,497</u>		<u>323,190</u>	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(53,509)</u>		<u>(34,145)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>379,988</u>		<u>289,045</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>397,701</u></u>		<u><u>312,546</u></u>
Represented by :					
Unrestricted fund	13, 14		(8,336)		(7,612)
Designated fund	13, 14		-		-
Total unrestricted funds			<u>(8,336)</u>		<u>(7,612)</u>
Restricted fund	13, 14		406,037		320,158
			<u><u>397,701</u></u>		<u><u>312,546</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14th May 2023.

Fr. Tom Davis

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investments.

Incoming Resources

Donations and gifts

All monetary donations and gifts are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received.

Legacies are included when the Charity has been advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made. These are included in the SOFA.

Investment income is recognised when receivable.

Grants Receivable

Grants from the Government and other agencies have been included as "Incoming resources from Charitable Activities" which include contracts for services and money given for specific projects in response to an appeal.

Reclaimable VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme is included on an accruals basis, when the claim is submitted.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid claims are included on an accruals basis, when the claim is submitted.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the SOFA on an accruals basis. Expenditure is included within the cost category to which it relates and is allocated between : expenditure incurred in generating funds; expenditure incurred directly in relation to charitable activities; and expenditure incurred in the governance of the Charity. This expenditure includes accountancy fees.

A designated fund is established for expenditure which has been committed to projects, but remains unspent at the year end.

Support costs

The PCC has no direct employees. Support costs comprise fees paid to the organist and vergers and any training fees.

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Fund Accounting

Funds held by the PCC are :

Unrestricted general fund

Unrestricted general funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated Funds

These are unrestricted funds designated for particular purposes by the Trustees within the objects of the Charity.

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for a particular purpose specified by the donor, or when raised for particular restricted purposes.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are those unrestricted funds that are available without the need to dispose of any fixed assets.

Whilst it is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of six months unrestricted payments if possible (this should therefore approach £30,000) there are always competing claims for available funds.

Unrestricted funds are normally overspent each year. Currently unrestricted funds are in deficit in the order of £8,336 (2021 - £7,612). The PCC are aware of this and are actively taking appropriate measures to remedy the situation.

Within restricted funds a balance of £404,949 relates to the foodbank.

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold land and buildings	10% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% written down value
Motor vehicles	25% written down value

2. DONATIONS & VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Giving (note 3)	30,918	-	3,000	33,918	30,520
Other voluntary income (note 4)	5,213	-	19,380	24,593	1,347
	<u>36,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,380</u>	<u>58,511</u>	<u>31,867</u>

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3. DIRECT GIVING

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient planned giving	12,832	-	-	12,832	11,704
Non - tax efficient planned giving	2,210	-	-	2,210	2,867
Collections plate	3,849	-	-	3,849	3,943
Donations for candles	888	-	-	888	272
Charity Collections	673	-	-	673	40
Donations for portable font	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Sundry Donations	2,920	-	-	2,920	3,960
Tax recovered	7,546	-	-	7,546	7,734
	<u>30,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>33,918</u>	<u>30,520</u>

4. OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Grant income - South aisle roof	-	-	19,380	19,380	-
Grant income - Energy cost support	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Fund raising	1,801	-	-	1,801	150
Fees	1,854	-	-	1,854	1,097
Other	308	-	-	308	100
	<u>5,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,380</u>	<u>24,593</u>	<u>1,347</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	15	-	-	15	1
Investment interest receivable	-	-	-	-	79
Profit on disposal of investment	-	-	-	-	303
	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>383</u>

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6. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants - recurring	-	-	-	-	-
Foodbank income (see note 16)	-	-	494,119	494,119	442,967
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,119</u>	<u>494,119</u>	<u>442,967</u>

7. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations to Charities/Appeals					
Donations	673	-	-	673	114
Foodbank donations (see note 16)	-	-	276,517	276,517	300,920
Activities relating to the work of the Church					
Parish Share	15,700	-	-	15,700	17,934
Vicarage Expenses	3,131	-	-	3,131	2,518
Church Running Expenses- Insurance	5,830	-	-	5,830	5,529
Church Running Expenses - Utilities	4,176	-	-	4,176	1,197
Church maintenance	1,236	-	23,783	25,019	1,233
Upkeep of Services	2,068	-	-	2,068	-
Hall running expenses	2,389	-	-	2,389	4,838
Sunday School expenses	50	-	-	50	-
Church Administration	197	-	-	197	145
Foodbank expenses (see note 16)	-	-	129,880	129,880	113,763
	<u>35,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,180</u>	<u>465,630</u>	<u>448,191</u>

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Accountants remuneration	<u>1,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,860</u>

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10. FIXED ASSETS

	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & fittings	Total
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	25,009	44,492	69,501
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>25,009</u>	<u>44,492</u>	<u>69,501</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	13,579	32,420	45,999
Charge for the year	2,858	2,931	5,789
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>16,437</u>	<u>35,351</u>	<u>51,788</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,572</u>	<u>9,141</u>	<u>17,713</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>11,430</u>	<u>12,072</u>	<u>23,502</u>

11. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Church debtors and prepayments	390	373
Foodbank debtors and prepayments	124,289	1,969
	<u>124,679</u>	<u>2,342</u>

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12. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Hire purchase	1,473	5,893
Accruals	52,036	28,252
	<u>53,509</u>	<u>34,145</u>

13. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	(7,612)	(10,095)
(Deficit) for the year	(1,164)	(3,118)
Transfer from Restricted Fund	440	5,601
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>(8,336)</u>	<u>(7,612)</u>

Designated funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	-	-
Transfer to Unrestricted Fund	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	320,158	297,475
Surplus for the year	86,319	28,284
Transfer to Unrestricted Fund	(440)	(5,601)
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>406,037</u>	<u>320,158</u>

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	17,713	17,713	23,501
Stock	-	-	47,447	47,447	28,008
Debtors	390	-	124,289	124,679	2,342
Petty cash	201	-	17	218	261
Cash at Bank	37,109	-	216,957	254,066	285,508
Deposits	-	-	7,087	7,087	7,071
Creditors	(46,036)	-	(7,473)	(53,509)	(34,145)
	<u>(8,336)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>406,037</u>	<u>397,701</u>	<u>312,546</u>

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15. FOODBANK OPERATION

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income (See Note 6)		
Monetary donations received	110,911	74,064
Grants	96,941	67,261
Food donations received	286,267	301,642
	<u>494,119</u>	<u>442,967</u>
Expenditure (See Note 8)		
Purchases	39,689	20,933
Food distributions made	276,517	300,920
Salaries and volunteer expenses	11,127	24,964
Utilities	21,068	12,832
Rent and rates	35,676	33,736
Insurance and telephone	4,181	3,606
Printing, postage and stationery	1,131	1,608
Repairs	468	807
Hire of equipment	540	540
Subscriptions	-	35
Motor and travel	5,152	4,907
Refuse, cleaning and recycling	4,912	2,256
Depreciation	5,789	7,426
Other	147	113
	<u>406,397</u>	<u>414,683</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	<u><u>87,722</u></u>	<u><u>28,284</u></u>

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).