

**PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church
Chadderton**

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st December 2023

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Chadderton

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1st January to 31st December 2023**

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name:	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH CHADDERTON
Other names charity is known by:	CHRIST CHURCH, CHADDERTON
Registered charity number:	1134819
Charity's principal address	Christ Church Block Lane Chadderton Oldham OL9 7QB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (PCC members):

Name of Trustee:	Office (if any)
Rev'd Benjamin Michael Wilkinson	Vicar, Chair of Trustees
Rev'd James Gordon Greenfield	Curate
Miss Margaret Anne Parrett	Churchwarden
Mr Richard McPhail	Churchwarden, Deputy Lay Chair of Trustees
Mr Stephen John Atkinson	Deputy Churchwarden
Vacancy	Deputy Churchwarden
Mr Stuart Alistair Bailey	Deanery Synod member
Mrs Margaret Cooke	Deanery Synod member
Mrs Linda Nuttall	Deanery Synod member
Mr Jeff Nuttall	Deanery Synod member
Mrs Lindiwe Mushiko	(to 2024) Elected representative
Mrs Kim Wrigley	(to 2025) Elected representative
Mrs Heather June Burtonwood	(to 2025) Elected representative
Mr Micah Mushiko	(to 2025) Elected representative
Mrs Karen Atkinson	(to 2026) Elected representative
3 vacancies	Elected representative
Mrs Wendy Anne Scallan	(to 2024) Co-opted lay representative

At the **Annual Parochial Church meeting** in 2023 Mr Stuart Bailey, Mrs Linda Nuttall and Mrs Margaret Cooke all came to the end of their term as Deanery Synod representative. All agreed to stand again for a 3-year term and were joined by Mr Jeff Nuttall (thus replacing his elected lay representative role on the PCC). All were duly elected by the meeting.

Resignations from the PCC were received from Mr Dave Hindle (as Church Warden and Deanery Synod representative), Mrs Jayne Hindle, Mrs Karen Atkinson and Mr Tim Norman. Mrs Karen Atkinson agreed to stand again and was duly elected. Mrs Lindiwe Mushiko was elected to the PCC for a 1 year term.

Mrs Rebecca Pittman resigned from the PCC in May 2023.

There are currently 3 vacancies for lay representatives on the PCC.

Names and addresses of officials and advisors:

Position/Advisor	Name	Address
Vicar:	Rev'd Benjamin Michael Wilkinson	
Curate:	Rev's James Gordon Greenfield	
Parish Administrator & PCC Secretary	Mrs Catharine Flint	
Readers (Emeriti)	Miss Margaret Clow Miss Elizabeth Holme	
Patronage Trustees:	Church Society Trust	(Dean Wace House) Centre Block Hille Business Estate UK Hille Business Centre St Albans road Watford WD24 4AE
Parish Wardens:	Mr Richard McPhail Miss Margaret Parrett	
Christ Church School Headteacher:	Mrs Debra Davies	Christ Church School Crawley Way Chadderton Oldham OL9 9ED
Bank:	Yorkshire Bank Plc	Market Place Curson Street Oldham OL1 3AD
Independent Financial Examiner:	Rev'd. Alan A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE.	15 Carleton Road Great Knowsley Chorley PR6 8TQ

The Electoral Roll presented in April 2023 contained 130 names. During the past year at Christ Church 3 names had been removed and 4 names had been added giving a total of 78 names; and at St Saviour's 1 name had been removed and 3 names added giving a total of 52 names.

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	PCC powers measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules
How the charity is constituted	Church
Trustee selection methods	According to the Church Representation Rules (2020)

Additional governance issues:

Parish wide business is dealt with by the trustees of the charity (the Parochial Church Council). In addition there is a standing committee made up of the clergy, treasurer (currently in vacancy) and wardens of the parish to deal with urgent management issues. Other PCC committees are formed, sometimes as a short-term measure, to deal with specific issues: e.g. mission partnership committee, Food Store/King's Kitchen management committee and the joint Safeguarding group (with St Mary's Balderstone).

This report is made in accordance with the Church Representation Rules (2020) and is separate from any statement or address that the incumbent may wish to make or any report that any individual or parish group may present at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

All trustees have made a "Fit and Proper Person" Declaration in line with HMRC requirements following the Finance Act 2010.

Section C: Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Worship: Worship within the rites and traditions of the Anglican church is provided within the parish for all who wish to attend.

Prayer Gatherings are held weekly in conjunction with St Mary's Balderstone and are shared between the parishes.

In the life of the parish, in the last year we have had 2 Thanksgivings for a child, 8 baptisms and 14 confirmations.

Evangelism: Regular evangelistic events are held within the parish including a Mission week last May and regular outreach events including craft nights, Men's meals out, and children's events. Noah's Ark toddlers' Group, King's Kitchen and Cake and Chat continue to meet regularly.

In conjunction with one of our mission partners an English class had been started, teaching English to members of our community who have come here from abroad.

A Parish Carol service and Christingle services were held at Christmas.

We are in partnership with various individuals, churches and agencies involved in mission globally.

Pastoral care: Care of all our members and their friends and neighbours is provided through the church. Prayers are made for anyone requesting them and practical care, counselling and support are provided as and when required.

Relief of need: Provision of food for the needy, advice for the vulnerable and care for the disadvantaged is offered.

Community Development: We work with other organisations within our parish to support the local community.

Links with the church school have been maintained and supported as we are able, with an emphasis on maintaining the Christian ethos within the school and its teaching. The school regularly uses the church buildings for special services and shows. Weekly assemblies are led by a small team of volunteers from the church and the JAM Club (Jesus and me) was restarted this year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

The full PCC met seven times during the calendar year 2023 with 1 extra meeting to discuss the Parish Mission Statement. An average attendance of 83% was recorded for the meetings. Committees communicated between meetings and their deliberations were reported back to the PCC where appropriate.

The following decisions were made:

- The Missions Gift Day in February raised £1,500 plus gift aid which was allocated to the work of Daniel and Mei Whetham (Interserve) for their outreach work with international people living within Oldham.
- To adopt the “Maidstone Commitments” and to monitor and improve the culture within the parish in line with these recommendations.
- To enter a new mission partnership with Mark & Rebekah Fox after the retirement of former partners Bishop Abelino (Chille) and Mike & Helen Parker (MECO).
- To hold a Mission week in May with the support of Tony Ford and in conjunction with St Mary’s Balderstone.
- Accepted the resignation by the cleaner at St Saviour’s and put in place a recruitment process to find and employ a suitable replacement.
- Heather Burtonwood, Wendy Scallan and Dave Wright were appointed to act as foundation governors for Christ Church Primary School, Chadderton.
- A rent increase for PANDA Pre-School for 2024 was approved.
- The reinstatement of the Easter Celebration as a gospel outreach opportunity.
- Parish vision, mission and values statements were agreed after much reflection and discussion. The aim being to produce a statement on the parishes vision giving a clear view in all that we do. The statements were launched with the congregation in July.
- Adopted a resolution on the theological view on sexuality and marriage for the parish.
- Building & maintenance work at St Saviour’s was approved as follows:-
 - Reordering of patio area: Cost £680.00 (inc VAT)
 - New electrical distribution board and associated work: Cost £857.09 plus VAT
 - Replacement dishwasher: Cost £364.00 (inc VAT)
 - Chairs refurbishment: Cost up to £1,500.00 (inc VAT)

- Building & maintenance work at Christ Church was approved as follows:-
 - Replacement of glazing to tower window (due to vandalism):
Cost £470.00 (inc VAT)
 - Repairs to Lychgate wall: Cost £250.00 (inc VAT)
- Start up English Class for international people to be run at Christ Church by one of the mission partners was approved.
- The independently examined accounts for 2022 were approved and accepted.
- Officers for the parish were appointed following the APCM.
- It was agreed to approach Wendy Scallan to enquire if she would agree to being a co-opted lay representative on the PCC. She was duly appointed in July.
- Rev'd Alan Clements was appointed as the Independent Examiner for the 2023 accounts.
- An outreach planning group was approved and recruited. Ongoing events are being planned.
- Approval to update the bank account signatories' mandates on the Virgin and Barclays Bank accounts.
- The rental income from 23 Lindale Avenue to be increased initially to £650 per calendar month; with 12 months' notice to the tenants of the intention to move to the market value rent from September 2024.
- Approval for Rev'd Ben Wilkinson to participate in the Arrow Leadership Training Programme run by CPAS, starting in 2024.
- A confirmation service, joint with St Mary's Balderstone and with the Bishop of Ebbsfleet in attendance was planned for November.
- £2275 (plus gift aid) raised at the Parish Gift Day be used for the additional Staffing Fund.
- Return to pre-Covid protocol for the distribution of the Lord's Supper.
- Nekempt Appeal raised £1091.00.
- 'Identified individuals' for maintenance of the first aid equipment were appointed for both churches.
- The Safeguarding Policy Statements for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults were reviewed and approved.
- The budget for 2024 was approved with the following caveat:
 - The parish share payment to the Diocese is both discretionary and voluntary payment.
- The table of fees for 2024 were approved.

The following items were discussed:

- Living in Love and Faith: Ongoing discussion throughout the year relating to the bishops' recommendation of prayer and liturgy for use within parishes to which the PCC were theologically opposed. The uncertainty that these bring due to their theological implication for the parish and the way forward were considered in depth.
- Safeguarding: The PCC complied with their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (which sets out the PCC's obligation to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.) Reports were provided regularly to the meeting from the Joint Safeguarding Group. This led to:
 - The adoption of the guidance note for official visits by officers of the parish.
 - Ongoing risk assessment and necessary changes to best practice at Christ Church Sunday School.

- Request for guidance from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team with regards to children's attendance at worship/church events without a parent/responsible adult.
- Review and approval of risk assessments for all groups meeting under the umbrella of the parish.
- Development of a volunteer role description for JAM Club run jointly with the school.
- Review of ongoing safer recruitment
- Safeguarding Sunday planned to raise awareness within the congregations.
- Ministry review: The PCC regularly reviewed the ministry and outreach taking place. The aim being to build on progress made, improve our links with the local community and seek further opportunities to proclaim the gospel.
- Finance: Ongoing discussion and this continues to be a concern. Further teaching on generosity and giving are planned for early 2024. Income was slightly up against the budget and expenditure was kept under control. However, we have only paid £32,000 of the parish share for the year (54%) and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the loss of significant givers by the parish continues to be felt and an expected significant increase in the cost for fuel contracts for 2024 was cause for concern.
- Mission Communities: In March the PCC was informed that due to major theological differences between ourselves, St Mary's Balderstone and the other parishes within our Mission Community making it extremely difficult to partner in mission, the Rev'd Ben Wilkinson had been requested by the Archdeacon to pause our membership and attendance.
- Recruitment of new ministry staff: This is highly desired by the PCC. However, the costs involved are prohibitive. A small subgroup was established to investigate potential funding sources.
- Food Store Funding: an ongoing discussion as it continues to be a cause for concern. Grant funding is being sought with varying degrees of success.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We will hold in reserve adequate funding to cover:

- Two months general parish/vicarage running costs in case of a major problem (£2,000)
- A month's salaries (£2,000)
- To meet the year end parish expenditure over income deficits (£5,000)

This policy is generally to be funded by a proportion of the Lindale rental income, if required. At the end of the year the unrestricted general fund was in credit.

The PCC had a total of £14,290 in designated funds, part of which could be released if required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit.

Total receipts for the year were £147,614 (2022: £143,253) and after taking expenses of £127,426 (2022: £136,125) into account produced a surplus for the year of £20,185 (2022: £7,128). This resulted in total cash reserves at the end of the year of £65,262 (2022: £45,073) of which £43,476 (2022: £43,510) was restricted as set out in note 4.

During the year, the parish was able to pay 54% of its parish share.

Section F Other optional information

The last quinquennial inspection for Christ Church took place in May 2016 and for St Saviour's September 2017.

The approximate cost of the works E1, E2, and E3 listed in the full report for Christ Church was anticipated as being in the order of £72,000 plus VAT and professional fees where relevant.

The above costs exclude the costs of renewal of the Nave roof or the removal of the Nave ceiling.

The approximate cost of the works E1, E2 and E3 listed in the full report for St Saviour's was anticipated as being in the order of £21,000 plus VAT and professional fees where relevant.

Over the past 7 years some of the works listed have been completed.

Section G Declaration

PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH CHADDERTON

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Statement of PCC responsibilities:

Under the Charities Act 2011. The PCC are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year.

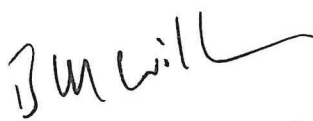
They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice and the Regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard assets of the church and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

1. The church is operating efficiently and effectively
2. Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
3. Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
4. The church complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Chair of Trustees.


REV'D B M WILKINSON

Date

3 JUNE 2024

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of
the P.C.C. of the Parish of Christ Church Chadderton.**

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 as set out on pages 12 to 13 of this Report.

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

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

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

Independent examiner's statement.

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

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

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

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date 4th June 2024.
Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Chadderton
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds (General and Designated) £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Totals £	2022 Totals £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	93,808	25,191	118,999	123,927
Income from charitable activities	3,905	—	3,905	3,437
Other trading activities	6,426	—	6,426	4,088
Investments	6,138	—	6,138	5,326
Other income	12,084	62	12,146	6,477
Total income and endowments from:	122,361	25,253	147,614	143,255
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	—	—	—	—
Expenditure on charitable activities	109,175	17,781	126,956	136,125
Other expenditure	470	—	470	-
Total expenditure	109,645	17,781	127,426	136,125
Net income / (expenditure)	12,716	7,472	20,188	7,130
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	250	—	250	7,150
Gross transfers between funds - out	(250)	—	(250)	(7,150)
Net movement in funds	12,716	7,472	20,188	7,130
Total funds brought forward	9,069	36,004	45,073	37,943
Total funds carried forward	21,785	43,476	65,261	45,073

The notes on pages 14 – 16 form part of these accounts.

Christ Church Chadderton
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Year Ended 31st December 2023

				2023 £	2022 £
A. Cash Funds					
Virgin Money A/c	33,424				
Barclays Community A/c	1,179				
Barclays Business Premium A/c	6,648				
Leeds Building Society	23,376				
	Unrestricted Funds				
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Assigned to:	6,861	14,290	43,476	64,627	44,884
Petty cash	635	0	0	635	189
	7,496	14,290	43,476	65,262	45,073

B. Liabilities

Falling due within one year

Mission Tithe Payments	12,000		12,000	8,500
Mission Gift Day			1,559	
Other Mission Payments				412
HMRC	93		93	92
	12,093	1,559	13,652	11,224

C. Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Land & buildings		
Parish Centre	Unrestricted	238,384
Lindale Ave	Unrestricted	145,160
		383,544

The above properties have been valued at net book value amounts stated in 2014 and are not current market values.

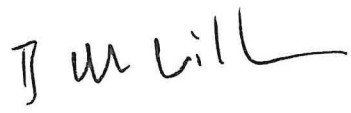
Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

54% of the requested Parish Share was paid in 2023.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Reverend Ben Wilkinson
(Chair of Trustees)

Date:


7 JUNE 2024

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Chadderton

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession has determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) been prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2	a) Voluntary income					
	Planned giving	76,094		4,687	80,781	71,675
	Loose collections & donations	3,707	1,086	18,468	23,261	25,343
	Gift Aid recovered	13,345		1,036	14,381	21,335
		<u>93,146</u>	<u>1,086</u>	<u>24,191</u>	<u>118,423</u>	<u>118,353</u>
	b) Grants received	<u>660</u>		<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,660</u>	<u>4,950</u>
	c) Church activities					
	Hire of premises	9,245			9,245	11,636
	Ministry	3,376			3,376	1,030
	Fees for weddings & funerals	694			694	2,884
	Other income	8,015	6,037	62	14,114	300
		<u>21,330</u>	<u>6,037</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>27,429</u>	<u>15,850</u>
	d) Investment income					
	Interest from cash deposits	<u>102</u>			<u>102</u>	<u>20</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
3 a) Church work activities					
Ministry	26,511	1,158	10,458	38,127	21,021
Diocesan Share & Fees	32,698			32,698	46,585
Insurance	7,101			7,101	6,455
Heat, light & water	8,415			8,415	10,098
Costs associated with the vicarage	3,363			3,363	3,636
Buildings & grounds maintenance & repairs	8,195	609	7,323	16,127	14,267
	<u>86,283</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>17,781</u>	<u>105,831</u>	<u>102,060</u>

The Reverend Ben Wilkinson received a stipend from the Diocese, the cost of which is not included above; it should be noted that some of the Parish Share is used to help pay the Stipend. Accommodation is provided for the clergy; some of the costs associated with the vicarage are paid by the church and are disclosed above. The Reverend Ben Wilkinson and the Reverend James Greenfield incurred working expenses of £1,775 and £1,258 respectively (2022 £2,354 and £500). The church receives a contribution to these costs from St Mary's Balderstone.

b) Church administration

Office running costs	16,690			16,690	17,408
A/Cs prep & examination	2,220			2,220	2,100
Legal & professional	1,595			1,595	205
Other costs	820			820	1,085
	<u>21,595</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>21,595</u>	<u>20,798</u>

During the period 1st January – 31st March 2023 Mrs Jayne Hindle was a member of the PCC and also employed as cleaner for St Saviour's church. She received £544.10 in salary payments, none of this remuneration was related to her work as a Trustee.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Chadderton

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year ended 31st December 2023

4. Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Balance as at 31.12.22 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31.12.23 £
General Funds	(114)	115,238	107,878	250	7496
Designated Funds					
CC Roof Repairs	2785	-	-	-	2,785
Lindale Income & Expenditure	5732	6,037	609	-	11,160
Noah's Ark	290	1,086	893	(250)	233
King's Kitchen	39	-	-	-	39
SS Home Mission	338	-	265	-	73
	9,184	7,123	1,767	(250)	14,290
Restricted Funds					
Additional Staffing	7,612	4,419	-	-	12,031
CC Church Repairs	3,192	-	-	-	3,192
CC Hardship	1,815	40	774	-	1,081
SS Coffee	78	-	-	-	78
CC Flowers	58	88	130	-	16
Foodstore	2,812	4,658	5,002	-	2,468
Gift 2014 (organ)	350	-	306	-	44
King's Kitchen	3,697	681	1,165	-	3,213
Ministry Trainee	50	-	-	-	50
CC Memorial Garden	585	10	-	-	595
Missionary	1,871	4,033	2,786	-	3,118
SS Building	10,667	11,284	7,323	-	14,628
SS Youth Club	63	-	-	-	63
SS Youth Worker	20	-	-	-	20
Youth & Children	634	40	168	-	506
CC Centre Refurbishment	2,500	-	127	-	2,373
	36004	25,253	17,781		43,476
Total Funds	45074	147,614	127,426		65,262

The Unrestricted Designated Funds and the Restricted Funds are monies to be spent for the purpose of the fund's title.

During the year £250 was transferred from the Noah's Ark Designated Fund to the General Fund to contribute to general costs.