

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKMORE ST. LAURENCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1134161

Details

Other names	BLACKMORE PCC ST. LAURENCE, Blackmore P C C
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Provides a place where people worship God in the Anglican tradition

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£233,719	£107,662	-	-
2023-12-31	£94,000	£103,929	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,440	£79,374	-	-
2021-12-31	£82,855	£74,835	-	-
2020-12-31	£76,446	£61,335	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jane Marr	Chair	2020-10-14
Andrew Peter Smith		2019-05-07
Dr STUART JOHN JENNINGS		
GILLIAN PHYLLIS HALL		
John Hughes Mr		
KEVIN DENNIS WOOD		2018-04-22
Margaret Jean Laing Mrs		
Peter John Mason		
SANDRA ANN KEEBLE		

Accounts

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKMORE ST. LAURENCE

Charity Number 1134161

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December, 2024

Incumbent:

The Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
The Vicarage, Church Street
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CM4 0RN

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Independent Examiner:

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended

31st December 2024

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The PCC passed a resolution to rescind the Six Year Rule for electing churchwardens and will elect them every year.

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These Task Groups, which include Mission, Outreach and Discipleship; Pastoral Care; Health and Safety; Children and Youth Work; Fabric and Finance; Worship Group and Leadership Team are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

As well as the Sunday Services there are Prayer Meetings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. There are also Bible Study Groups every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. During the summer, Sean Wood led a Celtic service once a month after Teas in the Tower.

There was a Starlight Trail round the churchyard again this Christmas. The Starlight Service was a great success and Midnight Mass was also very well attended.

Church Attendance

There are 64 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 12 of whom are not resident within the parish.

Deanery Synod

John Hughes and Andrew Smith attended John Fry's inaugural meeting in February and, in June, Rev Sandra Eldridge (Diocesan Environmental Officer) gave an inspiring talk on environmental issues. In October there was a meeting in St Laurence attended by Michaela Southworth who is Chief Executive of the Diocese.

The Church Building

The church remains open to visitors every day during daylight hours.

Tower and Lychgate: The great news this year was that we have secured an NHLF grant for the full amount of money to proceed with the work on the Tower. Many thanks to Richard Thwaite for all the work he put in on this. There are still other expenses we shall have to meet and work must be done between March and November because of the bats.

The organ had a major overhaul this year, at a cost of £14,500.00 (ex VAT)

Work has been carried out on the sewer pipe.

Pastoral Care

Sandra Wood and Sandra Keeble continue to run this successfully, bringing help to those in need. They have produced a Pastoral Care Policy, a summary of which is available in church.

The Ministry Team are now responsible for the Prayer Chain which is for urgent requests. Other requests are to be included in the Weekly Sheet.

Friday Club for under 12's has 20 children attending each session and Friday Club Plus, for older children, now has 25 members.

Open the Book takes place fortnightly at Blackmore School and in July all the children in Year 6 were given bibles.

Little Lauries for babies, toddlers and their carers has proved very popular.

Serenitea, which is held every Tuesday morning is very popular attracting both church-goers and non- church-goers.

Mission and Evangelism

During 2024 MODS organised a Beetle Drive; Safari Supper; Medieval Feast; Jazz on the Green; Harvest Supper ; Christmas Quiz and Carols on Horsefayre Green.

Create meets once a month.

We continue to support Children in Distress and they have a sales stall at Serenitea.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Laurence continues to co-operate with Blackmore Baptist Church.

Gill Hall – Secretary.

Financial Report

Receipts totalling £233,719 were received in 2024 including interest from all accounts, grants totalling £122,060 designated for the Tower Restoration and money received from the Friends of St Laurence (FoSL) to cover for Tower work costs (ex VAT) so far.

Payments for the year amounted to £107,662 producing a surplus of £126,077.

Excluding the grants which are planned to be spent in this year, the actual surplus was £3997.

The majority of funds are generated by regular giving from the congregation along with other donations from friends and visitors. Funds are also generated from fundraising and social events, church users and fees.

Our parish share of £42,919 was paid in full. The parish share largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy and the necessary legally required administration of the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Diocese allocates the specific costs for the provision of ministry, training for future ministry and Diocesan services to each church. Our share requirement was significantly down on the previous year due to organisational changes and the removal of a one-off payment in 2023 agreed by the PCC to support other churches in the deanery.

Tower Restoration costs (excluding VAT) have been met by monies from FoSL. Other significant costs have been the restoration of the Church Organ (£17,340) and repairs to the sewerage pipe across the churchyard (£2,160). These have been paid from church funds. VAT has been reclaimed on these items but payment was not received in time to be included in these accounts.

We have continued to support Children in Distress, the Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust, the British Legion's Poppy Appeal, Agapé and the Church of England Children's Society.

I would like to thank the many church members and friends who support the church through regular and one-off giving, all those who come to support the fundraising and social activities and those who give up their time to help manage and run all the activities that the church puts on. I would also like to thank the Friends of St Laurence for their fundraising activities, support for the fabric of the building and the churchyard and for providing funds for the costs incurred so far for the Tower and Lych Gate restoration project.

John Hughes – Treasurer

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Note</u>	2024	2023
	<u>£</u>		
Voluntary Receipts		£	£
Planned Giving (Gift Aided)		33390	33197
Planned Giving (Not Gift Aided)		1115	850
Service Collections, Contactless & Online		7073	5631
All other giving		8188	8960
FoSL Funding		16090	5646
Gift Aid & VAT Recovered	3	12268	12358
Legacies Received		0	0
Grants		122060	1810
Activities for Generating Funds			
Teas in the Tower		2290	1464
Serenitea		7732	6074
Social Events		5103	2713
Christmas Market		2299	2051
Income From Investments & Other Accounts			
General Accounts		1370	605
Fabric Account(s)		1404	707
Business Savings Bond (1.5 yrs)		4089	1040
Church Activities			
Merchandise		383	536
Charity		496	365
Church Users		975	1890
Fees		7344	7068
Other Receipts			
Other	4	50	1035
Total Receipts		233719	94000
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Payments			
Costs of Generating Funds		£	£
Fundraising Activities		1378	1214
Church Activities			
Mission Giving/Donations	5	2603	2718
Parish Share		42919	56351
Clergy & Staff Expenses	6	2471	4518
Miscellaneous		20	854
Church Expenses			
Mission and Evangelism	7	2378	1922
Church Running Expenses	8	10186	9313
Church Office Expenses	9	2268	1968
Church Utility Bills		3538	4485
Costs of Trading		406	542
Other Outgoings	10	1779	3767
Major Capital Expenditure			
Tower and Lych Gate		18036	8047
Vicarage		0	0
Church		19681	8231
Total Payments		107662	103929
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Surplus/Debit		126057	-9929

Transfers Between Accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Santander Current to Santander Savings	75860	
Santander Current to CCLA General	40000	
Santander Savings to Santander Current		3000
Santander Savings to CCLA General	17000	

Notes to the Accounts for the year to December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 Accounts and Funds

These accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Church monies are held in accounts with Santander, CCLA and Cambridge and Counties banks. The accounts are termed as General or Fabric Funds. A separate spreadsheet is maintained which contains details of funds given / allocated for Designated purposes.

The Blackmore PCC have agreed to waive future contributions of Stondon Massey PCC Ministerial and Office Expenses.

Where the PCC collects monies on behalf of other charities, both the Receipts and Payments are included in these accounts.

	2024	2023
	£	£
3 Gift Aid and VAT		
Gift Aid Recovered	10397	12358
VAT Recovered	1870	
	<hr/> 12268	<hr/> 12358
4 Sundry Receipts:		
Other	50	128
FoSL Receipts	0	121
Stondon Receipts	0	786
	<hr/> 50	<hr/> 1035
5 Mission Giving and Donations		
BCSWT	1200	1200
Children In Distress	288	653
Childrens Society	0	100
British Legion	90	90
Community Giving	0	450
Agape	1025	225
	<hr/> 2603	<hr/> 2718
6 Clergy and Staff Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses & Resources	1976	3918
Organist / Bells / Choir	295	400
Verger	200	200
	<hr/> 2471	<hr/> 4518
7 Mission and Evengelism:		
Children and youth	2161	1551
Worship Material	187	322
Training	30	49
	<hr/> 2378	<hr/> 1922

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2024	2023
	£	£
8 Church Running Exps.		
Insurance	3183	3096
Copyright Licences	586	517
Consumables	350	347
Hospitality	390	617
General Maintenance	1687	1389
Organ & Piano maint.	0	70
Churchyard	3298	2402
Memorial Plaques	692	875
	<hr/> 10186	<hr/> 9313
9 Office Expenses:		
Office-Stationary	110	228
Office-Postage	85	55
Office-Telephone	345	352
Office-Electricity	505	838
Office-Photocopier	436	283
IT Software/Hardware	788	211
	<hr/> 2268	<hr/> 1968
10 Other Outgoings		
Payments to CDBF	1779	2781
Money collected payments (FoSL, Stondon, McMillan)		986
	<hr/> 1779	<hr/> 3767
	<hr/> 107662	<hr/> 103929

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE CCLA Accounts - Receipts and Payments

	General Fund	Fabric Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Opening Balance</u>	13353	16829	30182	28915
<u>Receipts</u>				
Transfer in from Santander	17000	40000	57000	0
Interest	1191	1404	2596	1267
Total Receipts	<hr/> 18191	<hr/> 41404	<hr/> 59596	<hr/> 1267
<u>Payments</u>				
	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0
Increase / Decrease	18191	41404	59596	1267
CCLA accounts at				
31st December 2024	<hr/> 31544	<hr/> 58233	<hr/> 89777	<hr/> 30182

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Bank Accounts YE Balances	£	£
Santander Current Account	12866.23	7630
Santander Deposit Account	76454.79	17416
C.C.L.A General Fund	31544.05	13353
C.C.L.A Fabric Fund	58233.42	16829
Cambridge and Counties Bank	63074.21	60496
Bank Accounts Total	242172.70	115723

Change from 2023	126449.39
Change from 2023 (Excluding Grants £122,060 & MMU £392.78)	3996.61

Other monetary Assets	
Q4 Gift Aid claim	£2,316
2024 VAT claim	£3,447

Other Assets

Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 Office Equipment used for Parish administration.

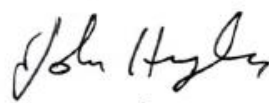
Funds Designated for Specific Purposes

Funds for specific purposes are no longer held in separate accounts. A detailed list of these donations is maintained to ensure the funds are allocated correctly. The current monies set aside are:

Childrens work (from Play School closure)	£846.47
Tower (Grants, Donations, Church allocation)	£134,441.53
Fabric	£1,655.00
MMU	£392.78
Total	£137,335.78
Unallocated	£104,836.92

Signed on behalf of the PCC:


 16/4/25.


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Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
Chairperson

John Hughes
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of The Priory Church of St. Laurence, Blackmore.

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of 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 Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down by the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act and
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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Clare E Corby



Farriers, Blacksmiths Alley, Blackmore, Essex CM4 0QU

30th May 2025

Accounts

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The Priory Church of St Laurence, Blackmore

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Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

As well as the Sunday Services there are Prayer Meetings on the first Monday evening in the month and every Tuesday morning. There are also Bible Study Groups every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This Christmas there was a Starlight Trail around the churchyard for the first time. This included life size figures of the nativity and lights as well as refreshments and was very well received. The Starlight Service was a great success and Midnight Mass was also very well attended.

Church Attendance

There are 50 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 11 of whom are not resident within the parish.

Deanery Synod

Lee Batson left this year to become the Dean of Newcastle Cathedral and John Fry was welcomed as the new Area Dean. Rev Sam continues as Assistant Dean.

The Church Building

The church remains open to visitors every day during daylight hours.

Tower and Lychgate: There has been a major fund raising campaign this year as £200,000.00 is required for the recladding, etc. Work is ongoing to secure various grants. We are very grateful to Friends of St Laurence for their work and support.

Notice Board: A new Notice Board has been installed in the churchyard, it is now situated in the lychgate so is easier to see and looks very smart.

Sound System: A new sound system was installed this year.

Pastoral Care

Sandra Wood and Sandra Keeble continue to run this successfully, bringing help to those in need. They have produced a Pastoral Care Policy, a summary of which is available in church.

Prayer Chain: The Ministry Team has been taking urgent prayer requests until the re- launch of the Prayer Chain.

Serenitea, which is held every Tuesday morning, continues to be very popular and attended by many people who are not regular church goers.

Mission and Evangelism

During 2023 MODS organised ploughman's lunches in the church during Blackmore Village Fayre; a Brass Band Concert in the churchyard; Harvest Supper; Christmas Quiz and Carols on Horsefayre Green.

Create meets once a month.

We continue to support Children in Distress and they have a sales stall at Serenitea.

Children and Youth Work:

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Little Lauries was launched this year, this is held weekly and is for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers.

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Financial Report 2023

Receipts totalling £94,000 were received in 2023. These were placed throughout the year in our General Account with Santander plc, the exception being interest on other accounts, which was retained with them. Payments for the year amounted to £103,929 producing a deficit of £9,929.

The majority of funds are generated by regular giving from the congregation along with other donations from friends and visitors. Funds are also generated from fundraising and social events, church users and fees.

Our parish share of £56,351 was paid in full. The parish share largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy and the necessary legally required administration of the Diocese as the Church of England is the state church. The Diocese allocates the specific costs for the provision of ministry, training for future ministry and Diocesan services to each church.

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The deficit this year was mostly expected but was exacerbated by unplanned repairs and reduced fee receipts. The sound system in church was upgraded with a new mixer, radio microphones and additional wired microphones. Our parish share was subject to an agreed one-off increase in 2023. The expected increase in utility costs materialised with a 2.5 times increase over 2022 bills. Receipts from fees were down on 2022 as the number of weddings reduced. Major repair works were undertaken on the waste pipe that runs across the churchyard.

I would like to thank the many church members and friends who support the church through regular and one-off giving, all those who come and support the fundraising and social activities. I would also like to thank the Friends of St Laurence group for their fundraising activities, support for the fabric of the building and the churchyard and for providing support and funding for the preliminary activities for the Tower and Lych Gate repair project.

John Hughes – Treasurer

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Notes</u>	2023	2022
Voluntary Receipts		£	£
Planned Giving (Gift Aided)		33197	32653
Planned Giving (Not Gift Aided)		850	1010
Service Collections, Contactless & Online		5631	3684
All other giving		8960	13011
FoSL Funding		5646	1815
Gift Aid Recovered		12358	6997
Legacies Received		0	3000
Grants		1810	0
Activities for Generating Funds			
Teas in the Tower		1464	864
Serenitea		6074	5309
Social Events		2713	1547
Christmas Market		2051	1737
Income From Investments & Other Accounts			
General Accounts		605	124
Fabric Account(s)		707	156
Business Savings Bond		1040	414
Church Activities			
Merchandise		536	556
Charity - Children in Distress		365	474
Church Users		1890	1636
Fees		7068	10298
Other Receipts			
Other	3	1035	155
Total Receipts		94000	85440
<u>Payments</u>			
Costs of Generating Funds		£	£
Fundraising Activities		1214	339
Church Activities			
Mission Giving/Donations	4	2718	2941
Parish Share		56351	49490
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5	4518	6525
Miscellaneous		854	289
Church Expenses			
Mission and Evangelism	6	1922	1402
Church Running Expenses	7	9313	9924
Church Office Expenses	8	1968	1852
Church Utility Bills		4485	1753
Costs of Trading		542	448
Other Outgoings	9	3767	2777
Major Capital Expenditure			
Tower and Lych Gate		8047	1098
Vicarage		0	537
Church		8231	0
Total Payments		103929	79374
 Surplus/Debit		 -9929	 6066
 Transfers between accounts			
Santander Deposit to Santander Current		3000	

Notes to the Accounts for the year to December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

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2 Funds

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Where the PCC collects monies on behalf of other charities, both the Receipts and Payments are included in these accounts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
3 Sundry Receipts:		
Other (MacMillan)	128	155
FoSL Receipts	121	0
Stondon Receipts	786	0
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	1035	155
4 Mission Giving and Donations		
BCSWT	1200	1200
Children In Distress	653	775
Childrens Society	100	396
British Legion	90	90
Community Giving	450	480
Agape	225	0
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	2718	2941
5 Clergy and Staff Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses & Resources	3918	5940
Organist / Bells / Choir	400	385
Verger	200	200
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	4518	6525
6 Mission and Evengelism:		
Children and youth	1551	1308
Worship Material	322	45
Training	49	49
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	1922	1402

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2023	2022
7 Church Running Exps.	£	£
Insurance	3096	2913
Copyright Licences	517	541
Consumables	347	647
Hospitality	617	0
General Maintenance	1389	2310
Organ & Piano maint.	70	264
Churchyard	2402	1883
Memorial Plaques	875	1367
	<u>9313</u>	<u>9924</u>
8 Office Expenses:		
Office-Stationary	228	137
Office-Postage	55	30
Office-Telephone	352	447
Office-Electricity	838	474
Office-Photocopier	283	535
IT Software/Hardware	211	230
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1852</u>
9 Other Outgoings		
Payments to CDBF	2781	2777
Money collected payments (FoSL, Stondon, McMillan)	986	0
	<u>3767</u>	<u>2777</u>

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2023

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2023			2022		
	Designated	Restricted	Total	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Interest from CCLA Fabric Fund	706		706	156		156
	<u>706</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>156</u>
<u>Payments</u>						
			0			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus			706			156
CCLA Fabric Fund account at 31st December 2023	<u>15174</u>	<u>1655</u>	<u>16829</u>	<u>14468</u>	<u>1655</u>	<u>16123</u>

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

			2023	2022
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank Accounts YE Balances				
Santander Current Account	7630		7630	16911
Santander Deposit Account	13563	3852	17416	20372
C.C.L.A General Fund	13353		13353	12792
C.C.L.A Fabric Fund		16829	16829	16123
Cambridge and Counties Bank	60496		60496	59456
Bank Accounts Total	95042	20681	115723	125652

Change from 2022 **-9929**

Other monetary Assets (all in respect of unrestricted funds)

Q4 Gift Aid claim £2,316

Other Assets


Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

Office Equipment used for Parish administration.

Approved by the PCC on the *28th April 2024* and signed on their behalf

Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
Chairperson

John Hughes
Treasurer


28th April 2024



Accounts

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKMORE ST. LAURENCE

Charity Number 1134161

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December, 2022

Incumbent:

The Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
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Ingatestone
CM4 0RN

Bankers:

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CCLA Investment Management Limited
COIF Charity Funds
Senate House
85 Queen Victoria Street
London
EC4V 4ET

Independent Examiner:

Mrs. Clare E. Corby
Farriers
Blacksmiths Alley,
Blackmore
Ingatestone
CM4 0QU

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of The Priory Church of St. Laurence, Blackmore.

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of 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 Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down by the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act.
- 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 the PCC 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

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Clare E Corby

Farriers, Blacksmiths Alley, Blackmore, Essex CM4 0QU

5th May 2023

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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The PCC passed a resolution to rescind the Six Year Rule for electing churchwardens and will elect them every year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met six times with the average level of attendance of 80%. Given the wide responsibilities of the PCC it has a number of Task Groups. Each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These Task Groups, which include Mission, Outreach and Discipleship; Pastoral Care; Health and Safety; Children and Youth Work; Fabric and Finance; Worship Group and Leadership Team are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

This year has seen the resumption of normal Sunday services, with the choice at Communion of receiving a dipped wafer or taking the traditional wafer and wine. We no longer use hymn books and the words are projected on to a screen.

There are also Prayer Meetings on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings

Bible Study is held on Thursday afternoons and Christianity Explored on Thursday evenings.

There was a full programme of services over the Christmas period including the Starlight Service and Midnight Mass.

Church Attendance

There are 55 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 13 of whom are not resident within the parish.

Deanery Synod

There have been several meetings this year, attended by Joh Hughes, Kevin Wood and Rev Sam, with Bishop Guli introducing herself at the November meeting.

The Church Building

The heating in the church has been under discussion for much of this year and it has now been decided to replace the side heaters, which have always been in the wrong position, with new ones which will be in the correct position.

The DAC have approved the Schedule of Works for the recladding of the tower and lychgate and a lot of work has gone into sorting out available grants, etc., but we are having trouble getting approval from Brentwood Borough Council and our architect is working on this.

The church is now open to visitors every day during daylight hours.

Pastoral Care

Sandra Wood and Sandra Keeble are running this successfully, bringing help to those in need.

Serenitea, which is held every Tuesday morning is very well supported and attended by many people who are not regular church goers.

The Prayer Chain is currently being run by Sam.

Mission and Evangelism

During 2022 MODS organised a St George's Evening of song with Graham O'Leary; a barbecue; Harvest Supper; Christmas Fair and a Christmas Fun Quiz all of which were very successful.

Children and Youth Work:

Friday Club for under 12's is well attended and the Youth Group for teenagers has twelve members.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Laurence continues to have a good relationship with the Blackmore Baptist Church.

Gill Hall – Secretary.

Financial Report 2022

Receipts totalling £85,440, details of which are shown in the Financial Statement, were mostly placed throughout the year in our General Account with Santander plc, the exception being interest on other accounts, which was retained with them. Payments amounted to £79,374 producing a surplus of £6,066.

We have seen an increase in funds generated by church social and fundraisings activities which have fully resumed following the covid pandemic which curtailed activities in 2020 and 2021. We have also seen an increase in fees following a full year of weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Our parish share of £49,490 was paid in full. The parish share largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy and the necessary legally required administration of the Diocese as the Church of England is the state church. The Diocese allocates the specific costs for the provision ministry, training of future ministry and Diocesan services to each church.

We have continued to support Children in Distress, the Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust and the British Legion's Poppy Appeal and have resumed supporting the Church of England Children's Society through a collection at the Starlight Christmas service.

Regular giving by monthly standing order has increased over 2021 and we are still encouraging the take-up of this as it makes budgeting easier and helps us to understand our financial position and outlook. A new booklet "Generous Giving" has been produced and is available in printed copy in church or online from the link on the church website 'Giving' page.

I would like to thank the many church members and friends who support the church through regular giving, which is our main source of income, all those who come and support the fundraising and social activities and the Friends of St Laurence group for their fundraising activities and support for the fabric of the building and the churchyard.

John Hughes – Treasurer

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2022

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Notes

	2022	2021
Voluntary Receipts	£	£
Planned giving (Gift Aided)	32653	30047
Other Planned Giving	1010	1745
Service Collections, Contactless & Online	3684	2367
All other giving	13011	12430
FoSL Funding	1815	4515
Gift Aid Recovered	6997	12578
Legacies Received	3000	5000
Grants	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		
Teas in the Tower	864	0
Serenitea	5309	832
Social Events	1547	2555
Christmas Market	1737	1597
Income From Investments & Other Accounts		
General Accounts	124	2
Fabric Account(s)	156	43
Business Savings Bond	414	758
Church Activities		
Parish Magazine	0	0
Merchandise	556	241
Charity	474	162
Church Users	1636	1015
Fees	10298	6697
Other Receipts		
Other	3	155
Total Receipts	85440	82855

Payments

Costs of Generating Funds		£	£
Fundraising Activities		339	0
Church Activities			
Mission Giving/Donations	4	2941	2325
Parish Share		49490	43087
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5	6525	6534
Miscellaneous		289	594
Church Expenses			
Mission and Evangelism	6	1402	622
Church Running Expenses	7	9924	6097
Church Office Expenses	8	1852	1656
Church Utility Bills		1753	996
Costs of Trading		448	240
Other Outgoings	9	2777	1071
Major Capital Expenditure			
Tower and Re-Ordering		1098	8952
Vicarage		537	2663
Total Payments		79374	74835

Surplus/Debit

6066 8020

Notes to the Accounts for the year to December 2022

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	2022	2021
	£	£
3 Sundry Receipts:		
Other	155	272
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BCSWT	1200	1200
Children In Distress	775	450
Childrens Society	396	0
British Legion	90	80
Community Giving	480	595
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	2941	2325
5 Clergy and Staff Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses & Resources	5940	6144
Organist / Bells / Choir	385	290
Verger	200	100
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	6525	6534
6 Mission and Evengelism:		
Children and youth	1308	106
Worship Material	45	352
Training	49	164
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	1402	622

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2022	2021
7 Church Running Exps.	£	£
Insurance	2913	2770
Copyright Licences	541	411
Consumables	647	163
General Maintenance	2310	360
Organ & Piano maint.	264	108
Churchyard	1883	1828
Memorial Plaques	1367	458
	<hr/> 9924	<hr/> 6097
8 Office Expenses:		
Office-Stationary	137	84
Office-Postage	30	55
Office-Telephone	447	434
Office-Electricity	474	594
Office-Photocopier	535	218
Magazine Production	0	0
IT Software/Hardware	230	270
	<hr/> 1852	<hr/> 1656
9 Other Outgoings		
Payments to CDBF	2777	1071
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	79374	74835

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE **Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2022**

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2022			2021		
	Designated	Restricted	Total	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Interest from CCLA Fabric Fund	156		156	2		2
Donations			0	43		43
Complaint Goodwill Gesture			0	50		50
	<hr/> 156	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 156	<hr/> 95	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 95
<u>Payments</u>						
HSBC Account Closure Transfer			0	309		309
	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 309	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 309
Surplus			156			-214
CCLA Fabric Fund account at 31st December 2022	<hr/> 14468	<hr/> 1655	<hr/> 16123	<hr/> 14312	<hr/> 1655	<hr/> 15967

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

			2022	2021
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds and Bank Accounts				
Santander Current Account	12687	4224	16911	31538
Santander Deposit Account	20062	309	20372	371
C.C.L.A General Fund	12792		12792	12668
C.C.L.A Fabric Fund		16123	16123	15967
Cambridge and Counties Bank	59456		59456	59042
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	104997	20656	125652	119587

Other monetary Assets (all in respect of unrestricted funds)

End of year Income Tax claim	£4,473	£1,969
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Other Assets

Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

Office Equipment used for Parish administration.

The accounts have been presented to the PCC on 25th January 2023 and signed on their behalf

Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
Chairperson

John Hughes
Treasurer

Accounts

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKMORE ST. LAURENCE

Charity Number 1134161

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December, 2021

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CM4 0RN

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Independent Examiner:

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The Priory Church of St Laurence, Blackmore
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information

St. Laurence Church is situated in Church Street, Blackmore. It is in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar and part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Blackmore, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0RN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, No. 1134161.

Aims and purposes

St. Laurence's Parochial Church Council (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 also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Grade 1 listed Church building and churchyard.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Laurence the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), the churchwardens, our Licenced Lay Minister and members elected by those on the Electoral Roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met four times with the average level of attendance of 80%. There were also two meetings held on Zoom with an attendance of 92%. Given the wide responsibilities of the PCC it has a number of Task Groups. Each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These Task Groups, which include Mission, Outreach and Discipleship; Pastoral Care; Health and Safety; Children and Youth Work; Fabric and Finance; Worship Group and Ministry Team are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We started the year with on-line services but when Churches emerged from 'Lock Down', in-person Sunday services resumed, although everyone had to wear a mask and singing of hymns was not allowed until July. Hymn books were not distributed but the words were projected on to a screen for all to see.

Rev Sam started a morning prayer group in Church and on Zoom which has proved popular.

Church Attendance

There are 68 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 10 of whom are not resident within the parish.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met on zoom every quarter through the year and has been in discussion about how to become a mission agency. They have had various speakers including a guest from Citizens UK. St Laurence has been represented at every meeting.

The Church Building

The Fabric Committee met several times during 2021 and the following topics were discussed: tower and lych gate re-shingling/re-cladding; interior decorating; organ major overhaul; holm oaks fouling south side of church; new heating system; seating; lighting; audio-visual system with wifi; re-ordering – kitchen, w.c., quiet room, font; car parking. These were all items that have been on hold during the pandemic and will be part of a five year plan.

Pastoral Care

Sandra Wood and Sandra Keeble have been reviewing this and it will be overhauled next year. The Prayer Chain is currently being run by Sam.

Mission and Evangelism

We have developed a new strategy for mission and evangelism called the Evangelism Pathway and this is gradually being implemented within the church.

Children and Youth Work

Youth work has largely been on hold during the pandemic but recommenced towards the end of the year.

Ecumenical Relationships

As part of the Ongar MMU (Mission and Ministry Unit) we engage regularly with other churches in the area.

Gill Hall – Secretary

Financial review 2021

Receipts totalling £82,855, details of which are shown in the Financial Statement, were mostly placed throughout 2021 in our General Account with Santander plc, the exception being interest on other accounts, which was retained with them.

Payments in 2020 amounted to £74,835, which means there was a surplus of £8,020. Fundraising activities and church usage resumed during the year and are again helping us to balance the books. We received a £5000 legacy along with £3000 from the closure of the village playgroup although this is designated to be used for children's work.

We have commenced activities for the repair of the Tower and Lych Gate and re-ordering the church and have engaged architectural services. The Friends of St Laurence (FoSL) have funded the architect fees for the Tower and Lych Gate project.

I would like to thank the many church members and friends who support the church through regular giving, which is our main source of income, all those who come and support the fundraising and social activities and FoSL for their fundraising activities and support for the fabric of the building and churchyard.

We paid our parish share of £43,087. The parish share largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy and the necessary legally required administration of the Diocese as the Church of England is the state church. The Diocese allocates the specific costs for the provision ministry, training of future ministry and Diocesan services to each Benefice, along with grants from the Church Commissioners and a Fee Credit in support of the occasional offices undertaken in the previous year.

We have continued to support our Romanian Charity, Children in Distress and the Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust and the British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We have seen an increase in people giving regularly by monthly standing order. However, our parish share has increased for 2022 and our regular monthly giving income is not enough to cover this. This puts more pressure on fundraising and other activities to make up the shortfall and cover other expenditure. This situation should improve as 'normality' is resumed following the pandemic and our congregation begins to grow again.

John Hughes – Treasurer

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2021

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Notes

	2021	2020	
Voluntary Receipts	£	£	
Planned giving (Gift Aided)	30047	29067	
Other Planned Giving	1745	0	
Service Collections, Contactless & Online	2367	4187	
All other giving	12430	20320	
FoSL Funding	4515	0	
Gift Day (2020)		7272	
Income Tax recovered	12578	8375	
Legacies received	5000	0	
Grants	0	0	
Activities for Generating Funds			
Teas in the Tower	0	0	
Serenitea	832	1772	
Social Events	2555	274	
Christmas Market	1597	315	
Income From Investments & Other Accounts			
CCLA General Fund Interest	2	27	
Fabric Fund Donation	43	0	
Business Tracker Bond Interest	758	355	
Church Activities			
Parish Magazine	0	0	
Merchandise	241	120	
Charity	162	126	
Church Users	1015	800	
Fees	6697	2531	
Other Receipts			
Other	3	272	221
Total Receipts	82855	75762	

Payments

Costs of Generating Funds	£	£	
Fundraising Activities	0	0	
Church Activities			
Mission Giving/Donations	4	2325	1730
Parish Share		43087	41924
Clergy & Staff Expenses	5	6534	7140
Miscellaneous		594	293
Church Expenses			
Mission and Evangelism	6	622	184
Church Running Expenses	7	6097	5552
Church Office Expenses	8	1656	973
Church Utility Bills		996	1697
Costs of Trading		240	
Other Outgoings	9	1071	891
Major Capital Expenditure			
Tower and Re-Ordering		8952	0
Vicarage		2663	0
Total Payments	74835	60384	

Surplus/Debit

8020 15421

Notes to the Accounts for the year to December 2021

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	2021	2020
	£	£
3 Sundry Receipts:		
Other	272	221
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	272	221
4 Mission Giving and Donations		
BCSWT	1200	1200
Children In Distress	450	450
Childrens Society	0	
British Legion	80	80
Community Giving	595	255
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	2325	1985
5 Clergy and Staff Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses & Resources	6144	6177
Organist / Bells / Choir	290	170
Verger	100	100
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	6534	6447
6 Mission and Evengelism:		
Children and youth	106	184
Worship Material	352	
Training	164	
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	622	184

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2021	2020
	£	£
7 Church Running Exps.		
Insurance	2770	2742
Copyright Licences	411	327
Consumables	163	258
General Maintenance	360	930
Organ & Piano maint.	108	408
Churchyard	1828	1180
Memorial Plaques	458	155
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	6097	6001
8 Office Expenses:		
Office-Stationary	84	
Office-Postage	55	273
Office-Telephone	434	415
Office-Electricity	594	300
Office-Photocopier	218	399
Magazine Production	0	
IT Software/Hardware	270	
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	1656	1388
9 Other Outgoings		
Payments to CDBF	1071	
Book Purchases (monies recovered)		145
Flower Tribute Expenses		100
Stondon Gift Day		221
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	1071	466

Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2021

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2021			2020		
	Designated	Restricted	Total	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Interest from CCLA Fabric Fund	2		2	42		42
Donations	43		43		600	600
Complaint Goodwill Gesture	50		50			0
	95	0	95	42	600	642
Payments						
Morgan Fire Protection			0	196		196
M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd			0	156	600	756
HSBC Account Closure Transfer	309		309			
	309	0	309	352	600	952
Surplus			-214			-310
CCLA Fabric Fund account at 31st December 2021	14312	1655	15967	14526	1655	16181

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Cash Funds and Bank Accounts				
Santander Current Account	27364	4174	31538	24373
Santander Deposit Account	62	309	371	62
HSBC Fabric Fund	0	0	0	216
C.C.L.A General Fund	12668		12668	12667
C.C.L.A Fabric Fund		15967	15967	15965
Hampshire Trust Bank	59042		59042	58284
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	<hr/> 99137	20450	119587	111567
Total Funds	<hr/> <hr/> 99137	20450	119587	111567

Other monetary Assets (all in respect of unrestricted funds)

End of year Income Tax claim £1,969 £6,392

Other Assets

Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

Office Equipment used for Parish administration.

Approved by the PCC on the 25/5/22 and signed on their behalf



Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
Chairperson



John Hughes
Treasurer

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Clare E Corby

Farriers, Blacksmiths Alley, Blackmore, Essex CM4 0QU

23rd April 2022

Accounts

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKMORE ST. LAURENCE
Charity Number 1134161

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December, 2020

Incumbent:

The Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs
The Vicarage
Church Street
Blackmore
Ingatestone
Essex
CM4 0RN

Bankers:

Santander plc
Bootle
Merseyside
L30 4GB

HSBC
91 High Street,
Brentwood,
Essex, CM14 4RU

CCLA Investment Management Limited
COIF Charity Funds
Senate House
85 Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4ET

Independent Examiner:

Mrs. Clare E. Corby
Farriers
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**The Priory Church of St. Laurence, Blackmore,
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year ended
31st December, 2019**

Administrative Information

St. Laurence Church is situated in Church Street, Blackmore. It is in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar and part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Street, Blackmore, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0RN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, No. 1134161.

PCC members who have served from 22nd April, 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Revd. Samantha Brazier Gibbs	Chair
LLM:	Mrs. Gail Hughes	
Warden:	Dr. Stuart Jennings	Vice Chair
Warden:	Mrs. Sandra Keeble	
Treasurer:	Mrs. Brenda Leigh	
Secretary:	Mrs. Gill Hall	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	John Hughes, Liz Blackham, Kevin Wood	

Elected Members:	Mrs. Jenny Dodd	(12.3.2017 – APCM 2020)
	Mr. John Hughes	(22.4.2018 – APCM 2021)
	Mrs. Margaret Laing	(22.4.2018 – APCM 2021)
	Mr. Peter Mason	(22.4.2018 – APCM 2021)
	Mrs. Carol Riley	(22.4.2018 – APCM 2021)
	Mrs. Celia Hatt	(28.4.2019 – APCM 2022)
	Mrs. Jane Marr	(14.10.2020-APCM 2023)
	Mr. Kevin Wood	(22.4.2018 – APCM 2021)
	Mr. Andrew Smith	(28.4.2019 – APCM 2022)

Aims and purposes

St. Laurence's Parochial Church Council (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 also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Grade 1 listed Church building and churchyard.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Laurence. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Laurence.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Laurence the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), the churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC passed a resolution to rescind the Six Year Rule for electing churchwardens and will elect them every year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met four times with the average level of attendance of 85%. However, due to the pandemic, only two of these were held in St Laurence, one in the vicarage garden and one on Zoom. There was also a meeting of the Standing Committee. Given the wide responsibilities of the PCC it has a number of Task Groups. Each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These Task Groups, which include Mission, Outreach and Discipleship; Pastoral Care; Health and Safety; Children and Youth Work; Fabric and Finance; Worship Group and Leadership Team are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Worship and Prayer

Services have been disrupted during 2020 due to the pandemic, with long periods when the church was closed completely. However, during this difficult year, Rev Sam and her ministerial team have broadcast services two or three times every day via the internet and, when permitted, held Sunday morning services in the church for small 'bubbles' of people which meant there had to be two or three services each Sunday.

Church Attendance

There are 66 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 10 of whom are not resident within the parish.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met on zoom during the pandemic no new motions were discussed. It was a source of encouragement and discussion during the pandemic and emergence.

The Church Building

Due to the lockdown we have been unable to move forward with the work required on the tower and lychgate which were inspected earlier this year, nor with the heating, wi-fi, and re-ordering. Once restrictions are lifted we hope to proceed with these projects. There is to be a five year plan covering all the work that needs to be done and with which FOSL will be involved.

The memorial plaque for the USAAF airmen was installed in January but there could be no service due to covid restrictions.

Pastoral Care

We were sad to see Jenny Dodd stand down as leader of the Pastoral Care team as she is moving, and wish her and Alan every happiness in their new home. We would like to say a huge thank you for all the work she has done over the years.

The Prayer Chain has been much used and appreciated during this very difficult year.

Serenitea Café, Peaced Together and Create were unable to operate for most of the year.

Mission and Evangelism

Unfortunately, all the activities MODS had planned for 2020 had to be cancelled due to covid. However, we were able to hold a service for Harvest for which the church was decorated and there were photos, hay bales and flowers in the churchyard. Though we were unable to hold any services for Christmas we did have a 'Christmas Trail' round the churchyard and the porch was turned into a stable.

Children and Youth Work

Whilst all the Youth Groups started the year well by March everything was on hold due to the pandemic.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Laurence continues to have a good relationship with the Blackmore Baptist Church.

Gill Hall – Secretary.

Financial review

Receipts totalling £75,804, details of which are shown in the Financial Statement, were mostly placed throughout 2020 in our General Account with Santander plc, the exception being interest on other accounts, which was retained with them.

Payments in 2020 amounted to £60,384, which means there was a surplus of £15,421. This was quite remarkable as the pandemic meant that our fundraising activities were severely curtailed throughout the year.

I would like to thank the many church members and friends who made additional donations to the church over the year. These donations, including one that was triple matched by Netflix, contributed to the surplus.

I would also like thank the ingenuity of the members who ran an online Christmas Market in place of the main event that was cancelled. A tea dance at the start of the year was the only in person event we were able to hold during the year.

We paid our parish share of £41,924. The parish share largely provides the stipends, housing and training for the clergy and the necessary legally required administration of the Diocese as the Church of England is the state church. The Diocese allocates the specific costs for the provision ministry, training of future ministry and Diocesan services to each Benefice, along with grants from the Church Commissioners and a Fee Credit in support of the occasional offices undertaken in the previous year.

It is difficult to compare items of expenditure against the previous year because of the pandemic. One key expenditure that we now incur is for grass cutting in the churchyard which was previously covered by the parish council. The Friends of St Laurence made a donation to help pay towards these new costs.

We have continued to support our Romanian Charity, Children in Distress and the Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust although we have not been able to run any additional fundraising events. We also supported the British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

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6th March 2021

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December 2020

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Notes

	2020	2019
	£	£
Voluntary Receipts		
Regular Giving		
Planned giving	21040	21548
Plate Collections	4187	2718
Gift Aided	8027	3939
Income Tax recovered	8375	5937
Other Voluntary Receipts		
Gift Day	7272	7032
Donations	20320	3950
Receipts from activities for generating funds		
Teas in the Tower	0	1326
Cafe Serenitea	1772	3324
Tea Dance	226	
Harvest Supper		716
Big Band		1262
Evening of Illusion		827
Ploughman's lunches		200
Christmas Market	315	954
Quiz Evening	47	764
Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	2531	2655
Church Users	800	2365
Parish Magazine - sales and advertisements	0	1295
Merchandise - Bookstall	120	223
Receipts from cash and Investment funds		
CCLA Deposit Account Interest	69	71
Business Tracker Bond Interest	355	729
Other Receipts		
Children in Distress	126	
Stondon Gift Day	221	
Memorial Plaques		150
Sundry	3	1787
Total Receipts	75804	63772

Payments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Church Activities		
Giving	4	3911
Diocesan Parish Share		42218
Ministerial Expenses	5	7702
Church Running Expenses	6	5769
Churchyard Expenses	7	799
Children and Youth	8	464
Office Expenses	9	1910
Other Outgoings	10	810
Total Payments	60384	63583
Surplus/Debit	15421	189

Notes to the Accounts for the year to December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 Funds

The general fund usually represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC unless specified otherwise.

The fabric fund consists of unrestricted and restricted funds designated for the maintenance of the Church building, tower and churchyard. The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The Blackmore PCC have agreed to waive future contributions of Stondon Massey PCC Ministerial Expenses.

Where the PCC collects monies on behalf of other charities, both the Receipts and Payments are included in the accounts on a gross basis.

	2020	2019
	£	£
3 Sundry Receipts:		
Funds for Charities (various sources)		1358
Sale of Christmas Cards for Children in Distress		32
VAT refund DCMS		236
Children's Summer Club donation		113
BT credit		48
	0	1787
4 Giving for overseas relief agencies:		
Disasters Emergency Committee		230
Children in Distress	450	1223
Giving also included home charities:		
Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust	1200	1200
British Legion	80	80
Childrens Society		100
Help for Heroes		439
Flower Guild		439
Norton Mandeville		200
	1730	3911
5 Ministerial Expenses:		
Office duties/expenses	5760	5730
Clergy Resources	56	124
Telephone	415	570
Fees Paid to C.D.B.F.	293	
Expenses paid to visiting clergy (in training)	100	640
Face Masks	60	
Cross for LLM	63	
Community Outreach (R.Pub)	138	138
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	255	500
	7140	7702

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2020	2019
6 Church Runnings Expenses:	£	£
Insurance (Covered from 31.7.20 - 1.8.21)	2742	2711
Utilities - water, gas and electricity	1697	1739
Copyright Royalties (additional streaming licence)	327	269
Church Consumables (wine, wafers, coffee, candles, gift aided envelopes, breakfasts. etc)	258	343
Piano and Organ Maintenance (includes £228 for 2018 Organ Tuning)	408	60
Church Maintenance (Heater Service & repair - SGWindow - Electrics)	930	647
Traffic Cones	50	
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	6413	5769
7 Churchyard Expenses:		
Grass Cutting	1080	-
Burial of Ashes	50	
Septic Tank emptied		189
Tree Surgeon		610
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	1130	799
8 Children and Youth Expenses:		
Bibles and Books for Blackmore School	158	343
It's Your Move resources	26	
Children's Summer Club		121
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	184	464
9 Offices Expenses:		
Stationery & Postage	273	371
Photocopier running costs	399	1203
Office Electricity for year	300	180
DEMIC Licence		156
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	973	1910
10 Other Outgoings		
Memorial Plaques	155	447
Children in Distress Cards for resale		37
Presents		40
FOSL VAT refund		236
Organist Fees	170	
Vergers Fees	100	
Flower Tribute Expenses	100	-
Book Purchases (monies recovered)	145	
Stondon Gift Day	221	
Refund for Stondon		50
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	891	810
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	60384	63583

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2020

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	2020			2019		
	Designated	Restricted	Total	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Interest from C.C.L.A	42		42	90		90
Donations		600	600	1500	862	2362
Transfer from Santander General A/C			0			0
	<u>42</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>1590</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>2452</u>
<u>Payments</u>						
Aquaheat Ltd.				169		169
Kempster and Sons - tree surgeons				890		890
Morgan Fire Protection	196		196			
M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd	156	600	756			
Maljon (Timber Preservations) Ltd.					84	84
Lodge and Sons (Builders) Ltd.					778	778
	<u>352</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>1059</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>1921</u>
Surplus			-310			531
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31st December 2020	14526	1655	16181	14836	1655	16491

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

			2020	2019
	General Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Total £	Total £
Cash Funds				
Bank Current Accounts	24373	216	24589	14061
C.C.L.A Deposit Account	12667	15965	28632	24563
Santander plc Deposit	62	-	62	62
Hampshire Trust Bank	58284	-	58284	57200
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>95386</u>	<u>16181</u>	<u>111567</u>	<u>95886</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>95386</u></u>	<u><u>16181</u></u>	<u><u>111567</u></u>	<u><u>95886</u></u>

(£94,186 unrestricted General Fund, £1,200 restricted General Fund,
£14,526 designated Fabric Fund, £1,655 restricted Fabric Fund)

Other monetary Assets (all in respect of unrestricted funds)

End of year Income Tax claim

£6,392

£5,538

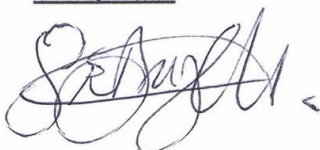
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