

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BARNSTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1135685

Details

Other names BARNSTON PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-04-27

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Teaching and promotion of Christianity and the whole mission of the church through sermons, courses, pastoral work, the staging of events and meetings and distribution of literature. Support to other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£225,486	£205,856	-	-
2024-12-31	£216,907	£207,104	-	-
2023-12-31	£221,281	£289,612	-	-
2022-12-31	£396,934	£358,818	-	-
2021-12-31	£228,587	£284,391	-	-
2020-12-31	£284,077	£289,938	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Christopher Richard Slater	Chair	2022-03-13
Alexandra Cox Brassey		2024-04-28
Carol Norma Jordan		2021-04-25
David John Reed		2020-09-13
Eleanor Mary Haslam		2026-04-19
Graham Rowland Hill		2020-09-13
Helen Jane Ellis		2026-04-19
Hilary Jean Bird		2022-05-08
Jacqueline Elizabeth Fiddaman		2025-05-11
LOIS JOY MILLINGTON		2019-04-14
Mark Francis Chapman		2025-05-11
Paul Tolley		2021-04-25
ROBERT PETER JARVIS		2013-06-24
Raymond Ian Evans		2025-05-11
Rev Joseph Ian Hadfield		2026-04-28
Sybil Jean Leeman		2026-04-19
Vivien Jane Francis		2021-04-25
Wendy Elizabeth Rowlands		2025-05-11

Accounts

Christ Church Barnston
with
St Michael's Pensby

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
2025

Diocese of Chester
Parish number 0801
Charity number 1135685

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael's Pensby

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Chairman's report

The Psalm writers teach us the power of reflection, the recalling of realities past in order to inform and benefit the present. For example, in Psalm 78 Asaph determines to declare the praiseworthy deeds and decrees of the Lord, the things done and said in bygone days, in order that the next generation might know them, and live in the confidence of the same keeping. The reports that comprise this document afford us the opportunity to look back over the activity of 2025, (with the odd reference to more recent events), and to give thanks for, and take heart in, the steadfast keeping of the Lord. In him we live and move and have our being, from him are all things, to him we owe our life together, our growth in faith and service, our flourishing and fruitfulness. As we consider his faithfulness and provision through the past year, so we learn to rest our confidence in his power for present and future days.

As we read and reflect, we also celebrate the 'work produced by faith, labour prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ' recorded in these reports (1 Thessalonians 1:3). Each represents a generous investment of time, energy and gifting, for which we are most grateful.

The reports themselves detail the activities undertaken, however, driving everything is our great commission, the gospel purpose, namely to grow the body of Christ across the generations; reaching out, drawing together, building up. The motive and desire for every activity is spiritual fruit to the glory of Christ, fruit that lasts. It is not always immediate nor visible, growth may be subtle, internal, gradual, so as you read, I encourage you to pray for fruitfulness, and to keep on serving to the same end, knowing 'our labour in the Lord is not in vain.' 2025 featured significant decisions and many highlights. We are indebted to many who worked tirelessly to accomplish the ambitious programme outlined at the beginning of the year. It is a source of much encouragement that though we remained two full-time posts down, we were able to deliver a full range of ministry. This was down to the commitment and service of us as a body, each part doing its work. I want to thank the tireless efforts of the staff, wardens, treasurer, PCC, 'retired' clergy, readers, leaders, safeguarding officer, hosting teams, pastoral and bereavement teams, younger generations leaders, mission team, buildings and maintenance crew, vergers, techies, musicians, performers, weekly/monthly activity teams and many others, for quietly and diligently achieving what needed to be done for the functioning of our church family life and witness. Particular thanks to Rob (and Shirley) as he steps down from six years of dedicated and winsome service as warden, his support has been constant, his wisdom and care greatly appreciated, Rob has done the everyday things without fuss and with a servant heart, we're indebted to him and pray for the next chapter of his ministry.

Our weekly gatherings are a key aspect of our life of course, we have enjoyed a series on the Lord's Prayer, the gospel from the book of Exodus, reflected on persevering well from the letters to the churches in Revelation, and explored the tenets of our faith as articulated in the Nicene Creed in the 1700th year since the Council of Nicea.

We managed to launch a new initiative in Sunday@7, enjoying the testimonies of those courageously stepping up to be interviewed, it has been such a blessing not only to get to know our members better, but more importantly, to hear the story of God's work in their lives. The highlights keep coming. Who could not help but be moved by our VE Day celebrations? Hot on the heels of a 'Grand Concert,' the production team stepped up once again to deliver two sterling performances to a packed hall, enjoying afternoon tea or chippy supper, by these great endeavours we really saw our gospel community connect with our local community. This was also the case with many of the seasonal opportunities, such as Easter, Pentecost, Holiday Club, Harvest, Advent and Christmas. It was thrilling to see our buildings at capacity as folk were invited in to enjoy events with us, to share hospitality, fellowship and good news, 3 often over food, our catering teams were phenomenal. Our mission extends beyond the parish to the uttermost parts of the world of course, the team have worked hard to grow our relationships with our partners, we engaged with each of them this year, a visit from the inspirational Joshua and Miriam providing another highlight. We must add our bi-annual parish weekend away to the highlight reel, it proved to be a fantastic time to connect as one church family, to share life, fellowship, laughter and to be built up in faith as we were taught from John 1 by the remarkable Tony Ford, as profound as he was humble in his delivery and example.

2025 also saw the further nurturing of our culture of care, with pastoral training and communication delivered by Joanna, and the progress of our safeguarding policy and practice with Coral and Viv labouring above and beyond to inform, implement, and get our parish safeguarding 'dashboard' as complete as possible, no small

undertaking. A further accomplishment was the renovation and decor of the church hall, improving our facilities and creating the wonderful 'reading room' or parish library, as well as a much more functional upper hall, hats off to the Thursday Boys.

Perhaps most significant for the long term development of our life and mission was the careful and courageous decision of the PCC to invest in ministry. Having dedicated resources to improving our facilities over recent years, it is strategic to have secured and filled the Associate Minister post. We look forward to the Hadfield family's arrival, and I urge you to continue to pray for them as they share in our life and mission in the coming years.

Many challenges remain, globally, locally, economically, culturally. However, rather than be daunted, let us take this opportunity to reflect, to remember what the Lord has done amongst us in the recent past, and let us therefore take confidence for the present and future, pressing on in the 'good deeds God has prepared in advance for us to do' (Eph. 2). The commission remains, the God of that mission is able, let us seek him that we might be faithful, and by his grace, even fruitful.

Christ Church Barnston

There's a season for everything and, as my time as warden ends, this is my last report. I'll reflect a little here on our past 6 years at Barnston. There have been so many events and changes, and we've experienced many seasons together, as church family. First, I'm relieved to say that, despite my incompetence in anything practical (and much more), it's a big relief that over this time the church building still stands and, thanks entirely to a lot of help from my friends, and generous legacies from those who have passed into glory, we've undertaken all the work required from the last quinquennial assessment.

Shortly after I took over the reins as warden from Jim Parr (impossible to meet his great standards), our vicar Peter left for an important job in the diocese. Just a coincidence? I hope so! Either way, this led to a vacancy. And so, with the PCC and my co-warden Bob, we had to take over steering the ship, always on the look-out for ice bergs and, supported by the Diocese, started the process of recruiting a new vicar.

Unfortunately, life became more complicated. The Covid pandemic reared its ugly head! However, despite the many problems this threw up, the doors of Christ Church remained open, apart from a small gap mandated by a law that prohibited any assembly. Services, with sermons, readings and music (initially reflective recordings until we could sing again) occurred each week. Our Reader, Jane, was instrumental in this. With the combination of high fuel costs and the need to have all doors open, in winter, we had to dress as it we were on an arctic expedition. Some even brought hot water bottles to stave off the cold. Initially, with social distancing, isolating and a fear of contracting the virus, our congregation numbered less than 7 each week (once only 3). But we managed. Attendance gradually increased, and it was good to see healing from previous concerns, spiritual growth and an increase in commitment and faith experienced by many. Today, more people attend the 10:30am service than before the pandemic, with new families and even children.

During the long vacancy, life continued as well as it could, until thankfully we were able to welcome an excellent new vicar, bringing with him important new gifts of service. It's been great seeing Chris, Immy, Isaac and Ezra settle into life with us here. During this time, we've also had to bid goodbye to our associate minister, Chris Murphy. Now, after a long wait, and thanks to the PCC for agreeing to utilise legacy funding to support the growth in ministry, our new associate vicar, Joe will be licensed at Pensby very soon. We look forward to Joe, Beth and their children joining us. The wait for Chris and then Joe has been long – but the right people have joined us, at the right time, for these important roles! Each year in my report I've named some of the people who have freely given up their time to provide crucial support and ensure that our Church life doesn't stagnate, but instead steadily grows and indeed is fun. It's wonderful to see how so many people have stepped up to the mark and utilised their gifts over the years. I won't name everyone this time! I also don't consider that one role is more important than another – we're all in this together, and all can contribute in our own ways (if you're not, it's a good time to start!).

Thanks to the hard work of clever practical people (including the craftsmen with wooden pallets) our church buildings and grounds don't only look beautiful, but are structurally sound (alright, perhaps not yet the hall, but you can't win them all)! The hard work of the staff team goes beyond their paid hours: administrating and negotiating the painful regulations and bureaucracy required to run the parish, overseeing pastoral care

and counselling and cleaning. Often not visible, these are crucial. Our two associate wardens have solidly and faithfully ensured that services run smoothly. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them. Our retired clergy make huge contributions to our church and provided much support to me, not least in bailing me out when I've forgotten to bring the bread for communion!

If things have run smoothly at Barnston over the past few years, it's not been down to me. It's rather because of the incredible support of so many people, freely offering their gifts in service and working so well alongside each other in so many roles. These key people may not be noticed when things run well, as they usually do - but deserve the real thanks. This includes the teams that help lead worship, music, preach, run the audio-visual desk, welcome, look after additional services and meetings as Vergers, undertake prayer ministry, clean the church (and the extensive brasses), provide and arrange lovely flowers, deliver the most fantastic hospitality of any church I've attended and, most importantly, have regularly covered my back when I've messed up and have always watched out for me! I'll miss being warden but will leave with an excellent warden at St Michael's and a great new warden who will take over here. Finally, although I did say that I wouldn't mention any names. That was not true. I must thank the person who has done more than anyone, in providing hands-on practical support, in standing up for me and in keeping me (at least partially) sane. The spouse of a warden has an especially difficult job. I must especially thank my wife, Shirley.

St Michaels Pensby

It has been a privilege to serve as Churchwarden of St Michael and All Angels this past year. Throughout the year we have maintained a regular pattern of worship, including our Sunday and Wednesday services, together with services that observe the major festivals. We are grateful to Chris for his leadership, enthusiasm, spiritual guidance and kindness. We also extend grateful thanks to our retired clergy Peter, Andrew and David for their invaluable support in leading our services and providing support to Chris. Equally we appreciate those who give so willingly of their time and energy in leading and preaching, reading, working the technology, leading the intercessions and prayer ministry and our talented musicians. Not forgetting those who prepare and serve refreshments and provide fellowship after the church services. The increased numbers at the major festivals of the Church's year, particularly Christmas, Easter and Harvest have been a real source of encouragement. At Christmas it was such a delight to see the Church packed out for the School's Carol services and Christingle. Carols round the tree (or rather carols 5 in the hall due to the inclement weather) was a great success and we thank Alan for his commitment and enthusiasm in leading this, Messy Church and the children's holiday club. Our parish away weekend provided a perfect opportunity to gather in a different setting for worship, teaching, fellowship and rest. It provided an opportunity to deepen faith, strengthen relationships and reflect together on the life of the church. Our guest speaker Tony was superb. The parish continues to offer pastoral care to those in need, including the sick, housebound.

We continue to comply with the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. We remain truly grateful to Coral, as she continues with her commitment and determination to ensure that we provide a safe and secure environment for people to share worship and fellowship. Our church remains engaged with the local community helping to maintain a visible and welcoming Christian presence in the parish. Members of the congregation and the community came together to give thanks and join in the celebrations for VE day with music, afternoon tea and a fish and chip supper. We have just travelled from 'Golden Gate to Empire State' celebrating the diversity of music. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of our local community who thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and entertainment.

Although I bear the responsibility for the care of the church building - I would be completely lost without the wise counsel and unerring support of Bob Fiddaman who continues to advise on all things building related. I am also grateful for the support of the 'Thursday Boys' for their good natured help and assistance. Thanks, as ever to John Garner who continues to maintain the gardens and church grounds and to Teresa whose flower arrangements help beautify the church. This year we were able to replace the main door into the church following a bestowal from Norman Cannon. The door will serve as a fitting legacy to Norman and all he meant to St Michaels.

As vergers, Aud continues to ensure that both our regular and funeral services are conducted meticulously. Thanks go to Becky who continues to clean the church and hall, always with a smile on her face. Thanks

once again to our parish administrator Ce who provides great support and encouragement which is very much appreciated. Bill Mankin has continued to develop the Tuesday Hub into a friendly and warm environment where all are welcomed and enjoy hospitality. As I write this we await two significant events with great anticipation. The first is Easter, one of the highlights of our church year with its breadth of services, celebrating hope and new life together with extended opportunities for fellowship and hospitality. The second is the long awaited arrival of our new Associate Minister Joe, who with his wife Beth and children Lydia, Emily, Tilly (and Teddy the dog) will receive the warmest of welcomes from their new church family.

While there are ongoing challenges, we look forward with hope to the opportunities ahead to grow in faith, deepen our discipleship and serve our community. I thank the PCC members for their support during the year and am grateful to all the volunteers who contribute to the life of the church in so many ways. And finally, to you, the congregation for your faithful support, kindness and generosity. I pray that God will continue to guide and strengthen us in our life together as a parish.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

defined by grace

directed by the Bible

dependent in prayer

with compassion for our neighbours

confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers.

It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. We appreciate the work of our volunteers who undertake children, youth and family work. We also employ a Discipling Coordinator.

- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities:
 - a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.
 - b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
 - c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.
 - d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.
 - e) A meeting/social hub service operating on Tuesday mornings all year round, available to all and offering a warm, hospitable, welcoming, non-judgemental, secure environment.
 - f) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019/20 we received a £560,000 unrestricted legacy. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2022 we received a restricted legacy of £180,000.

'Normal' income for the year was £209,000, and 'normal' expenses £189,000, resulting in a 'normal' surplus of £20,000.

'Legacy' income was £16,000 (interest) and 'legacy' expenses were £16,000.

During 2025, as only one minister was present, we paid a substantially reduced parish share which had a major positive effect on our surplus. However, we are aware this changes substantially upon the appointment of an Associate Minister in April 2026.

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to show prudence when incurring expenditure.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and at least 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In

addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted). Currently (Dec '25), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £109,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended. The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister (vacant)

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of Chester. Further training was held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate in addition to undertaking safeguarding training and gaining the appropriate level of certification.. The DBS process is administered by Mrs. Coral Greenwood.

The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2019 and in 2022 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Chris Slater	Vicar
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in September 2021 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2026.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside
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F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2025 these were:

Rev'd Chris Slater	Vicar
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston
Vivien Francis	Church warden Pensby
Anna Mountford	resigned 11.05.25

Alex Brassey	elected as secretary
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer

Lois Millington
Jane McCallum
David Reed

Graham Hill
Alan Johnston

Hilary Bird
Carol Jordan

Paul Tolley

Mark Chapman	appointed 11.05.25
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Ray Evans	appointed 11.05.25
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Wendy Rowlands	appointed 11.05.25
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Jacqueline Fiddaman	appointed 11.05.25
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The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby					
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2025					
Income and Expenditure Account					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Incoming Resources					
Regular Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		86,483	480	86,963	89,285
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		24,293	120	24,413	23,250
Other church giving		39,357		39,357	37,684
		150,133	600	150,733	150,219
Unrestricted donations, events and legacies		13,971		13,971	11,139
Restricted donations, legacies & fund raising			6,000	6,000	300
Antons Road rental		14,642		14,642	9,982
PCC fees		8,183		8,183	8,715
Hall lettings		9,028		9,028	10,452
Interest and dividends	2	22,929		22,929	26,100
Total incoming resources		218,886	6,600	225,486	216,907
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		3,494		3,494	4,267
Ministers' expenses		4,735		4,735	2,138
Salaries and wages		22,670		22,670	21,012
Training		1,795		1,795	1,136
General administration		14,195		14,195	15,655
Bank charges and interest		119		119	103
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		28		28	28
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6			0	3,876
		47,036	0	47,036	48,215
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		77,604		77,604	75,346
Pastoral Co-ordinator		10,027		10,027	9,523
Children and Youth Ministry		1,265		1,265	818
Maintenance of churches		10,055	3,721	13,776	9,956
Maintenance of church halls		26,049		26,049	29,820
Donations		15,810	600	16,410	18,729
Parish weekend		5,793		5,793	0
Christ Church improvement works			7,896	7,896	14,697
		146,603	12,217	158,820	158,889
Total Resources Expended		193,639	12,217	205,856	207,104
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		25,247	-5,617	19,630	9,803
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds in year		25,247	-5,617	19,630	9,803
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. The table below shows restricted monies movement.

	Opening bal 01.01.25	Income	Expenses	Closing bal 31.12.25
Christchurch church	31,386	0	7,896	23,490
Other restricted funds	148	6600	4,321	2427
Totals	31,534	6,600	12,217	25,917

The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

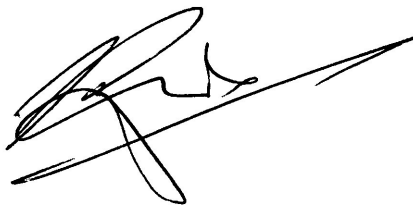
I have satisfied myself that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

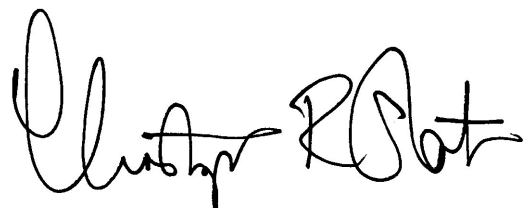
I have completed my examination and confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the requirement of the Act, other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

Roger W Hughes FCA
Lower Farm
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16th March 2026



17th March 2026

Accounts

Christ Church Barnston
with
St Michael's Pensby

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
2024

Diocese of Chester
Parish number 0801
Charity number 1135685

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael's Pensby

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Chairman's report

It is my privilege to commend this report to you, it presents something of the activity of our church family life through the year 2024, and offers an insight into the time, effort and service that has been committed to making it happen. There have been many highlights, from the Grand Music Hall production to the D-Day Commemoration, from breakfasts to barbecues, from the marking of times and seasons in formalities and feast to feeding on the word, exploring Genesis, Matthew, James, as well as considering the imperatives for church life from the New Testament. To the structured events and activities, we must add the organic everyday relationships; the kindnesses, the encouragements, the listening and counsel, the bonds of friendship and spontaneous fellowship. We can look back and celebrate the bonds we share, the community of which we are a part. We cannot calculate the hours invested, nor even estimate the fruit of them, but what we can do is pause to reflect on the source of it all, the cause, the motivation, the preservation, the inspiration. We are who we are, and do what we do, only because we have received grace upon grace from our God and Father, the one who has reached out to bring us in, through and to his Son, and joined us in the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace. So, as we reflect on the life and gift of the family we belong to, we must first give thanks to Him. Our verse of the year encouraged us to continue under the loving lordship of Christ, grounded and growing in Him, strengthened through the gospel word, and importantly, responding in an overflow of thankfulness (Col. 2:6-7). The New Testament rings with the call to give thanks. Our Saviour modelled thankfulness in the institution of the meal he gave us, fittingly called 'eucharist' or thanksgiving. We find the Apostle Paul constantly giving thanks for the life of the churches he writes to, and in his letters, urging them to thankfulness, indeed, it is to be a hallmark of God's people (see Eph. 5:4, 20; Col. 1:12, 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18 and so on). Conversely, a refusal to give thanks is indicative of an 'unreasonable' heart (Rom. 1:21). In the book of Revelation, we glimpse a view of the Church gathered around her Lord, and the song of heaven is 'wisdom, thanks and honour be to our God.' Thanksgiving is not merely appropriate etiquette; it is to remember and respond to the reality that we are a people who have received. We've been reminded by the Apostle James this year that 'very good and perfect gift' comes from the unchanging Father who 'chose to give us birth through the word of truth.' Our faith, our union with Christ and his life, our securing, our fellowship and bonds, our time, talents and treasures, our everyday, all flow from the fountain of His generosity; therefore, as we look back and consider our life together, it is right that we respond in thanksgiving.

A spirit of gratitude anchors us in reality - on the one hand, it humbles us as we actively acknowledge that what we have is not of our own wit or wisdom, and on the other hand, it lifts us as we remember that it is the Lord's delight to give to us. A heart of thankfulness will also sustain us in our service. As I have mentioned, this report represents an almost incalculable effort expended by many on behalf of us all, let us thank God for each and every individual who has given out of the resources they have been supplied (the exercise of gifts is, of course, using what has first been given), and take none of it for granted, however, we do well to reflect, what is the motive to give and what is it that will keep the saints serving? It is that we have first received immeasurable grace. Grumbling and resentment germinate in the soil of neglect, of forgetting thankfulness, we tend to think we're owed. However, as we remember the abundant generosity that has flowed to us, so healthy gratitude swells in the heart and flows from us in service after the pattern of the Giver. The risen Jesus has gifted his Church, the body of which he is the head, with life in and with himself, and everything needed to function as that body (Eph 4:1-16) 'as each part does its work.'

Church is a team effort. As we rejoice in all that we've been gifted, all the Lord has done amongst us this past year, let us be thankful, and consider the question: how will I use, or continue to use what I've been entrusted with for the glory of Christ and the good of his Church? And, how will I be sustained in that service? Let the answer begin: 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' (2 Cor. 9:15). By way of footnote, I want to add my thanks to everyone for the consistent support we have enjoyed as a family, we are very grateful for the kindness and encouragement. Whilst the Associate Minister vacancy has had an impact on the demands of the day-to-day, delaying the delivery of some aspects of our vision, not least gospel communities, nevertheless, the continued scope of parish life and activity, and its progression in several areas, has been a source of great encouragement. This has only been possible through members stepping up and bearing the load, in the words of the Apostle 'I thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus' (1 Cor. 1:4).

Christ Church Barnston

Much has happened around the world over the past year. Yet despite the rollercoaster of world affairs, it's been reassuring to know that our Church, built and run on solid rock and not the shifting sands that we sadly see all around, has continued to play an important role at the centre of our life and in our community. Worship and fellowship at Christ Church Barnston continues and flourishes. The 8:30am communion service on Sunday, served by our Associate Warden Mark Chapman, continues to support the small band of faithful attenders. The 10:30am gathering on Sunday continues to steadily grow. Last week alone (not even a special service) we welcomed 90 people, including 12 children. It is no longer a surprise to see new faces at this service. Lois Millington, Associate Warden, has provided much support at both morning services and in many other ways, as has Ce (who keeps me on the right track!). Thanks to the oversight of Bob Fiddaman, the church windows at Barnston now have metal grille coverings. These let in the light wonderfully and look so much better than before. Other structural and repair work that has been undertaken during the past year can be seen in Bob the Builder's report. Geoff, Jim and the Thursday Lads have been busy over the autumn with their first love and most enjoyable job – clearing the leaves. During the winter they shifted their focus to much-needed work on the Church Hall. The mouldy temporary “storeroom” on the ground floor is now transformed into a smart, fresh space for meetings. The main rooms of the hall have been cleaned, painted and boast new curtains and lovely curtain poles. Now the weather is improving, they will start to refresh and develop their landscaping skills (perhaps with an exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show?). Perhaps the most exciting new arrival in the estate at Christ Church is the automatic dishwasher in the Hall. Despite some people's fears, it has not only finally arrived but is installed and even working. Yes, we know what excitement is at Barnston! There's a lot that goes on here and the sense that many pull together to support and share in the fun. Last year, I thanked many people who had contributed to life at Christ Church in many different ways: whether at the front of the Church in services (welcoming, leading, praying, reading, preaching, AV, children's work, refreshments and music), or behind the scenes (whether working on the buildings or grounds, hospitality or cleaning and repairing). I also invited more people to join in. I'm pleased to see that over the past year, more have stepped up to support the work of our Church, and it's clear to see that they are enjoying doing this. Church life is not a spectator sport – but a participant one. And it's fun as we help each other! Finally, we must thank Chris Slater for his wonderful and tireless work (of which only the tip of the iceberg is seen). Looking after both ends of the Parish on his own, while we await an Associate Minister, and doing this diligently is tough. It was so nice therefore to have a small group form (from both ends of the Parish) to explore with Chris how some of his tasks can be shared out to others, freeing him to focus on the things that only he can do. This advisory group (aka Chris' little helpers!) is a reflection of the support that we can provide not only for each other, but for those in leadership too.

St Michaels Pensby

Halleluia! Easter has been wonderful. There have been such positive comments about the breadth of services and activities and how people have felt inspired and spiritually uplifted with faith restored and renewed. There were the very tangible Easter markers - the cross, standing stark and upright in the centre of the lawn together with Peter Robinson's meticulously crafted depiction of the Easter story in the foyer. We shared supper and fellowship following the Maundy Thursday service. At the Good Friday all age service Chris produced the most enormous hot cross bun to help illustrate his sermon (such a pity it wasn't edible). And on Easter Sunday we were able to come together to share breakfast before Peter Geddes led our joyous Easter communion service. It has been a busy year with activities for all ages involving the church family and the community. Every activity requires planning and time commitment, and we are very grateful to those who volunteer. It is so pleasing to see how Little Tugs, Messy Church and the Sunday School groups have all flourished and we thank all the leaders and helpers working to provide the children with an understanding of our key message of knowing and growing together in Jesus. Who would have thought that 'finding Jesus' at the holiday club would have involved the use of secret agents? Christmas is always a wonderful time, especially for children and during December the church was packed with school Christmas

concerts and the cubs and scouts carol services. Carols around the tree with mince pies and mulled wine was successful despite the weather, as was the Christmas Fair.

It was fantastic to see the church packed on Christmas Eve for the Christingle service. Attendance at Sunday services and our Wednesday communion service continues to grow and we are grateful to all the people who so willingly give of their time and energy. Thank you to our retired clergy, Peter, David and Andrew; those who lead and preach, work the technology, serve refreshments, welcome, lead the intercessions and prayer ministry and of course, our musicians. We are truly grateful to Coral, who has led training sessions to ensure that we give safeguarding the highest priority in order to provide a safe and secure environment for people to share fellowship. We also thank our pastoral team, who work tirelessly to look after those who need spiritual and practical support. Aud continues in her role as vergers, ensuring that regular services together with funerals and baptisms are run meticulously. Bill Mankin has developed the Hub into a friendly and welcoming place, and we thank him for his enthusiasm and commitment. The men's and women's breakfasts continue to be popular and well attended. Carers' lunch provides a welcome respite for those caring for loved ones. Mother's Union meets once a month – new members would be welcome. Friday morning is knit and natter. A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Bob Fiddaman continues to share his wise counsel on all things building related and liaise with the relevant people to ensure that repairs are conducted in a timely and cost-effective manner. We are grateful to the "Thursday Boys" who respond positively to all requests and don't run a mile when they are approached with the inevitable question 'do you think you could possibly.....!' "Ce, our Parish Administrator, continues to provide support and encouragement in so many ways - always very much appreciated. On a practical level, Becky continues to clean the church and hall, always smiling and cheerful in her work. The grounds, lawns and hedges are carefully maintained by John Garner, David Reed and John Burgess – thank you all. Theresa continues to enhance the beauty of the church with her flower arrangements – Easter and Christmas are especially stunning. The 'Events Team' have provided a wide range of well-appreciated meals to celebrate key dates in the church calendar. Thank you to all the ladies and their long-suffering husbands who 'willingly' volunteer to set up the hall prior to the events. Coral's Grand Concert was enjoyed by cast and audience alike – many of the audience deemed it the best yet! A note of sadness during the year was the death of Norman Cannon. Norman had been a stalwart of St Michaels, engaged in numerous church activities over the years. A true gentlemen, the church was packed at the service to celebrate his long and well-lived life - testament to how much he was loved and respected by his church family. Chris has been inspirational in leading us with enthusiasm, commitment, kindness and integrity despite his ever increasing workload, and we are grateful that he is supported by our church family in so many different ways. We continue to pray that the appointment of the associate minister will come in the near future which will enable Chris to forge ahead with his vision. We would really welcome people to assist and become involved with all of the church groups or with any of the tasks associated with the efficient running of the church. Please volunteer – you will be appreciated and get great satisfaction from knowing that you are making an invaluable contribution to the life of our church.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

defined by grace

directed by the Bible

dependent in prayer

with compassion for our neighbours

confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers.

It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. We appreciate the work of our volunteers who undertake children, youth and family work. We also employ a Discipling Coordinator.

- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities:
 - a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.
 - b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
 - c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.
 - d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.
 - e) A warm hub service operating on Tuesday to Friday mornings through the winter 2023/24, available to all and offering a warm, hospitable, welcoming, non-judgemental, secure environment.
 - f) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019/20 we received a £560,000 unrestricted legacy. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2022 we received a restricted legacy of £180,000.

'Normal' income for the year was £199,000, and 'normal' expenses £185,000, resulting in a 'normal' surplus of £14,000.

Re expenses, exceptional building fabric maintenance and equipment updating accounted for £15,000, Parish Share, at £75,000, is 40% of 'normal' expenses.

During 2024, as only one minister was present, we paid a substantially reduced parish share which had a major positive effect on our surplus.

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to match expense with income.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and at least 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted). Currently (Dec '24), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £91,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended. The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister (vacant)

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of Chester. Further training was held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate. The DBS process is administered by Mrs. Coral Greenwood.

The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2019 and in 2022 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Chris Slater	Vicar
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in September 2021 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2026.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside
CH61 1BW. Phone: 0151 648 2404 Email: cecelia@barnston.info

F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others
None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2024 these were:

Rev'd Chris Slater	Vicar
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston
Vivien Francis	Church warden Pensby
Anna Mountford	
Alex Brassey	elected as secretary (from 28.04.24)
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer
Lois Millington	
Jane McCallum	
David Reed	
Graham Hill	
Alan Johnston	
Hilary Bird	
Carol Jordan	
Paul Tolley	
Paul Irons	(from 28.04.24, resigned 16.07.24)

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby					
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2024					
Income and Expenditure Account					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources					
Regular Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		88,805	480	89,285	97,216
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		23,130	120	23,250	25,039
Other church giving		37,684		37,684	41,325
		149,619	600	150,219	163,580
Donations, events and legacies, unrestricted		11,139		11,139	9,778
Other donations and fund raising with restricted use			300	300	8,200
Antons Road rental		9,982		9,982	6,090
PCC fees		8,715		8,715	8,301
Hall lettings		10,452		10,452	9,555
Interest and dividends	2	26,100		26,100	15,777
Total incoming resources		216,007	900	216,907	221,281
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		4,267		4,267	5,587
Vicarage alterations/improvements				0	6,000
Ministers' expenses		2,138		2,138	2,023
Salaries and wages		21,012		21,012	18,655
Training		1,136		1,136	413
General administration		14,855	800	15,655	15,022
Bank charges and interest		103		103	147
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		28		28	1,226
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6	3,876		3,876	4,424
		47,415	800	48,215	53,497
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		75,346		75,346	93,283
Children, Young People and Family Worker				0	19,004
Discipling Co-ordinator		9,523		9,523	9,417
Children and Youth Ministry		818		818	1,553
Maintenance of churches		8,854	1,102	9,956	7,932
Maintenance of church halls		29,214	606	29,820	25,568
Donations		16,889	1,840	18,729	25,562
Parish weekend				0	3,148
Christ Church improvement works			14,697	14,697	28,495
Christchurch & St Michaels Quinquennial works				0	22,153
		140,644	18,245	158,889	236,115
Total Resources Expended		188,059	19,045	207,104	289,612
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		27,948	-18,145	9,803	-68,331
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds in year		27,948	-18,145	9,803	-68,331
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

				Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
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Property - 8 Antons Road	3&6	225,000		225,000	225,000
St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishmen	4&6	205,552		205,552	205,552
St Michael's Church Centre	5&6	567,287		567,287	567,287
Fixtures and Fittings - Barnston & St Michael's	6	0		0	3,876
		997,839	0	997,839	1,001,715

	Cash at bank	7	489,711	31,534	521,245	507,566
	Prepayment	8	0	0	0	0
	Petty cash		0	0	0	0
			489,711	31,534	521,245	507,566

	Creditors			0	0	0	0
	Accruals			0	0	0	0
				0	0	0	0

Net Assets			£1,487,550	£31,534	£1,519,084		£1,509,281
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General Reserve					
	Unrestricted Fund				
	Opening Balance	1,459,602		1,459,602	1,473,454
	Net movement in fund in year	27,948		27,948	-13,852
	Capital Exp. from unrestricted fund			0	0
	Closing Balance at 31.12.24	<u>1,487,550</u>	0	1,487,550	<u>1,459,602</u>

			Opening Balance			49,679	49,679	104,158
			Net movement in fund in year			-18,145	-18,145	-54,479
			Capital expenditure				0	0
			Closing Balance at 31.12.24		0	31,534	31,534	49,679
					1,487,550	31,534	£1,519,084	£1,509,281

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby		
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024		
Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2024		
	2024	2023
Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Net incoming resources	9803	-68,331
Depreciation	3876	4,424
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	0	0
Increase/(decrease) Project funds held as a current liability	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in cash in hand	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in less than 1 year	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in more than 1 year	0	0
Net increase (decrease) in funds at bank during the year	13,679	-63,907
Movement in funds held at bank		
Cash at bank at 1 January 2024	507,566	571,473
Net increase/(decrease) during year	13,679	-63,907
Cash at bank at 31 December 2024	521,245	507,566
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. The table below shows restricted monies movement.

	Opening bal 01.01.24	Income	Expenses	Closing bal 31.12.24
Christchurch church	46,333	0	14,947	31,386
Other restricted funds	3,346	900	4,098	148
Totals	49,679	900	19,045	31,534

The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

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Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

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Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I have satisfied myself that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

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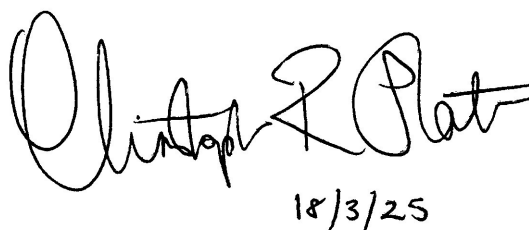
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Christ Church Barnston
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St Michael's Pensby

Annual Report
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Financial Statements
2023

Diocese of Chester
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael's Pensby

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Chairman's report

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians he reveals the nature and purpose of the Church. Those once far away from God and from one another, relationally speaking, have been brought together as one body united in Christ. The local church, as the tangible expression of the larger people of God, is nothing less than a new community created by the preaching of the gospel in which all the divisions which afflict humankind are overcome. The purpose of the Church, in so being, is the demonstration of the reversal of the process of alienation introduced in the garden of Eden at the Fall, a glorious display of the triumph of the cross, the wisdom of God to establish reconciliation and peace. Yes, it is God's design that 'now, *through the church*, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Eph. 3:10). The Church in her life of unity displays the glory of God, and not just to the heavens, but to the watching world (Matt. 5:13-16; John 17:20-23). Our fellowship speaks a word of the power of God in the gospel. Of course, that gospel is good news that needs articulating, however, the community of the gospel is compelling and gains a listening ear as it enjoys and displays its God worked bonds (note the example of the early church, Acts 2:42-47).

Over the past year, we have enjoyed many opportunities to grow in, and to express our gospel union, be that in a formal setting, the social arena or the ad hoc encounter, and in some measure to thereby fulfil our purpose to testify to the glory of God in the achievements of the cross. This must remain the driving force of our life and activity, to be the city on a hill, the light of the world that shows off the goodness and glory of God to heaven and earth. In so far as we have done that we give God the praise, every aspect of our life in this report is an area in which we've been empowered to serve and share together, and so we say with Paul, again in the words of Ephesians 3: 'to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.'

Of course, as the Lord gifts us and provides opportunities to serve, we have to work that out. This report details how those gifts have been used to make our life together happen, to foster fellowship and shine out, I commend it to your encouragement. Whilst all is to the glory of God, can I express on behalf of us all our appreciation and gratitude for the countless hours given and energy expended. It would not be appropriate to name people individually, (that would require a much longer report!), however, from the up-front to back stage, we are thankful for the amazing and often sacrificial labour across our church that sustains and enables our life and witness.

This past year has seen many highlights, you will have your own, I have been greatly encouraged by initiatives such as Hymns we love, our open air services and the hospitality afterwards, the Confirmation service, the activities surrounding seasonal occasions and the numbers attending, some growing connections with our local community, the buzz around the show and of course, our parish weekend away at Yarnfield. It has been a real blessing to see both 'sides' of the parish coming together and growing in fellowship.

It is not just the events however, but the organic flourishing of friendships and growth in discipleship and witness across the generations that have provided reasons to rejoice. That is not to say parish life has been without its challenges. Saying goodbye to the Murphys to serve the church in New Zealand, via Winsford, and shortly afterwards sending out the Putman's to the Rift Valley Academy in Kenya has been a loss for us to bear, even if it is for the good of the gospel cause further afield. Inevitably their absence has been felt and their contribution to our life missed, however, I am greatly encouraged by, and thankful to, those who have particularly stepped up to bear the load.

It has been costly, however, we eagerly await the appointment of a new Associate Vicar, as I write our advertisement has been published. It has, of necessity, taken a little time to get to this point, but now we're here, please join with me in praying to the Lord of the harvest to send us His worker. There are further challenges to address, finance has been an issue in many households in recent years, and ours is no different; the cultural climate in which we live moves ever further from its Christian heritage; none of us are getting

any younger. However, ours is not to be discouraged, nor shrink back, but to seize the opportunities of today, faithful, and by grace, fruitful, because we have a God who is able...

This coming term we will be outlining plans for the near future to help us grow together and be visible together, to fulfil the purpose to which we're called, that even through us, the 'manifold wisdom of God' might be displayed: 'to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Christ Church Barnston

Another year has flown by, marked by further development and growth - thanks to considerable teamwork and the generous offering of skills and time.

So many people have contributed to this and it's just not possible to mention all. Instead, I'll list just a few examples that I hope will encourage you. Our Buildings committee, led by Bob Fiddaman, has planned and overseen much activity.

The state of repair of our Church Building is the best in years - but it's a never-ending job! Generous legacies from Linda Slorach and Julia Oxley continue to allow us to undertake not only important structural repairs, but also other developments - such as our lovely, fit-for purpose creche, and accessible facilities. I depend totally on the skills of our expert craftsmen, the "Thursday lads", led by Jim Parr and Geoff Bell. These artists with wooden pallets (no job too big or small) continue to impress us with their work - including illuminated Christmas trees, new storage facilities in the Church Hall, and building short pews that allow wheelchair access for services. We miss Jack, who has retired, but have welcomed new members over the past year. Yet others wait nervously for their high-pressure, searching, interview (questions like: "Do you like a cup of tea?" and "Don't you think that wooden pallets are wonderful?!").

We're grateful to Becky Haslam, for her diligent cleaning. Also, the unsung heroes who undertake deep cleans, cover for Becky's holidays, and leave the Hall clean and tidy after each event. Dave and Marge, our vergers, play crucial roles for funerals and weddings. We've enjoyed the lovely flowers that brighten up the Church Building - thanks to the flower team - and their special displays for big occasions such as the King's Coronation, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas! The sewing group continues to support our Church activity in many ways. You are all most appreciated! Buildings, grounds and facilities are important, but they support the key function of our Church, to make Jesus known and grow together in Him.

Community outreach activities such as the Fellowship Lunch each month have grown and the two Sunday services at 08:30 and 10:30 continue. The 08:30 service serves a faithful core of people who love to meet to pray, share communion and learn together. At the crack of dawn, Mark Chapman, associate warden, opens the building, then runs the AV desk, reads, helps with communion - and even has lead the service (as Morning Prayer) in last minute emergencies! I'm equally indebted to Lois Millington, associate warden, who helps at both Sunday services and undertakes many other roles, both at the front of church, as well in the background - quietly and humbly providing encouragement and support to so many people.

Attendance at the 10:30 service steadily grows, with many people contributing by welcoming, leading worship by music, running the AV desk, children's groups, reading, leading intercessions, organising rotas, undertaking prayer ministry - and in hospitality (so many stay for refreshments and a chat after the service)! David and Andrew, our retired clergy, contribute faithfully to our services. Jane McCallum, our licensed reader, plays an essential role, up front (leading and preaching), and in mentoring, discipling, nurturing and leading crucial prayer support, in the background. I must thank our administrator, Ce. Her ongoing support helps things run smoothly, and her care in "covering my back", on many occasions, has allowed the Warden to keep out of trouble (well, up to now, at least!). Finally, thanks to Immy, who contributes in many ways that compliments our work and the mission of our Church, including working with young people and with hospitality - and seeing Isaac and Ezra growing up in our Church family is a delight. We continue to seek volunteers, whether helping during a service, in working quietly behind the scenes, or helping with practical jobs on buildings or grounds - there's something for everyone, who can join in and serve, together!

St Michaels Pensby

St Michael's is located in the heart of Pensby, with many people passing by each day and creates a great opportunity to welcome people into our church building. A large range of ministries, groups, events and hall bookings take place at St Michael's most days of the week and has increased further over the last year. The building is being utilised by many members of our church family and the local community.

We continue to gather for corporate worship which is something not to take for granted since the pandemic, with 3 services running each week. This includes Sundays at 10:30 and 5:30 and Wednesdays at 10:30. A dedicated team are involved in weekly preparation across the services, ensuring they run smoothly and includes Peter Geddes, Aud Leatham, Viv Francis, David Reed, Richard Watson and David Williams. Many people give their time and giftings in the areas of children's work, worship, technology, refreshments, preaching, leading services and intercessions. Thank you to everybody as we seek to serve God together.

It has been a particular joy to see the positive impact of changing the Sunday morning service from 9:30 to 10:30 and seeing how numbers have grown, as people have returned or joined us. Wednesday morning Holy Communion continues to be popular, welcoming people and providing fellowship mid-week. Other highlights of the year have included Bishop Mark speaking to us at the Sunday 10:30 service in January, supporting 2 of our young people as they chose to be baptised, joint services with Christ Church and the brilliant church weekend away at Yarnfield Park in the autumn.

With Chris and John and their families moving on to new callings within a short time of each other, this naturally led to a period of adjustment. Thank you to Chris for leading the church with wisdom and integrity, increasing his presence at St Michael's, as well as stepping ahead with vision for the different areas in the life of our church. There has also been lots of opportunities for food and fellowship together! There are those who are committed to the practical maintenance of the building. Thank you to Becky Haslam for her hard work in cleaning St Michael's, with the high usage and large surface area it's not an easy task. Thank you to John Garner and John Burgess for maintaining the grounds, the daffodils currently around the edge of the lawn are so beautiful. Teresa Burgess continues to create equally lovely flower arrangements each week. Thank you to the team who erect the Cross at Easter, giving a significant reminder of our faith and the Christmas tree at Christmas bringing joy to the festivities; both are so effective in their own ways.

Thank you to the same individuals including Bob Fiddaman, Neil Francis, Bill Mankin, Geoff Bell and Jim Parr who help to fix any arising issues around the building. Cecelia manages the hall bookings and is always at the end of the phone to assist and encourage.

We have just come to the end of an incredible Easter weekend of services and activities. We gathered together to remember what Jesus did for each one of us and celebrate the Risen King. It was such a good reminder of the reason why we do what we do; all for His glory.

I appreciate how many people in our church family show a huge amount of care, commitment, and creativity to outwork their faith in Jesus each week.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

- defined by grace
- directed by the Bible
- dependent in prayer
- with compassion for our neighbours
- confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers.

It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. We appreciate the work of our volunteers who undertake children, youth and family work. We also employ a Discipling Coordinator.
- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities:
 - a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.
 - b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
 - c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.
 - d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.
 - e) A warm hub service operating on Tuesday to Friday mornings through the winter 2023/24, available to all and offering a warm, hospitable, welcoming, non-judgemental, secure environment.
 - f) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019/20 we received a £560,000 unrestricted legacy. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2022 we received a restricted legacy of £180,000.

'Normal' income for the year was £211,000, and 'normal' expenses £207,000, resulting in a 'normal' surplus of £4,000.

Re expenses, exceptional building fabric maintenance and equipment updating accounted for £55,000, Parish Share, at £93,000, is 45% of 'normal' expenses.

The PCC is aware of the prospective deficit trend (when a second minister is appointed) and is actively taking steps to address this.

Re 'separate' legacy monies, £5,000 was paid away in mission support. Until July it 70% funded the employment of our Children, Youth and Family worker. It fully funded our employment costs of our Discippling Coordinator until July, when it reduced to 70% funding.

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to match expense with income.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and at least 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted). Currently (Dec '23), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £73,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended.

The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister (vacant)

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of Chester. Further training was held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate. The DBS process is administered by Mrs. Coral Greenwood.

The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the

kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2019 and in 2022 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Chris Slater	Vicar
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in September 2021 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2026.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside CH61 1BW. Phone: 0151 648 2404 Email: cecelia@barnston.info

F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2023 these were:

Rev'd Chris Slater	Vicar
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston
Anna Mountford	
Alex Brassey	elected as secretary
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer
Lois Millington	
Jane McCallum	
David Reed	
Graham Hill	
Alan Johnston	
Hilary Bird	
Vivien Francis	Church warden Pensby
Carol Jordan	
Paul Tolley	

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

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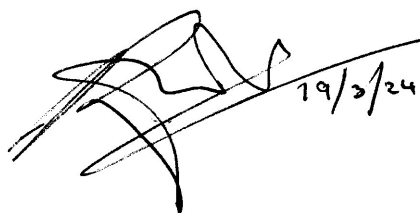
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby					
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2023					
Income and Expenditure Account					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Incoming Resources					
Regular Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		95,336	1,880	97,216	102,379
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		24,569	470	25,039	26,985
Other church giving		41,325		41,325	45,237
		161,230	2,350	163,580	174,601
Donations and legacies, unrestricted		9,778		9,778	12,870
Other donations and fund raising with restricted use			8,200	8,200	186,410
Antons Road rental		6,090		6,090	0
PCC fees		8,301		8,301	5,835
Hall lettings		9,555		9,555	10,027
Interest and dividends	2	15,777		15,777	7,191
Total incoming resources		210,731	10,550	221,281	396,934
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		5,587		5,587	9,151
Vicarage alterations/improvements		6,000		6,000	6,372
Ministers' expenses		2,023		2,023	2,184
Salaries and wages		18,655		18,655	17,156
Training		413		413	645
General administration		14,324	698	15,022	14,146
Bank charges and interest		147		147	112
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		1,226		1,226	699
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6	4,424		4,424	4,424
		52,799	698	53,497	54,889
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		93,283		93,283	132,367
Children, Young People and Family Worker		17,254	1,750	19,004	31,448
Discipling Co-ordinator		9,417		9,417	8,853
Children and Youth Ministry		1,553		1,553	289
Maintenance of churches		5,864	2,068	7,932	6,302
Maintenance of church halls		18,063	7,505	25,568	18,256
Donations		23,202	2,360	25,562	23,965
Parish weekend		3,148		3,148	0
Christ Church creche and toilet works			28,495	28,495	0
Christchurch & St Michaels Quinquennial works			22,153	22,153	82,449
		171,784	64,331	236,115	303,929
Total Resources Expended		224,583	65,029	289,612	358,818
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		-13,852	-54,479	-68,331	38,116
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds in year		-13,852	-54,479	-68,331	38,116
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

				Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023		Total 2022
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Property - 8 Antons Road	3&6	225,000		225,000	225,000
St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishmen	4&6	205,552		205,552	205,552
St Michael's Church Centre	5&6	567,287		567,287	567,287
Fixtures and Fittings - Barnston & St Michael's	6	3,876		3,876	8,300
		1,001,715	0	1,001,715	1,006,139

Cash at bank	7	457,887	49,679	507,566	571,473
Prepayment	8	0	0	0	0
Petty cash		0	0	0	0
		457,887	49,679	507,566	571,473

				0	0	0	0
				0	0	0	0
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Net Assets				£1,459,602	£49,679	£1,509,281		£1,577,612
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	General Reserve		

Opening Balance	1,473,454	1,473,454	1,537,844
Net movement in fund in year	-13,852	-13,852	-64,390
Capital Exp. from unrestricted fund		0	0
Closing Balance at 31.12.22	1,459,602	1,459,602	1,473,454

Opening Balance		104,158	104,158	1,652
Net movement in fund in year		-54,479	-54,479	102,506
Capital expenditure			0	0
Closing Balance at 31.12.22	0	49,679	49,679	104,158

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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. At 31.12.23 the following restricted funds were held:

For the maintenance of Christ Church, Barnston (Linda Slorach legacy)	£46,333
Other restricted funds	3346

The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

3	8 Antons Road	
	The property 8 Antons Road is shown at valuation in August 2013.	
4	The re-order and refurbishment of St Michael's Church is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)	
5	St Michael's Church Centre	
	The centre was built in 2008/9 and is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)	
6	Fixed Assets	
	Property 8 Antons Road at valuation in August 2013	225,000
	St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment, at cost	205,552
	St Michael's Church Centre, at cost	567,287
	Fixtures and Fittings at cost	
		Christ Church St Michael's
		Church Centre
	At 01.01.23	19,559 24,678 53,209 97,446
	Additions in the Year	0 0 0 0
	Less depreciation charged to 31.12.22	-16,193 -19,744 -53,209 -89,146
	Less depreciation charged in year	-1,956 -2,468 0 -4,424
		<u>1,410 2,466 0 3,876</u>
	Total fixed assets	<u>£1,001,715</u>
7	Cash at bank	
	Balances at the year end were	2023 2022
	CAF Current A/c	100 100
	CAF Gold Deposit A/c	36,421 159,898
	CCLA General bank A/c	94,328 51,926
	CCLA Julia Oxley A/c	339,066 328,537
	CCLA Slorach/Macardle A/c	37,651 31,012
		<u>£507,566 £571,473</u>
8	Debtors	
	Prepayments	0
		<u>£0</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report.

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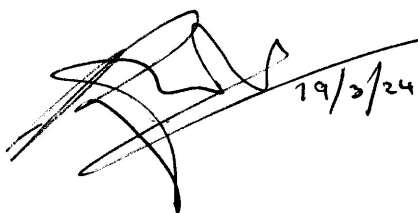
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Chairman's report

The gospels record Jesus' surprising response to being informed of the arrival of his mother and brothers. Turning to those sitting at his feet as he taught he said: "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother," (Mark 3:31-33). Jesus took the opportunity to emphasise the bonds his followers share, discipleship brings us into family – united to Jesus by faith, we're joined together in him, a reality expressed in the context of the local church. The Apostle Paul famously employed the analogy of human anatomy to describe the functional relations within the church family, we are one body comprising many parts and each part has a different contribution to make (1 Cor. 12:12-26). Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report is a record of how we have lived out our family bonds, as a body, with many members generously serving the whole. It represents a huge commitment, family members pulling together to make our life and witness happen. We have cause to be grateful to the Lord for his provision and kindness towards us, and to the many who have so diligently served. Whilst time and space do not allow for the naming of names, for both the visible and the unseen ministries the scope of activity is broad, the labour invested immense and the benefit potentially immeasurable – as Paul, in light of resurrection certainties, urged the Corinthians: "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain," (1 Cor. 15:58). Let us pray that our labours 'in the Lord' bear much fruit for his glory through the growth of our discipleship, community life and mission. On a personal note, as a family we want to express our gratitude for the care we have received since joining the parish in March. We have been blessed by much kindness, thoughtfulness and support. We regard it as no small privilege to serve with you here and look forward to all the Lord has for us as a church family in the future.

Looking forwards, there are many challenges ahead. Not only are we experiencing testing times globally, with conflict, climate emergency and cost of living crisis, but closer to home our culture has long been rejecting its Christian moorings. Pressure is building from outside and within the church to conform or be cancelled. It is perhaps reassuring to note that it has seldom been any different, the Church has been pushed to the margins before, and from the margins has thrived, making an impact as 'salt of the earth and light of the world.' The chaos and confusion of our own times affords us the opportunity to display the unique reconciling power of Jesus as a united and reordered community, and to proclaim the word of hope in Christ to a thirsty world. Standing fast on the foundation of our Saviour, we too can function as salt and light, as a city on a hill, indeed we must if we're to be faithful, in the words of Jesus, our verse for the year, to "let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:13-16). In order to do that we need to keep on growing together in discipleship, in the working out of our bonds in Christ, and we need to further consider how we do that visibly, as church family, to commend the good news to our community and beyond. This accords with Jesus' prayer for his church (John 17:20-23), it is his strategy for his mission. As we align with his heart, we might be on the margins, but we can no less thrive and no less make an impression for the sake of the gospel. We will hear more on this in the coming year, I encourage us all to continue to play our part in the life and witness of the church as family and to have great expectations as we give ourselves to the work of the Lord, because our "labour in the Lord is not in vain."

Christ Church Barnston

During the past year at Barnston we have focused on two important broad areas: moving on from the disruption that occurred as a combined result of the Covid pandemic and the vacancy, and undertaking the long-awaited building work that was essential for maintaining the fabric of our Church building. It's been great to note that Chris, Immy, Isaac and Ezra have now celebrated their first year with us. How time has flown! We've seen an encouraging growth in the number young families and children joining us. There's been a subtle change in the style of the 10:30 service, to provide an attractive, thought-provoking,

challenging and enjoyable space to come together for fellowship, worship and learning – for all ages. We've even had special unexpected guest appearances from Buzz Lightyear and Spiderman. The 08:30 service continues to serve a faithful group of worshippers and now, with the building repairs completed, the bell can again be rung, to politely encourage any latecomers! We are especially thankful for the service of Mark Chapman, Associate Warden for this service. Lois Millington, our other Associate Warden, has continued to play a crucial role in the smooth running of Barnston in many ways, not only in supporting both 08:30 and 10:30 services, but also in many other roles, practical and spiritual. And without Ce's important help and support, the Warden would be totally lost! Becky Haslam has performed a great job in keeping the Church and Hall nice and clean. The Church grounds continue to be in an excellent state, thanks to Geoff Bell, Jim Parr and their team of expert handymen. The Christmas trees, made from pallets lit up the night for many weeks. People from all around the Wirral admired these decorations.

Importantly, thanks to the generous bequests of Linda Slorach and Julia Oxley, we have finally managed to undertake and complete the long-awaited essential repair work to the fabric of our Church building. Full details of this can be found in a separate report on buildings. This has only been achievable through the hard work of Bob Fiddaman, to whom we are all most indebted. Bob has diligently and patiently overseen this major project from start to finish, and also provided essential oversight for the Church building and Hall in general. Andrew Patterson has continued to play a key role in overseeing the audio-visual system at Barnston, ensuring that our sermons are digitally recorded and made available on the website.

Full accessibility has long been a problem at Barnston. We are pleased to have planned, costed and identified funding for modest structural changes to the Choir vestry, which will provide an accessible toilet and better baby changing facilities. We have also started to introduce wheelchair-friendly seating by increasing the space between some pews. Finally, as we start another year together, we hope to move forward in our worship, fellowship and mission – supporting each other, building on what has already occurred, and looking outwards to reach, welcome and share Jesus with people from our local community. This may require utilising our buildings in different ways and, given the pressing need to repair the Church Hall roof, consider whether structural changes to the Hall can facilitate our mission. Standing still is not an option!

St Michaels Pensby

Over the last year we have continued to come together as a church family to serve God with what we have and learn more about Him. We are blessed with such a fantastic building, one that adapts daily to open our doors and welcome people in, whether that be for a church service, a way to reach out to those in our community, hold meetings, events or external bookings. This would not be possible without the generosity, willingness and commitment of many members of our church.

Each week we continue to run three services, Sundays at 9.30 and 5.30 and Wednesdays at 10.30. Over the year we have welcomed visitors, seen people join us more regularly and continue to meet as a church family. It is very much a team effort to see these services take place each week; with people serving in the different areas of church life, whether that is in hospitality, music, technology, children's work, leading from the front or prayer ministry. A big thank you to those who freely give their time and use their God given gifts, to enable these areas to run smoothly so we can worship God together, it is greatly valued and appreciated! These areas however, are mostly very stretched, running on hard working but too small teams and we are always looking for people to come and help wherever they can.

Particular thanks to Aud Leatham, David Reed and Richard Watson who help to open (and close) the building for St Michael's services, prepare the communion table and welcome people, as well as being a consistent presence and support behind the scenes. Aud has also continued to serve faithfully as verger, assisting many people in her role. Peter and Liz Geddes bring their expertise and experience to church life. As well as this, a huge thank you is needed to a number of people who give significant time and effort to

help maintain our building and grounds to such a high standard over the year, helping to make it a welcoming place to be. Thank you to John Garner and John Burgess for caring for St Michael's grounds so well, seen to many as they pass by. Jim Parr, Geoff Bell, Bill Mankin and the rest of the Thursday team at Christ Church have brought their skills and enthusiasm to fix a variety of issues as they have arisen. Becky Haslam has diligently cleaned the building each week and been flexible as we've got busier and to Teresa Burgess has faithfully decorated the church so beautifully with flower arrangements. Viv Francis has taken on the role of Health and Safety officer this year and has been very supportive and pro active to ensure we have a safe building and has helped wherever has been needed. Cecelia has been incredibly organised as she has managed all the communication and administration of the hall bookings. Thank you to Bob Fiddaman as he continues to help and advise on a wide range of building matters that occur. Bob liaised with the Pensby Community Association and Thingwall Nurseries to secure and erect a Christmas tree on the lawn. This was a brilliant addition to the Christmas celebrations, enabling annual carols around the tree to be held. With the fir tree, as well as the wooden trees made out of pallets by Christ Church's Thursday team, it brought such a festive feel to the church grounds.

It has been brilliant to see St Michael's open each morning, Tuesday to Friday, over the winter months for our Warm Hub. It has been an open door, a warm place and a cheery welcome to members of our church and our wider community. It has been a joy to see new and familiar faces pop in for a drink, relationships established and an opportunity to help where it is needed. I pray this work has laid a foundation to further relationships in our parish and reach out with the love of Jesus.

We have seen the return of holding different church events at St Michael's. The end of February saw the show 'A Day in the Life' taking place. Many members of the church family took part, with hours of practices and organisation. It was a brilliant opportunity to bring both churches together, invite friends and proved to be a huge success. Thank you to Coral and team for your creativity and hard work! We have also seen celebrations at Harvest, Advent and Epiphany, involving good food and fellowship, but also a chance to consider the significance of this time in the church calendar. As we reflect on the last year, I am grateful to God that he has sustained us, and as we continue to look to him as a Parish, I am excited and hopeful to see what the next year brings.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

defined by grace

directed by the Bible

dependent in prayer

with compassion for our neighbours

confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers.

It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. In this year we have continued to employ a children, youth and family worker to equip and encourage our volunteers and to develop our work in schools. We also employ a Discipling Coordinator.
- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities:

- a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.
- b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.
- c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.
- d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.
- e) A warm hub service operating on Tuesday to Friday mornings through the winter 2022/23, available to all and offering a warm, hospitable, welcoming, non-judgemental, secure environment.
- f) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019/20 we received a £560,000 unrestricted legacy. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2022 we received a restricted legacy of £180,000.

'Normal' income for the year was £205,000, and 'normal' expenses £234,000, resulting in a 'normal' deficit of £29,000.

Re expenses, exceptional building fabric maintenance and equipment updating accounted for £79,000, Parish Share, at £132,000, is 56% of 'normal' expenses.

The PCC is aware of the deficit trend, and is actively taking steps to address this.

Re 'separate' legacy monies, £4,000 was paid away in mission support. Until August it 85% funded the employment of our Children, Youth and Family worker, this reducing to funding 70% of their costs from September onwards. It fully funded our employment costs of our Discippling Coordinator throughout the year.

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to match expense with income.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and at least 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted).

Currently (Dec '22), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £65,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended.

The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of Chester. Further training was held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate. The DBS process is administered by John Putman.

The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2016, and undertook a further assessment in 2019 and this year, 2022 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Chris Slater	Vicar
Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
John Putman	Children, Youth and Family Worker
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in September 2021 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2026.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside CH61 1BW. Phone: 0151 648 2404 Email: cecelia@barnston.info

F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others
None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2022 these were:

Rev'd Chris Slater	Vicar
Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Eleanor Haslam	elected as Secretary
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston
Anna Mountford	Church Warden Pensby
Colin Leeman	(Deputy Warden Barnston) (till 8/5/22)
David Mann	
Sam Brassey	
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer
Lois Millington	
Jane McCallum	(from 8/5/22)
David Ree	(from 8/5/22)
Graham Hill	(from 8/5/22)
Alan Johnston	
Hilary Bird	(from 8/5/22)
Zoe Putman	
Vivien Francis	
Carol Jordan	
Paul Tolley	

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

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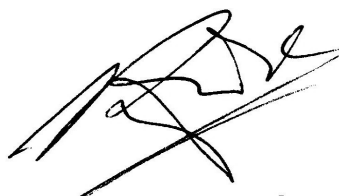
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby					
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2022					
Income and Expenditure Account					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Incoming Resources					
Regular Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		99,979	2,400	102,379	95,991
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		26,385	600	26,985	25,891
Other church giving		42,837	2,400	45,237	37,245
		169,201	5,400	174,601	159,127
Donations and legacies, unrestricted		12,870		12,870	54,940
Miscellaneous /fund raising				0	200
Other donations and fund raising with restricted use			186,410	186,410	4,111
PCC fees		5,835		5,835	5,333
Hall lettings		10,027		10,027	4,598
Interest and dividends	2	7,191		7,191	278
Total incoming resources		205,124	191,810	396,934	228,587
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		9,151		9,151	7,269
Vicarage alterations		6,372		6,372	0
Ministers' expenses		2,184		2,184	895
Salaries and wages		17,156		17,156	16,150
Training		645		645	86
General administration		13,182	964	14,146	17,888
Bank charges and interest		112		112	96
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		699		699	333
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6	4,424		4,424	4,424
		53,925	964	54,889	47,141
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		132,367		132,367	129,447
Children, Young People and Family Worker		28,448	3,000	31,448	29,561
Discipling Co-ordinator		8,853		8,853	8,672
Children and Youth Ministry		289		289	694
Maintenance of churches		6,238	64	6,302	13,279
Maintenance of church halls		17,829	427	18,256	13,684
Donations		21,565	2,400	23,965	32,613
Christchurch & St Michaels Quinquennial works			82,449	82,449	9,300
		215,589	88,340	303,929	237,250
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		-64,390	102,506	38,116	-55,804
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds in year		-64,390	102,506	38,116	-55,804
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

				Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022		Total 2021
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Property - 8 Antons Road	3&6	225,000	0	225,000	225,000
St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishmen	4&6	205,552	0	205,552	205,552
St Michael's Church Centre	5&6	567,287	0	567,287	567,287
Fixtures and Fittings - Barnston & St Michael's	6	8,300	0	8,300	12,724
		1,006,139	0	1,006,139	1,010,563

	Cash at bank	7	467,315	104,158	571,473	528,933
	Prepayment	8	0	0	0	0
	Petty cash		0	0	0	0
			467,315	104,158	571,473	528,933

				0	0	0	0
				0	0	0	0
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Net Assets				£1,473,454	£104,158	£1,577,612		£1,539,496
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General Reserve						
Unrestricted Fund						

Opening Balance	1,537,844	1,537,844	1,591,608
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Net movement in fund in year	-64,390	0	-64,390	-53,764
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Capital Exp. from unrestricted fund		0	0	0
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Closing Balance at 31.12.21	1,473,454	0	1,473,454	1,537,844
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Opening Balance	0	1,652	1,652	3,692
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Net movement in fund in year	0	102,506	102,506	-2,040
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Capital expenditure	0	0	0
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Closing Balance at 31.12.21	0	104,158	104,158	1,652
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		1,473,454	104,158	£1,577,612		£1,539,496
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Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation, and investments are included at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources this year include a restricted donation of £179,985 from the estate of the late Linda Slorach.

At 31.12.22, £100,928 of these Linda Slorach legacy monies remains.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. At 31.12.22 the following restricted funds were held which were not committed:

For the maintenance of Christ Church, Barnston (see above)	<u>£ 100,928</u>
For the costs of operating the Warm Hub	<u>£2,736</u>
For the energy costs	£494

The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

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Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I have satisfied myself that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

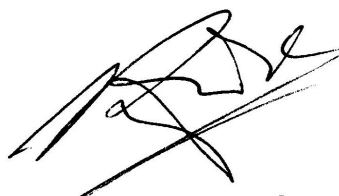
I have completed my examination and confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the requirement of the Act, other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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March 2023



Accounts

Christ Church Barnston
with
St Michael's Pensby

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
2021

Diocese of Chester
Parish number 0801
Charity number 1135685

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael's Pensby

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Chairman's report

The past year has been busy and exciting. Needless to say, there have been many challenges, steering the church through the impact of the pandemic and navigating the vacancy to name just two. We are indebted to the faithful ministry of many of our church family members who stepped up to bear an additional burden throughout this period. Despite the demands of the times, church family life continued to flourish, both in the visible gatherings and events and the countless unseen moments of support and care. We have much to be grateful for. As we begin to cast our thoughts to the future, it is worth reflecting on the source of all that endeavour. From where did the energy and impetus come during these trying times? Of course, an 'other-centred' care and concern, but what is the well that supplied such commitment? Because if we want to keep on, indeed, if we long for further progress in the life and the mission of our church, then we need more of the same. So, what sustains ministry? What empowers the church for action over comfort and ease? Surely it is this: conviction! Conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord, that he is the first and last word in all history, that he is our loving refuge and faithful reconciler, the only name given by which we must be saved. Think about the early church, enjoying life together, devoted to one another, shining out with the gospel so as to increase in number - what fuelled their life? Or what stoked the commitment of 'the others,' the unsung heroes of Hebrews 11:35-38, unnamed witnesses who, for the sake of faithfulness to the gospel, were prepared to endure the greatest pressure? What kept them holding on and shining out? It was the conviction that Jesus was risen and reigning, a conviction that shaped everything. A shared conviction of the love and lordship of Christ will bind us as a community, define our life and empassion us to reach out, to fulfil our commission to make Jesus known. To move forward we need to go back to Jesus, to be thrilled with him again. As we look ahead, let us not stop praying that we will be convicted afresh of the beauty, majesty and grace of the person of Jesus, so that he defines our life together. And let us pray we will be convicted of the urgent priority of Jesus, the sole Saviour. If, as theologian Emil Brunner once averred, 'the church exists for mission as fire by burning,' then to be faithful as church we need to be intentional in making Christ known. So let us go back to the living water of the word of Christ, praying our hearts might be captivated by him, so that an infectious passion for him bubbles out of us. The apostle Paul was a man of conviction, Christ had his heart to the point he could write: 'I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord' (Phil. 3:8). Consider what the Lord did through his 'infectious passion,' and imagine what he might do through ours!

So much has happened and so much been achieved – thanks to the considerable work undertaken by the many people who have come together so willingly and effectively. We've certainly got so much to thank God for! We are especially thankful to have navigated the worst that Covid has had to throw at us, providing a safe place, without any transmission of the virus at Church. We've quietly and steadily returned to normal Church life, with worship flourishing and our Michelin standard hospitality in place once more. It's been most encouraging to not only welcome back those who have stayed away during covid but also welcome new people who, joining us this year, have become regular attenders who take part in and contribute to all aspects of Church life. We are so grateful for the hard work of our Associate Wardens, and to our Vergers Also to Cecelia who has masterminded so much. I'm pleased that our buildings have not fallen down! Its thanks to the work of the Thursday lads together with the thoughtful advice and support of Bob Fiddaman, We are most grateful to Sam Brassey for installing new LED lights to the Church. Not just environmentally friendly – they also show off the beauty of the Church Building so effectively. We've been pleased to welcome Bishop Mark (Bishop of Chester) not once, but twice to our Parish. Firstly, for a service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the building of Christ Church and then for the induction and collation of our new vicar. The 150th anniversary was marked by a fantastic Victorian garden party in the vicarage garden, lasting all afternoon and everyone had a great time. Our church has been decorated with lovely flowers each week and the brasses have sparkled. We've also been blessed with fantastic, reliable, and consistent service in welcoming,

audio-visual and children's work – despite the pandemic. This has made such a difference and is greatly appreciated! It's been a long interregnum, but over this time and in the shadow of covid, we've all grown closer in maturity and fellowship. There's a lovely and eager atmosphere at each service and we are now ready, to move on with excited anticipation to whatever is planned for us for the next chapter in the life of our Church!

St Michael's and All Angels Church has been increasingly utilised over the last year. We started a new 5.30 service in May '21 and our Thursday Hub programme and Central Prayer meeting re-started in person. Our outreach ministries including Little Tugs, Coffee and Company, Carer's Lunch, Messy Church and Family Plus events commenced in the autumn '21 term. Regular bookings for the church hall have increased with many external groups such as Keep Fit, Dance and Bingo taking place weekly. It has meant a wide age range from our community access St Michael's. A programme of Christmas and Easter services and events took place there; including a Christingle, Carols around the Tree and the Maundy Thursday meal. Viv Francis organised a food bank collection with over 1,000 items donated, which were distributed in Pensby, Thingwall and Rock Ferry. The interregnum, at 14 months, was longer than originally anticipated, but we have trusted God and his timing. Many people have gone over and above to keep our services and Parish activities running. I want to say a special thank you to Chris Murphy for leading us during a challenging 2021, to Rob Moots and Bob Fiddaman for being our Parish representatives and leading the recruitment process. Thank you to our committed staff team; I have seen first-hand how hard they have worked this year as they have continued to serve God and our church family.

Turning now to the PCC, the PCC always opens with bible study (thought) and prayer • In 2021 the PCC met 6 times plus two extra ordinary meetings regarding the vacancy, the early ones were via zoom and later ones in person. • The standing committee met 6 times via zoom initially and then in person. • Representatives of both churches in the Parish are on the committees • Permanent items on each agenda were finances and budget, health and safety, safeguarding, MLT and Mission committee. • The unapproved minutes following each PCC meeting are made available to the congregations. Topics discussed throughout the year included: - • The Vacancy and the creation and agreement of the Parish Profile and fact sheet, our Deanery Synod representatives joined for these items. • Vicarage works. • Looking at the roadmap back to normality • Finances –financial review, general situation, churches and halls maintenance, commitment Sunday • Wi-Fi and lighting at Christ Church and sound technology at St Michaels • 150th anniversary of Christ's Church Barnston in September 2021. • CYFW -Update on role description and feedback from him • Legacies – tithing, creation of hardship fund, buildings committee. • Feedback from discipleship co-ordinator • Maintenance – including Antons road fencing, St Michaels main door, rainwater and stonework at Christ Church. Quinquennial works at both churches.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

defined by grace
directed by the Bible
dependent in prayer
with compassion for our neighbours
confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. All of this has been affected by Covid 19, in that face-to-face services and courses have had to cease for a period, replaced by online activity, and later resumed in a diminished form. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers. It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. In this year we have continued to employ a children, youth and family worker to equip and encourage our volunteers and to develop our work in schools. In September, we began employment of a Discipling Coordinator. Again, Covid 19 has obliged much of this activity to be online.

- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities: (Note all have been adversely affected by Covid 19).

- a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.

- b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.

- c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.

- d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.

- e) Emergency night shelter overnight accommodation for part of the winter – under the auspices of Wirral Churches Ark Project.

- f) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019/20 we received a £560,000 unrestricted legacy. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2021 we received a further legacy tranche of £45,000.

'Normal' income for the year was £183,000, and 'normal' expenses £228,000, resulting in a 'normal' deficit of £45,000.

From the middle of the year, as Covid retreated, weekly attendance recovered, as did hall hire, resulting in increased income.

Re expenses, exceptional building fabric maintenance and equipment updating accounted for £24,000, whilst the interregnum and new bibles together cost £5,000. Parish Share, at £129,000, is 57% of 'normal' expenses.

The PCC is aware of the deficit trend, and is actively taking steps to address this.

Re 'separate' legacy monies, £4,000 was paid away in mission support. Until August it fully funded the employment of our Children, Youth and Family worker, this reducing to funding 85% of their costs from September onwards

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to match expense with income.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted).

Currently (Dec '21), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £88,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended.

The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of

Chester. Further training days were held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate. The DBS process is administered by John Putman. The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2016, and undertook a further third assessment in 2019 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
John Putman	Children, Youth and Family Worker
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in September 2021 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2026.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside CH61 1BW. Phone: 0151 648 2404 Email: cecelia@barnston.info

F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2021 these were:

Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Eleanor Haslam	elected as Secretary
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston
Robert Fiddaman	Church Warden Pensby (till 25.04.21)
Anna Mountford	Church Warden Pensby (from 25.04.21)
Colin Leeman	(Deputy Warden Barnston)
David Mann	
Linda Edward	(Deanery Synod) (till 25.06.21)
Sam Brassey	
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer
Lois Millington	
Eric Campbell	(till 25.04.21)
Andrew Patterson	(till 25.04.21)
Roy Edward	(till 25.09.21)
Alan Johnston	
Audrey Leatham	(till 25.04.21)
Zoe Putman	
XX Trustee with dispensation	
Vivien Francis	(from 25.04.21)
Carol Jordan	(from 25.04.21)
Paul Tolley	(from 25.04.21)

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

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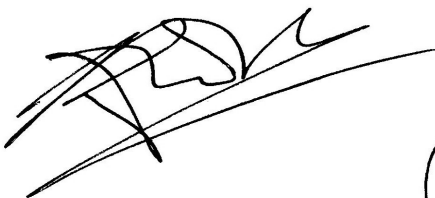
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15TH March 2022



CHRISTOPHER R SWAGER

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2021

Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Incoming Resources					
Regular Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		95,391	600	95,991	100,805
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		25,791	100	25,891	24,149
Other church giving		34,845	2,400	37,245	35,553
		<u>156,027</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>159,127</u>	<u>160,507</u>
Donations and legacies, unrestricted		54,940	0	54,940	109,248
Miscellaneous /fund raising		200	0	200	403
Other donations and fund raising with restricted use		0	4,111	4,111	1,480
PCC fees		5,333	0	5,333	5,243
Hall lettings		4,598	0	4,598	4,387
Sale of parish magazine		0	0	0	644
Interest and dividends	2	278	0	278	2,165
Total incoming resources		<u>221,376</u>	<u>7,211</u>	<u>228,587</u>	<u>284,077</u>
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		7,269	0	7,269	5,735
Ministers' expenses		895	0	895	2,059
Salaries and wages		16,150	0	16,150	15,121
Training		86	0	86	3,488
General administration		13,777	4,111	17,888	15,238
Bank charges and interest		96	0	96	205
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		333	0	333	4,380
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6	4,424	0	4,424	6,489
		<u>43,030</u>	<u>4,111</u>	<u>47,141</u>	<u>52,715</u>
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		129,447	0	129,447	128,524
Children, Young People and Family Worker		28,861	700	29,561	28,624
Discipling Co-ordinator		8,672	0	8,672	5,588
Children and Youth Ministry		694	0	694	128
Maintenance of churches		11,239	2,040	13,279	7,526
Maintenance of church halls		13,684	0	13,684	10,397
Donations		30,213	2,400	32,613	55,100
Christchurch & St Michaels Quinquennial works		9,300	0	9,300	987
Parish magazine		0	0	0	349
		<u>232,110</u>	<u>5,140</u>	<u>237,250</u>	<u>237,223</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		-53,764	-2,040	-55,804	-5,861
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds in year		<u>-53,764</u>	<u>-2,040</u>	<u>-55,804</u>	<u>-5,861</u>

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Fixed Assets					
Property - 8 Antons Road	3&6	225,000	0	225,000	225,000
St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishmen	4&6	205,552	0	205,552	205,552
St Michael's Church Centre	5&6	567,287	0	567,287	567,287
Fixtures and Fittings - Barnston & St Michael's	6	12,724	0	12,724	17,148
		<u>1,010,563</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,010,563</u>	<u>1,014,987</u>
Current Assets					
Cash at bank	7	527,281	1,652	528,933	584,093
Prepayment	8	0	0	0	300
Petty cash		0	0	0	0
		<u>527,281</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>528,933</u>	<u>584,393</u>
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		0	0	0	4,080
Accruals		0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,080</u>
Net Assets		<u>£1,537,844</u>	<u>£1,652</u>	<u>£1,539,496</u>	<u>£1,595,300</u>

Represented by:

General Reserve

Unrestricted Fund

Opening Balance	1,591,608		1,591,608	1,585,926
Net movement in fund in year	-53,764	0	-53,764	5,682
Capital Exp. from unrestricted fund		0	0	0
Closing Balance at 31.12.21	<u>1,537,844</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,537,844</u>	<u>1,591,608</u>

Restricted Fund

Opening Balance	0	3,692	3,692	15,235
Net movement in fund in year	0	-2,040	-2,040	-11,543
Capital expenditure	0		0	0
Closing Balance at 31.12.21	<u>0</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>3,692</u>
	<u>1,537,844</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>£1,539,496</u>	<u>£1,595,300</u>

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Net incoming resources	-55804	-5,861
Depreciation	4424	6,489
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	300	2,752
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	-4080	60
Increase/(decrease) Project funds held as a current liability	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in cash in hand	0	64
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in less than 1 year	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in more than 1 year	0	0
Net increase (decrease) in funds at bank during the year	-55,160	3,504
Movement in funds held at bank		
Cash at bank at 1 January 2021	584,093	580,589
Net increase/(decrease) during year	-55,160	3,504
Cash at bank at 31 December 2021	528,933	584,093

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation, and investments are included at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources this year include an unrestricted donation of £45,000 from the estate of the late Julia Oxley.

At 31.12.21 funds had been received in respect of one project which had not been fully committed: The Marjorie Dodd and the Charles Davies legacies for the refurbishment of Barnston church, £1652. Costs incurred in future years on this project will be reflected in full as a charge against profits of the future relevant years.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. At 31.12.21 the following restricted funds were held which were not committed:

For the maintenance of Christ Church, Barnston	<u>£ 1,652</u>
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The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby
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8 Antons Road

The property 8 Antons Road is shown at valuation in August 2013.

4

The re-order and refurbishment of St Michael's Church is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)

5

St Michael's Church Centre

The centre was built in 2008/9 and is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)

6

Fixed Assets

Property 8 Antons Road at valuation in August 2013

225,000

St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment, at cost

205,552

St Michael's Church Centre, at cost

567,287

Fixtures and Fittings at cost

Christ Church

St Michael's Church

Centre

Total

At 01.01.21

19,559

24,678

53,209

97,446

Additions in the Year

0

0

0

0

Less depreciation charged to 31.12.20

-12,281

-14,808

-53,209

-80,298

Less depreciation charged in year

-1,956

-2,468

0

-4,424

5,322

7,402

0

12,724

12,724

Total fixed assets

£1,010,563

7

Cash at bank

Balances at the year end were

2021

2020

CAF Current A/c

100

100

CAF Gold Deposit A/c

54,158

50,838

CCLA bank A/c

51,252

54,917

CCLA Julia Oxley A/c

423,413

428,188

CCLA Don Macardle A/c

10

50,050

£528,933

£584,093

8

Debtors

Prepayments

0

£0

Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

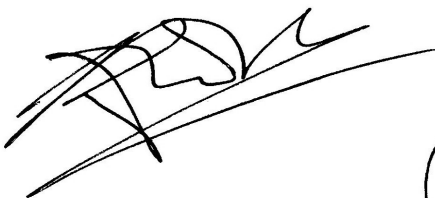
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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the requirement of the Act, other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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15TH March 2022

Accounts

Christ Church Barnston
with
St Michael's Pensby

Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
2020

Diocese of Chester
Parish number 0801
Charity number 1135685

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael's Pensby

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Chairman's report

'But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint'. Isaiah 40.31

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand'. Isaiah 41.10

We started 2020 with great enthusiasm, celebrating Epiphany with a well-attended service followed by a meal that was all held at St Michael's.

The first full week in January saw us hosting the Arklight Shelter, at Christ's Church, for the homeless which ran for seven consecutive nights. The facilities provided a very homely atmosphere and we developed good relationships with the guests. Sadly, the numbers who availed themselves of the shelter were lower than we hoped for. The project was well supported by the church family and non-church family alike.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who volunteered and supported the shelter. The overall shelter project was closed down shortly after due to the coronavirus outbreak.

In February we held our concert directed by Coral Greenwood with members of the church family involved not only in the performance, making of costumes, scenery, props but also lighting and sound not to mention the excellent refreshments during the performances. We should not underestimate the importance of these events as a means to bring together our church family members and also the Pensby community.

Thanks to all who participated.

March unfortunately saw the Pandemic taking hold across the nation and the government announcing the national lockdown which included the closure of all churches.

It would have been easy to sit back and do little or nothing and just accept the situation but that is not who we are and the Lord always presents us with opportunities. The Standing Committee began to meet on a weekly basis to discuss and plan how we could best maintain the life of our churches. We recognised the importance of supporting those members of our church family and the wider community who were particularly vulnerable. To this end Colin Leeman organised a dedicated team who made weekly contact with people and offered practical support with shopping and medical appointments etc.

The help and support of the volunteers is deeply appreciated by all.

To maintain the spiritual life of our church, with the help of technology and the skill of some of our members the services were moved on line, initially from the studies of our clergy then later from both churches with supporting roles recorded in the homes of the people concerned.

Our Youth and Family worker, John, provided invaluable support to our younger members by providing them with projects to work on at home, with online worksheets. Sunday club was also moved on line and the children really enjoyed this.

Thank you, John, for your support and hard work during this time

With the lifting of lockdown in July St Michaels opened up for one service on a Sunday at 10.30am. The numbers for this service have increased; we then started a Wednesday service of Holy Communion. The services in Christ's Church began with an 8.30 communion and then followed with a 10.30 family service also. Meanwhile we have continued to broadcast the 10.30, which became 9.30 in the New Year, from St Michael's. John opened Sunday Club very successfully and it is working very well. John's team have done amazing work with the children, thank you very much. It could be some time before we return to normal life in our churches. We have had a total of 50 funerals during the year 16 of which were held in our churches. Sadly 13 members of our church family passed away 7 from St Michaels and 6 from Christ's Church. On a happy note, we have held one wedding

The pandemic has forced us to put on hold many of our regular activities such as Men's and Women's breakfast, bereavement lunch and carer's lunch together with Little Tugs and Messy Church and Holiday Clubs for both young and old. It did not however stop us erecting the

Christmas tree and holding successful evenings singing carols around it. We pray with joyous anticipation for the time when all these activities can resume.

We should express our thanks to all who have worked so hard during this difficult time. To the people who have lead the services, those who have provided the music, the technical team, the sides people who have supported the services, to those who maintain our grounds at Barnston and Pensby.

There are so many who have provided support I am sorry I haven't mentioned you by name, we all are very grateful for all you have done for us.

Cecelia has once again proved to be an invaluable member of the staff team. She has given huge support to the clergy and wardens during the year. Our thanks also to Chrissie who is standing down as administrator at St Michaels after 13 years. Thank you so much for all you have done. We must recognise the hard work of the P.C.C. and thanks to Eleanor as secretary and for keeping us on track through so many issues.

Thanks to the members of the council who are standing down as their term of office comes to an end, Audrey Leatham, Andrew Patterson

Also, thanks go to our clergy. To Peter who has left to take up the role of Director of Outreach for Chester Diocese we wish him every success and to Chris for his continued ministry and inspiring preaching which many of us have found invaluable.

I started this report with verses from Isaiah which give us hope and reasons to be optimistic.

The Jewish nation, at this time, was moving from a period of darkness and difficulties, then came this message of hope. Similarly, we are moving from a period of uncertainty and fear into new beginnings. This is our moment of hope for the future trusting in our lord.

After being unable to be with our loved ones either near or far we now have the hope of some joyous reunions and in our church, we have the promise of new starts and exciting times to come we only have to look to our Lord for guidance and blessings.

Report of the Trustees:

A. Objectives and Activities

1. Purpose. The primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In 2017 the PCC agreed the Purpose Vision and Values of the church

Our Purpose: To make Jesus known and to grow together in him

Our Vision: To be bigger and more representative of the community, equipping everyone for ministry.

Our Values: We will be a church...

defined by grace

directed by the Bible

dependent in prayer

with compassion for our neighbours

confident and joyful in our faith

The Parish has continued to pursue its purpose "to maintain and promote the spiritual teaching of the Church of England".

2. Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our work each year and consider outcomes and plans for the future. We take account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our purpose and in considering how planned activities will meet that aim. In 2016 we decided to develop a Mission leadership team that would support the staff team in achieving our goals as a church. This was formed and has received training in church leadership organised by Chester Diocese and provided by Lead Academy. In the light of this training, we have worked to define our Purpose, Vision and Values

3. The focus of our work

We provide facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development. All of this has been affected by Covid 19, in that face-to-face services and courses have had to cease for a period, replaced by online activity, and later resumed in a diminished form. We promote Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

The staff team is assisted by a large group of volunteers who share responsibility for the different aspects of the Church's life as church officers, sides-persons, preachers and service leaders, pastoral visitors, musicians, youth leaders, small group leaders, toddler group leaders, prayer ministry team members, people who work in maintenance and care of the church buildings, and many more.

These have been assisted by retired clergy, licensed readers and licensed pastoral workers.

It is not overstating things to say that without our willing volunteers, we could not fulfil our ministry to our community in the way we currently manage to do. We are immensely grateful to all those who give so generously of their time to enable this work and these groups to continue.

B. Achievements and Performance

How our activities deliver public benefit and the main activities delivering this.

- Education - contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people by the provision of Sunday School and the youth group. In this year we have continued to employ a children, youth and family worker to equip and encourage our volunteers and to develop our work in schools. In September, we began employment of a Discipling Coordinator. Again, Covid 19 has obliged much of this activity to be online.

- Social action - contributing to and assisting in social action in the parish and community by the following activities: (Note all have been adversely affected by Covid 19).

- a) Little Tugs for pre-school children and their carers; Messy Church for primary school children and their carers; our children and youth worker visiting local primary schools.

- b) Use of Church premises for Guides, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs and also for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.

- c) Adult activities such as Lunches for the Bereaved; Carers Group; Sewing Group; Knitting and Coffee Groups.

- d) Volunteer Chaplaincy services for local hospitals; visiting the sick and bereaved.

- e) Sew Far Sew Good has offered friendship and support to isolated people, in the context of a group teaching sewing skills

- f) Emergency night shelter overnight accommodation for part of the winter – under the auspices of Wirral Churches Ark Project.

- g) Training - providing training and assistance in order that volunteers are competent, for example, to assist clergy in providing Christian services, e.g. Intercessory Training; funding volunteers to attend Diocesan courses to become Licensed Pastoral Workers or Readers.

Area of activity

The majority of the parish's activity takes place in the communities of Barnston and Pensby, as well as the local schools, hospitals and other community venues.

Who benefits from our services?

We aim to make our services open to as wide a section of the local public as possible.

C. Financial Review

In 2019 we received a £520,000 unrestricted legacy, receiving a further tranche of £40,000 in 2020. A PCC decision was made to regard this legacy money as 'separate', and it is useful, therefore, to separate 'legacy' income, expense and balance from 'normal' items.

In 2020 we received a different second legacy of £56,600. This was accepted into 'normal' income.

'Normal' income (including the £56,600 legacy) for the year was £242,000, and 'normal' expenses £234,000, resulting in a 'normal' surplus of £8,000.

Weekly giving reduced, due to the impact of Covid 19, as services ceased and then resumed at lower attendance levels (down £13,000), and hall hire income collapsed (down £9,000). The

majority of giving is via standing order (a system to which many switched during Covid), so that most giving was not affected by Covid.

Re expenses, lower activity also reduced these, and there were no major 'one off' costs (down £22,000). Parish Share, at £128,000, is 55% of 'normal' expenses.

The PCC is aware of the deficit trend, and is actively taking steps to address this.

Re 'separate' legacy monies, £37,000 was paid away in mission support. From September it fully funded the employment of our Children, Youth and Family worker, and, also from September, fully funded our Discipling Coordinator.

No investments are held.

Risk. The PCC is aware of the risks to which the Church is exposed, and continues to adopt policies to minimize them. They include DBS checks according to Diocesan policy, and training of people working with children, active safeguarding, insuring all known risks, and being mindful of the need to match expense with income.

Reserves Policy. It is PCC policy to maintain 2 months running costs, equivalent to £39,000, of which 75% must be unrestricted funds, and 90% to be 'cash' and available within one month's notice. In addition to this £39,000, a further £15,000 of unrestricted monies should be held to cover emergency 'building fabric' needs and £3,000 of unrestricted monies to cover monthly balance fluctuations. The total reserves policy figure is, therefore, £57,000 (minimum £47,000 unrestricted).

Currently (Dec '20), the amount held in 'normal' reserve is £115,000, plus legacy balance.

D. Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England.

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended.

The PCC is an unincorporated registered charity.

PCC members are automatically trustees of the charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church & St Michaels and All Angels the membership of the PCC consists of -

The Incumbent

The Associate Minister

Both Churchwardens

Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral role and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how funds are spent.

The PCC meet 6 times per year.

Because of its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several committees each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include Mission Leadership Team, Buildings Team, Mission Committee and Standing Committee, are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

The PCC has a duty of care towards people who take part in Church activities and who use Church premises. In order to fulfil this obligation, the PCC has given special attention to the following areas:

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Safeguarding policy, which shadows the policy published by the Diocese of Chester. Further training days were held during the year for church members. The PCC requires that any church member who works with children or vulnerable adults should hold a current DBS certificate. The DBS process is administered by John Putman.

The PCC has appointed Mrs. Coral Greenwood as Safeguarding Officer and she reports to every PCC meeting.

Hygiene

The kitchens in Barnston and Pensby are subject to inspection by the relevant department of Wirral Borough Council. The Barnston and Pensby kitchens have both been graded 5, the top award. Many users of the kitchens have a certificate in Food Safety Awareness and in Food Preparation. This is kept under constant review.

Health and safety

Our Health & Safety Officer undertook a detailed assessment in 2016, and undertook a further third assessment in 2019 of the state of the church and its premises. The Church Wardens have acted to implement the recommendations that were made.

The parish has been managed by the following staff team members:

Revd Peter Froggatt	Incumbent
Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Cecelia Oliver	Administrator
John Putman	Children, Youth and Family Worker
Joanna Hill	Discipling Coordinator (from Sep 2020)
Chrissie Irlam	Finance Assistant
Rebekah Haslam	Assistant

A quinquennial survey took place in 2016 which indicated a few areas of maintenance and development. A plan for doing this has been developed, and schemes are now in operation to remedy. The next survey is due in September 2021.

E. Reference and Administrative Details

We are Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Barnston.

We are one parish with two church buildings, being
Christ Church Barnston
St Michaels and All Angels Pensby

Consequently, we are known as
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels and All Angels Pensby and
Christ Church Barnston with St Michaels Pensby

Our registered charity number is 1135685

Our Diocese of Chester Parish number is 0801

Our principal address is: Parish Office, Christ Church, 85 Barnston Road, Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside CH61 1BW. Phone: 0151 648 2404 Email: cecelia@barnston.info

F. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

None.

G. Trustees

The members of the PCC are also the Trustees of the charity. During 2020 these were:

Revd Peter Froggatt	Incumbent
Revd Chris Murphy	Associate Minister
Eleanor Haslam	elected as Secretary
Jim Parr	Church Warden Barnston (till 13.09.20)
Rob Moots	Church Warden Barnston (from 13.09.20)
Robert Fiddaman	Church Warden Pensby
Colin Leeman	(Deputy Warden Barnston)
Coral Greenwood	(Deanery Synod) (till 13.09.20)
David Mann	(Deanery Synod) (from 13.09.20)
Susan Orman	(Deanery Synod) (till 13.09.20)
Linda Edward	(Deanery Synod) (from 13.09.20)

Sam Brassey	
Bob Jarvis	elected as Treasurer
Lois Millington	
Eric Campbell	
Andrew Patterson	
Gwyn Owen	(till 13.09.20)
Roy Edward	(from 13.09.20)
Alan Johnston	(from 13.09.20)
Audrey Leatham	
Zoe Putman	
XX Trustee with dispensation	

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Parishioners who are members of the diocesan synod or deanery synod are automatically members of the PCC. PCC members are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). A few members are co-opted. The serving clergy are members of the PCC. Our APCM has adopted local customs to limit the length of time for which any individual can serve on the PCC without a break.

Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

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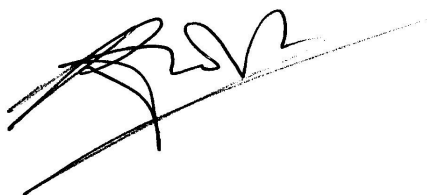
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Rev Chris Murphy
23/3/21

March 2021

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st. December 2020

Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Incoming Resources					
Church Giving					
Tax efficient giving		99,170	1,635	100,805	106,797
Tax recoverable on above under gift aid		23,444	705	24,149	29,083
Other church giving		31,753	3,800	35,553	40,512
		<u>154,367</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>160,507</u>	<u>176,392</u>
Donations and legacies, unrestricted		109,248	0	109,248	496,671
Miscellaneous fund raising		403		403	913
Other donations and fund raising with restricted use		0	1,480	1,480	5,000
PCC fees		5,243	0	5,243	7,117
Hall lettings		4,387	0	4,387	12,945
Sale of parish magazine		644	0	644	1,398
Interest and dividends	2	2,165	0	2,165	2,538
Total incoming resources		<u>276,457</u>	<u>7,620</u>	<u>284,077</u>	<u>702,974</u>
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance of property		5,735	0	5,735	8,889
Ministers' expenses		2,059	0	2,059	2,489
Salaries and wages		15,121	0	15,121	21,113
Training		3,488		3,488	4,575
General administration		15,238	0	15,238	16,768
Bank charges and interest		205	0	205	1,094
Legal, professional & consultancy fees		4,380	0	4,380	0
Depreciation of fixed assets	1&6	6,489	0	6,489	9,745
		<u>52,715</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,715</u>	<u>64,673</u>
Cost of charitable activities					
Cost of clergy Parish share		128,524	0	128,524	125,352
Children, Young People and Family Worker		10,241	18,383	28,624	27,476
Discipling Co-ordinator		5,588	0	5,588	0
Children and Youth Ministry		128	0	128	2,096
Maintenance of churches		7,346	180	7,526	9,245
Maintenance of church halls		10,397	0	10,397	23,653
Donations		54,500	600	55,100	17,194
Christchurch Quinquennial works		987	0	987	0
Parish magazine		349	0	349	1,274
		<u>218,060</u>	<u>19,163</u>	<u>237,223</u>	<u>206,290</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		5,682	-11,543	-5,861	432,011
Gains (losses) on investments	2	0	0	0	6,653
Net Movement in Funds in year		<u>5,682</u>	<u>-11,543</u>	<u>-5,861</u>	<u>438,664</u>

Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Fixed Assets					
Property - 8 Antons Road	3&6	225,000	0	225,000	225,000
St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishmen	4&6	205,552	0	205,552	205,552
St Michael's Church Centre	5&6	567,287	0	567,287	567,287
Fixtures and Fittings - Barnston & St Michael's	6	17,148	0	17,148	23,637
		<u>1,014,987</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,014,987</u>	<u>1,021,476</u>
Current Assets					
Cash at bank	7	580,401	3,692	584,093	580,589
Prepayment	8	300	0	300	3,052
Petty cash		0	0	0	64
		<u>580,701</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>584,393</u>	<u>583,705</u>
Current Liabilities					
Creditors		4,080	0	4,080	4,020
Accruals		0	0	0	0
		<u>4,080</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,080</u>	<u>4,020</u>
Net Assets		<u>£1,591,608</u>	<u>£3,692</u>	<u>£1,595,300</u>	<u>£1,601,161</u>

Represented by:

General Reserve

Unrestricted Fund

Opening Balance	1,585,926	0	1,585,926	1,124,330
Net movement in fund in year	5,682	0	5,682	459,986
Capital Exp. from unrestricted fund		0	0	1,610
Closing Balance at 31.12.20	<u>1,591,608</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,591,608</u>	<u>1,585,926</u>

Restricted Fund

Opening Balance	0	15,235	15,235	38,167
Net movement in fund in year	0	-11,543	-11,543	-21,322
Capital expenditure	0		0	-1,610
Closing Balance at 31.12.20	<u>0</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>15,235</u>

<u>1,591,608</u>	<u>3,692</u>	<u>£1,595,300</u>	<u>£1,601,161</u>
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Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Net incoming resources	-5,861	432,011
Depreciation	6,489	9,745
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of fixed assets	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	48,332
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	2,752	-62
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	60	-892
Increase/(decrease) Project funds held as a current liability	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in cash in hand	64	0
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in less than 1 year	0	-2,502
Increase/(decrease) in loan repayments due in more than 1 year	0	-33,209
Net increase (decrease) in funds at bank during the year	3,504	453,423
Movement in funds held at bank		
Cash at bank at 1 January 2019	580,589	127,166
Net increase/(decrease) during year	3,504	453,423
Cash at bank at 31 December 2020	584,093	580,589

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies and format of accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention on an accruals basis, and on a going concern basis, with the exception that the property Antons Road is shown at valuation, and investments are included at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the guidance given by the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources this year include an unrestricted donation of £40,000 from the estate of the late Julia Oxley, and an unrestricted donation of £56,632 from the estate of the late Don Macardle.

At 31.12.20 funds had been received in respect of one project which had not been fully committed: The Marjorie Dodd and the Charles Davies legacies for the refurbishment of Barnston church, £3,692.

Costs incurred in future years on this project will be reflected in full as a charge against profits of the future relevant years.

(c) Outgoing resources

Resources expended are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

(e) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. At 31.12.20 the following restricted funds were held which were not committed:

For the maintenance of Christ Church, Barnston	<u>£ 3,692</u>
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The only other restricted funds received were in respect of retiring collections and these were remitted to the appropriate source during the year.

(f) Fixed assets

The property 8 Antons Road is shown in the accounts at a valuation of £225,000, that of St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment at cost, £205,552, and that of St Michael's Centre at cost, £567,287. Depreciation is not charged on these assets as the trustees believe they have a remaining useful life of over 50 years, that their value to the parish is in excess of the figure in the Balance Sheet, and that both the depreciation charge and the accumulated depreciation would be immaterial to the financial statements.

Fixtures and fittings are shown at cost and are being depreciated over their useful life on a straight line basis of 10 years.

2 Investments

No investments are currently held.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

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8 Antons Road

The property 8 Antons Road is shown at valuation in August 2013.

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The re-order and refurbishment of St Michael's Church is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)

5

St Michael's Church Centre

The centre was built in 2008/9 and is shown at cost. (See fixed asset depreciation, note 1f)

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Fixed Assets

Property 8 Antons Road at valuation in August 2013

St Michael's Church re-order and refurbishment, at cost

St Michael's Church Centre, at cost

Fixtures and Fittings at cost

At 01.01.20

Additions in the Year

Less depreciation charged to 31.12.19

Less depreciation charged in year

Christ Churc

Church

St Michael's

Centre

Total

19,559

24,678

53,209

97,446

0

0

0

0

-10,325

-12,340

-51,144

-73,809

-1,956

-2,468

-2,065

-6,489

7,278

9,870

0

17,148

225,000

205,552

567,287

Total fixed assets

Independent Examiner's Report.

To the trustees of Christ Church Barnston with St Michael and All Angels Pensby

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

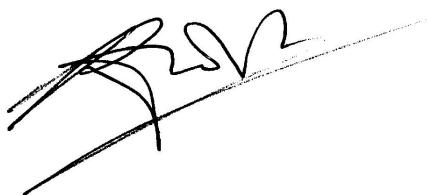
I have satisfied myself that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the requirement of the Act, other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of my examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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Rev Chris Murphy
23/3/21

March 2021