

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S PRESCOT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135804

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-05-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Worship and prayer;Provision of pastoral carefor people living in the parishMissionary and outreach work

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.
- Knowsley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£182,997	£209,090	-	-
2023-12-31	£500,477	£227,602	£844,598	6
2022-12-31	£92,735	£198,119	-	-
2021-12-31	£154,705	£254,660	-	-
2020-12-31	£131,665	£267,453	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Kimberley Mannings	Chair	2021-09-23
Barbara Lesley Porter		2019-04-23
Bernard Ashley		2024-05-23
CANON GEOFFREY ALMOND		
Catherine Alice Hewitt		2025-05-27
Geoffrey Appleton		2020-10-14
George Richard Smailes		2024-05-23
John Alan Berry		2024-05-23
John Eric Orme		2022-10-20
John Trevor Hotchkiss		2025-05-27
Joyce Lilian Ashley		2024-05-23
Keith James Porter		2019-04-23
Lydia Diana Crompton		2025-05-20
Paul Robert Mason		2024-05-23
Steven Martin		2019-04-23
Susan Anne Priestley		2021-07-15

Accounts

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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Introduction

This report and the annual accounts are presented in a format agreed by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England and the Charity Commissioners in order to comply with the Charities Act 2011. It paints a picture of an active parish, as we seek to share the love and light of Jesus here in Prescot, in word and in action.

The report, therefore, aims to frame our financial statements within the wider life of the church. It reviews the past year, the resources used and shared, and looks to the future, as we pray, alongside the Diocese of Liverpool, for a bigger church which will make a bigger difference, with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

Administrative Information

Parish Details

Addresses

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Charitable Status

The Parochial Church Council received charitable status on 5 May 2010.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC has registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All Church members are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

The PCC ensures that the church lives out its vision statement: *'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action'*. It ensures that statutory requirements with regards to safeguarding and risk assessment are met and/or exceeded. The PCC also ensures compliance with statutory requirements in regard to employment, data protection (GDPR), access and health and safety. The PCC addresses issues such as long-term financial planning; Quinquennial report and capital spend plans; ministry issues; project development; links with other bodies; charitable giving; and the management of policies.

As the accountable body, PCC members are trustees and are bound by a strict code of conduct. Each has the right to scrutinise any aspect of the workings of the church, although some personal information may be withheld with regard to its sensitivity and data protection. The Standing Committee is the executive leadership team of the PCC and its membership comprises the Wardens, treasurer, two PCC members, the PCC secretary, and the Vicar. This committee feeds into PCC agendas and has the authority to make (urgent) interim decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Parochial Church Council Members

During the year, members of the PCC included the following office holders:

Vicar	Rev'd Kimberley Mannings
Churchwardens	Steven Martin Val Sugden John Orme Susan Priestley
PCC Secretary	Lesley Porter
Treasurer	Keith Porter
Electoral Roll Officer	Maggie Bunting
Representatives on Huyton Deanery Synod:	Susan Priestley Geoffrey Appleton Rebecca Peers Ann Capewell

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Elected PCC Members

Until APCM 2025:

John Orme
Maggie Bunting
Joanne Peers
Pauline Jessup

Until APCM 2026:

Janet Smith
Barbara Percy
Rebecca Peers

Until APCM 2027:

Joyce Ashley
Bernard Ashley
John Berry
George Smailes
Paul Mason

Health and Safety and Safeguarding Officers

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Steven Martin.
Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Norma Garvey
Deputy Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter: Steven Martin
Fire Marshall: Steven Martin
Verger: Norine Jones

Sidespersons

Changes to the Church Representation Rules mean that sidespersons are no longer elected at the APCM but, instead, by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting followed the APCM.

Membership

The Electoral Roll is the official membership list of local Church of England congregations. Signing the roll means that you want to belong and shows a sign of your commitment to this church. Only those on this list may stand as a member of the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (PCC). Membership also allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You need to be 16 years or over and be baptised as a member of the Church of England, living within the Parish of Prescott. If you live outside the parish but fulfil these requirements, and have habitually attended worship for six months, then you may also join. The number on the electoral roll on 31st December 2024 was 184.

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Committees

Standing Committee:

Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer; and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & two PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Stewardship Committee:

Vicar, Keith Porter (Treasurer), Norine Jones, Marian Piert and one churchwarden.

Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:

Keith Porter, Geoff Almond, vacancy.

Parish Centre Committee:

Joyce Fairfield (Parish Centre Secretary), Keith Porter, (Treasurer), Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Parish Centre) a PCC member, a churchwarden, and the Vicar (on request).

Fundraising Committee

A new committee formed in September 2022. Vicar (Rev'd Kimberley Mannings), Treasurer (Keith Porter), Sue Priestley, Joanne Peers, Norine Jones, Claire Portsmouth.

Statistics and Policies

Church Attendance

Parish returns are submitted to the Diocese, which gives a complete breakdown of church attendance, number of children attending, weddings and funerals etc. Copies of this form are forwarded to the Diocese but are also available on request. Once year clergy/wardens also complete the 'Statistics For Mission' form, which takes into account a snapshot of the church's missional activity. These statistics are also available on request.

GDPR

The Parish Data Protection Policy is in place and available via the Parish website. No Freedom of Information requests were received during the last year.

Trustee Selection and Development Policy

The charity recruits' trustees and co-opted members onto the board who can provide leadership, vision and direction to sustain and develop the charity, and support the achievement of its objectives based on their skills, experience and knowledge. Nominations are made in writing and must be countersigned by a member of the electoral roll. The nomination is considered at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If selected, the nominated person receives an induction pack containing a role description and additional duties of officers and the latest annual report and accounts and business plan. Potential trustees are invited to observe at a management meeting prior to agreeing to become a trustee.

We actively follow Charity Commission guidelines on effective trusteeship; trustees are offered training appropriate to their role and undertake mandatory Safeguarding training and DBS clearance.

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Risk Management

The trustees consider the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces each year when considering budgets and business plans. Systems have been developed to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have in the future.

Safeguarding

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.

The Parish of Prescott: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting and was re-adopted at the 2023 APCM. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

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Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and Steven Martin as Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at www.liverpool.anglican.org.

Notices are also displayed in church and the parish centre and is available for download as a pdf on the church website.

All members of the PCC should now be background checked, and all members are required to undertake basic level safeguarding training (an online course, known as C0) prior to their first meeting in office following the APCM. The National Church are currently developing a new Independent Safeguarding Board which will be reviewing and implementing the safeguarding strategy and policy which this, and other Anglican churches, operate under.

Vision: Objectives and Activities

Vision Statement

'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescot, through word and action' is the vision statement adopted by the PCC in 2021. As a church, all that we aim to be and do is governed by this vision.

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Dreams for 2024

Within the Parish of Prescot, all that we seek to do in Jesus' name is centred around worship and prayer; learning and living the Gospel that we might develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for people living in the parish; and sharing the love of Jesus, through mission and outreach within this community.

However, each year the PCC set five achievable targets for the coming year, which should be rooted in the mission of the parish.

The goals set at the **APCM for 2024**, under 'Plans for the Future', were:

1. Intentional fundraising efforts, working alongside Church Grants.
2. The reinstating of tower tours with the subsequent health and safety related alterations.
3. A continuing focus on deepening discipleship.
4. Intentional prayers for growth in line with the LYCIG principles - praying for growth numerically, spiritually and missionally.

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Review of the goals set at APCM for 2024

1. Information is still being gathered for Church Grants in order for the larger grants to be applied for but in-house fundraising efforts have taken place including musical events run by the Prescott Festival and Liverpool Cathedral along with the Christmas Fayre, the auctioning of some hand-painted portraits, the sale of personalised Parish merchandise and Gordon Brown's Garden party extravaganza.
2. The Faculty process is underway for the installation of a specially designed handrail at the top of the tower, in accordance with current safety standards and the advice of the quinquennial report.
3. This past year has seen an enormous growth in discipleship across the parish. Along with the regular Ecumenical Lent Course, this year the discipleship team also ran the Start Course, Moving On Course, Prayer Course and The Chosen Course, with record numbers in attendance.
4. Every day, within the life of the parish, our LYCIG prayer for growth has been prayed: 'God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'. Over the course of 2024 we have seen steady and consistent growth within our Sunday and Wednesday services, discipleship groups and wider missional engagement. Let us never doubt the power of prayer!

The goals set at the APCM for 2025, under 'Plans for the Future', are:

1. Creative fundraising efforts.
2. Broadening a culture of invitation.
3. A renewed focus on social justice.
4. The continuation of intentional prayers for growth in line with the LYCIG principles - praying for growth numerically, spiritually and missionally.

Achievements and Performance: Celebrating Mission and Ministry in the Parish of Prescott

'When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit'.

Prayer and Worship

Throughout 2024, the Daily Office of Morning and Evening prayer continued to be said in parish, with clergy and parishioners gathering week on week to offer intercession; an invitation open to all. During Thy Kingdome Come, running from Ascension to Pentecost, an act of prayer took place in the Parish each day, organised by Thomas Hurst, including Compline, Lectio Divina, and George Hesketh, who was on placement with us at the time, lead a Prayer Walk.

As well as the weekly Sunday eucharist, services were held during Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, along with the Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, All Souls and All Saints, Armistice Day and the Civic Act of Remembrance, Mothering Sunday, Bell Sunday and RSCM Sunday.

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We joined with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Prescott and Whiston Methodist Church for their morning service as they celebrated Aldersgate Day, and a eucharist for Mothers' Union was held during September.

The Christmas Tree Festival (alongside the Christmas Fayre), Christ the King, Tuesday Tots Nativity, Carols by Candlelight, Crib service, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day Family Service all took place, along with a eucharist on each of the feast days following Christmas Day: the Feast of St Stephen, St John, the Holy Innocents, and finally the Comfort and Joy service for those who cannot usually get to church. During this period, ecumenical services also took place, including a Longest Night Service (formally Blue Christmas), for all who would find Christmas difficult that year, Carols around the Tree, as well as an ecumenical service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year we saw the introduction of two new services. An all-age eucharist for Education Sunday took place celebrating the gift of education, including prayers for our local schools.

Our first ever Pet Blessing Service was also held at St Paul's on the Saturday closest to the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This service was led ecumenically by Reverend Kim and Fr Mike Thompson from St Luke's, Shaw Lane, who we are overjoyed to have built a connection with this year.

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The Parish Newsletter, both printed and emailed, has continued to keep many up to date with upcoming services, as well as our social media and website. With thanks to Tom Hurst for the weekly completion of the newsletter and to Norine Jones for printing. The Parish website has also been updated thanks to our ordinand, Tom Hurst.

The Parish Magazine has also continued to be a rich resource, keeping the parish up to date with news, events and matters relating to the wider church and world; with thanks to our editor, Lesley Porter and coordinator, Maggie Bunting.

Bible readings and intercessions within services continued to be led by members of the congregation, and the important ministry of fellowship was maintained over post-service refreshments in the Parish Centre. With thanks, respectively, to Val Sugden, Liz Taylor, and their teams. Thanks go to Head Server Alan Williams who expertly leads our team of servers and lay assistants.

With thanks to our team of sidespersons, who offer the all-important welcome to those who come through the church doors, often for the first time. They say that it is in the first seven seconds that a new person makes a judgement about a place, so the importance of this ministry cannot be emphasised enough.

Our wonderful team of bell ringers readily shared their talents with us once again, ringing at weddings, funerals, on Civic occasions and before the weekly Sunday eucharist. The team has built up wonderfully post-Covid thanks to Lesley Davies, whose enthusiasm and passion has led to a number of new joiners. With thanks to Lesley and all of the team, both local and gathered.

In September of this year, it was a joy to welcome our new Choir Director, Abigail, along with her husband, Zak. We are very grateful, too, to Rob Howard, who ably took the reins during the vacancy and who continues to support the life of the choir as Associate Director along with Tim Hall, our organist. The choir has gone from strength to strength, and two choir recruitment events have taken place, recruiting two new choir members. During Advent the choir joined for the first time with Worsley Road URC for a delightful Service of Light. The choir have continued to enchant us with the gift of music, which enriches our worship and helps us to lift our eyes heavenwards. Their commitment has been nothing short of exceptional, especially around demanding festivals such as Easter and Christmas.

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As a parish committed to training, we were pleased to welcome George Hesketh on placement with us from the Ministerial Experience Scheme, who came to experience a different tradition. We were delighted that George later applied to be our Missional Lead for St Paul's, beginning the role in September 2024.

Rev'd Kim continues to deliver teaching and coaching sessions on the Directions Course for those exploring God's call upon their life as well as her role as a Bishop's Adviser.

During 2024 our assistant priest, Karen Beck, ably led a number of services in the Parish and our continued thanks goes to her for her thoughtful preaching, pastoral care and support of Kim. Thanks too to ordinand Tom Hurst for his excellent deaconing, and for the many and varied ways in which he enriches ministry here in Prescott. We were over the moon when it was announced that Tom will be serving his curacy here with us and look forward to seeing him continue to grow, as a deacon and priest in the Church of God, supported by Ruth, Carys, Michael (and Jampo!)

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Pastoral Care

Home Communion continued to take place, and many pastoral visits were undertaken across the parish by clergy for both church members and others across the community, including house blessings, the Sacrament of the Sick, and final prayers. A monthly Holy Communion service is held in Fazakerly House Care Home for residents and staff, which is well attended. This is in addition to special services offered to the home on Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas (carols) and Easter. A service of remembrance took place in church for families whose loved ones' funerals have been held in church or at the crematorium.

The Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree service was held in December, where baubles are placed on the tree in remembrance of loved ones, which has become a service held in deep affection by the community.

As the family of God, we celebrated many significant life events together this year too – including birthdays of all different ages and stages.

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Pastoral Offices

The church continues to be a place where children of God gather at the highest and lowest moments in life, along with everything in between.

Funerals, both of parishioners and the wider community continued to take place throughout the year along with a number of interments in both the Churchyard, Garden of Rest, along with council cemeteries.

Baptisms took place in the Parish Church, along with St Paul's, including during the main Sunday eucharist. A number of weddings also took place. Our verger, Norine Jones, has faithfully served at each of these life events, supporting families, along with Joyce Fairfield's excellent administrative and pastoral work. Joyce continued as Bookings Secretary for the Parish Centre and a team of volunteers led by Joyce assisted at baptisms.

Three of our congregation were confirmed this summer in a Deanery Confirmation Service held at St Nicholas Church, Whiston, and we were also delighted to see Kate Johnston ordained as priest and Emma Stonier as deacon, both of whom had undertaken placements here in Prescott.

The streaming system continues to be invaluable, as Sunday services have been streamed weekly, along with a number of funerals, allowing people to take part who would otherwise be unable to do so. We have a strong following online of a number of parishioners who are unable to physically attend church, and they find this great comfort. With thanks to the Sunday technology team comprised of Keith Porter and Andy Basinger.

Marriage preparation for couples has continued in the new style of afternoon tea, which has proved to be a success. Couples gather with clergy and the wedding team for afternoon tea, socialisation, interactive discussions around marriage, legal preliminaries, and end the day in prayer.

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Children and Young People

2024 saw the launch of 'Belong: Worship' – a new worshipping community at St Paul's, beginning at 3.30pm every Thursday afternoon and aimed at families from St Mary and St Paul's Primary School and from across the Bryer Road estate, led by our Missional Lead, George Hesketh.

Faith Kids and First Steps has gone from strength to strength, and we have seen a significant growth in the number of children in attendance along with their families. With enormous thanks to Laura Howard, our group's leader, for the tireless planning and preparation, along with Pauline Jessup, Angela Maloney and Joanne Peers for their incredible commitment to the spiritual growth of our young people. We also hold in our hearts beautiful Rachael Comerford who had recently joined the Faith Kids team when she tragically passed away. We continue to keep Sandra, Ian, James, Chris and all of the family in our prayers.

Messy Christingle was held in the Parish Centre during Advent. This was very well attended and largely attracted families who do not usually attend church.

A number of all-age services were also held, including Mothering Sunday, Pentecost, Education Sunday, the Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King (with gifts of toys donated to Yates Court: an inspirational supported living project in Prescott), the Crib Service and an all-age Christmas Day service.

Tuesday Tots continues to take place weekly, organised by Norine Jones and supported by Dyane Basinger and Shirley Grice, continuing to offer a safe and welcoming space for all.

The church's relationship with local schools has continued to remain strong and has been built upon. Collective Worship takes place daily at St Mary and St Paul's C of E Primary School, with members of the parish and wider team leading the weekly clergy assembly slot along with most Wednesdays.

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With thanks to Deanery Youth and Schools Worker Rebecca Richardson, George Hesketh and Tom Hurst who, along with Rev'd Kim, delight in leading worship for our young people. Clergy also go in to school throughout the year to assist with RE lessons on topics like the 'Big Questions' and 'Holy Communion'.

We were delighted to welcome Prescott Primary School to a 'Let's Explore' church afternoon and enjoyed welcoming schools to Experience Easter. We also enjoyed welcoming Year 1 to St Paul's to learn all about baptism, with the help of their teddy bears. The Vicar, along with members of the Parish, also continue in their roles within the governing body at St Mary and St Paul's School.

Social Justice and Charity

Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities, and the Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee agreed to continue the donations in 2024, despite the Parish's financial challenges, recognising the Christian call to share what we have abundantly, even in the face of losses incurred this year. A thank you to each member of the committee for their generous understanding of Christian stewardship and for holding us accountable as the body of Christ.

We bid a fond farewell to Ann Capewell whose steadfast commitment to stewardship and to a fairer world has left an enormous legacy within our parish. We wish her and Simon every blessing as they return to Edinburgh and are able to be closer to their family.

Ecumenical relationships across the town remain strong, with many volunteering with the Foodbank and SHARE Knowsley. Tom Hurst has been leading the prayers at the Foodbank on a monthly basis and the Prescott Fellowship of Churches meet three times a year to discuss, primarily, worship and social justice; how we might continue to work together but also build upon the Churches' presence across the town. Once again clergy met for Christmas Starts Here to give out mince pies, chocolate bars and the ecumenical Christmas card.

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The craft group has continued, run by Barbara Bradley and Sue Nulty, including day trips which have been greatly enjoyed by the group's members.

Mothers' Union continued to meet in the Parish Centre monthly on a Friday afternoon, led by Diane Hornby. This year the group focused on the important issue of Domestic Violence and a moving display was created by Sue Nulty for the Mothers' Union display in church. Val Sugden continues to run the book and card stalls, with a new collection of books available. It was a joy to see Dave Kernick, our former Choir Director and parishioner, take his vows and receive the habit as a novice in the Anglican Greyfriars in October, as he commits to a life of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Mission and Discipleship

Coffee Morning at St Paul's continued, led by Sue Priestley and her team each Thursday morning during term time, with many creative activities being undertaken, including themed mornings, bingo, craft, crocheting and games.

The Start Course took place in the Vicarage followed by the Moving On Course and The Prayer Course followed by 'The Chosen Course'. With enormous thanks to Tom Hurst for his gifted facilitation of much of the discipleship that has taken place.

The Ecumenical Lent Course took place once again, following the film 'The Theory of Everything' and accompanying resources. A member of clergy from each of the Fellowship of Churches took turns in leading the sessions.

A special service of blessing for a number of our local pubs took place, led by Revd Kim, who created a special liturgy for such an occasion. The service took place across The Deanes House, The Sun Inn and The Clock Face.

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LYCIG (Leading Your Church Into Growth) clergy teams continued to meet to discuss the different ways in which the LYCIG principles are implemented across parishes and Rev'd Kim assisted in leading the final cohort of parishes through their small groups.

A community Christmas dinner took place at St Paul's, organised by George Hesketh, for anyone who was to find themselves alone or in need at Christmastime. George acquired donations of meat and vegetables from the Toby Carvery, and we are grateful to further support from Debbie Bennett Funeral Directors, and the Councillors of Prescott South.

Music and the Arts

The Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts, organised by its founder, our own Robert Howard, continues to warm our hearts, with events and concerts taking place at venues throughout the town, including many in our churches and Parish Centre. We are always delighted to welcome people into our Grade I listed building and StPaul's. The Prescott Festival also hosted events throughout the year including the Mayor of Prescott's Charity Christmas Concert and our parish musicians delighted us by sharing their musical talents, raising money for the church.

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The church opened its doors regularly throughout the year during large-scale events across the town, and a big thank you to our heritage team, led by Barbara Bradley and Sue Nulty, along with Verger Norine Jones for making this possible.

The Elizabethan Fayre was held as well as the Serious Nonsense Festival.

In December it was a joy to welcome Liverpool Cathedral Choir along with soloist Damian O’Keeffe for a fundraising concert in aid of the church roof, in conjunction with the Prescott Festival.

The Liverpool Cathedral Junior Choir Knowsley continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon in the Parish Centre, made up of children from across Prescott and the wider borough and led by Choral Outreach lead Mitchell Holland and his team of volunteers. It has been a joy to witness the children’s enthusiasm and to meet their families. It was a particular gift to welcome the choir to our Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King as they sang alongside our Parish Choir in this special service.

Heritage

The Guiding Group, led by Barbara Bradley, Sue Nulty and their team continued to offer guided tours and Heritage Days, including treasure hunts and prizes for children. Visitors are also able to embark upon a QR code guided tour, containing a wealth of information about the church, along with an audio tour. With thanks to Barbara and the team for the hours and commitment given to opening our beautiful church for all to enjoy.

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Professional photographer Tony Mallon has been working with a group of amateur photographers over the past two years to capture the past, present and future of Prescott, through old and new photographs. One such photograph, taken by Tony, was entered into a competition and was selected to be added permanently to the Historic England archives, taken at the top of the church tower.

Fabric Report

Alan Williams and Norine Jones laundered the church altar linen and Liz Taylor continued as leader of the Flower Guild. A huge thank you to Liz and the team. In addition to our own organisations, the Parish Centre and St Paul's Hall are used by outside organisations, for activities such as line dancing, fitness classes, choirs, and Prescott Historic Society, to name but a few. They are also used for children's birthday parties. Many thanks to Joyce Fairfield and Lesley Porter for managing the mammoth task of bookings and subsequent logistics for these respective buildings.

We continue to be indebted to Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager, and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard group, led by Lesley Porter, for their time and expertise in the maintenance of our churchyard.

As warden and Health and Safety Officer, Steve Martin has undertaken a huge amount of work in keeping both churches safe and minor repairs underway, quietly solving problems behind the scenes. The uneven flags in the St Mary's church carpark have been tirelessly repaired by Peter Lynch as an act of service and love, supported by John Berry in gathering materials, leaving us with a safe and even carpark.

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St Paul's Church underwent a Quinquennial report, thankfully flagging only minor repairs. The roof of the Parish Centre was sealed to become watertight and minor repairs have been made to the roof of St Paul's. The heating in the Parish Centre continued to be a challenge which appears to finally be resolved.

The PCC voted to employ Church Grants to assist with the enormous fundraising efforts that we face, and information continues to be compiled for the company.

With thanks to wardens John Orme, Sue Priestley, Steve Martin and Val Sugden for their service in the upkeep and protection of our church buildings.

Deanery Synod

During 2024, the Deanery Synod continued to meet, looking at a range of topics and collaborating across churches. The Huyton Deanery Academy continued to thrive with events being held across a range of churches in the Deanery. It is so important that local voices are part of the decision making in our Deanery and Diocese, and we would encourage people to stand for election and be part of the future decision-making for Huyton Deanery. Conversations around exploring Fit For Mission also began, with Huyton Deanery falling into cohort three, including visits from representatives from the FFM team, taster sessions for clergy and church representatives, and coaching.

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Financial Review

We continue to be indebted as a parish to the outstanding work of our treasurer, Keith Porter. Keith goes above and beyond in all that he does to serve the needs of the parish and uses his many skills in financial management and accountancy to ensure that we are operating, financially, at a high standard and with accountability. Keith undertakes this role at an incredibly challenging time, as churches country-wide face greater financial challenges than ever before. However, there could not possibly be a better person to have on your team than Keith at such a time as this. Keith's realism over the decline of income and giving over recent years, his ability to communicate this, coupled with his desire to see the parish buck the trend has meant that we are presented with clear and understandable projections for the future whilst creatively imagining how we might change the tide.

Keith also undertakes many other roles, unbeknown to many, including securing and managing the best possible energy tariffs for the parish and he can regularly be found challenging companies who have failed to deliver upon their guarantees, ensuring that the parish is compensated. Keith often suggests that, being trained in accountancy, he is not gifted with creativity, but we beg to differ, as many an initiative has come from Keith, including our very own branded parish pens, which have been a huge success, and the bringing of the parish into the 21st century when it comes to software and technology.

Keith's faith shines through in all that he does, both within his role as treasurer and outside of this, with a desire to see the church grow and flourish being a driving force for Keith. His perseverance, forward-thinking, and understanding of stewardship is the envy of many churches. We are astoundingly lucky that he continues to share his gifts with us and grateful for the many, many hours that Keith dedicates to this incredibly vital work.

Keith's report, as treasurer, and the financial statements follow.

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Treasurer's Report

Income

Following the exceptionally high amount we received in 2023 from legacies (£365k), a fall in income in 2024 was virtually inevitable, with total income falling from just over £500k to just under £183k. However, if the distorting effect of last year's legacies is excluded, the underlying income in 2024 increased by 6% to almost £143k.

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be our biggest contributor for parishioners wanting to support the church. The number of people in PGS dropped slightly again in 2024, with membership falling from 64 to 62. In spite of this disappointment, the money received held its own at £43k thanks to those who have agreed to increase their donation by the amount of the inflation level.

We introduced a new contactless machine in March 2024, when we replaced our basic Paybox with a much more prominent floor-standing machine. Although the number of donations in 2024 fell by around 10%, we benefited from the fact that we receive any Gift Aid directly which in 2024 amounted to £10,196.

Income from Room Hire fell both at the Parish Centre and St Paul's; of the total reduction of £5,574, £3,500 was the loss of Slimming World from St Paul's, with the loss of the Smile Productions youth dance/drama group costing St Mary's over £1,000.

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Expenditure

Total expenditure fell from £227,602 to £209,090.

The biggest single cost continues to be The Parish Share levy from Liverpool Diocese. In 2024 this has held steady at £62,722, 2023 it was £62,719. The Diocese is in discussion with the Church of England about its financial position.

Our own wages and salaries increased from £24,672 to £33,385; this was made up of the annual pay rise which in 2024 was 10% (we are committed to following the Real Living Wage plus 5%). In September we also introduced the part-time position of Missional Lead, based at St Paul's on a 12-month fixed term contract and also raised the profile of our choir by appointing a Choir Director, also in September.

Up to the end of 2023 we enjoyed a very favourable gas contract, but from January 2024 the price per kilowatt hour for the Parish Church went up from 3.3p to just under 7p, with slightly higher prices for St Paul's and the Parish Centre. As a result, the cost of gas in 2024 increased to £29,353 from £10,931 despite cutting back usage.

We had none of the large expense bills for St Mary's which we had faced in 2023. This isn't as good as it sounds, however, as we are still facing costs of around £500,000 at St Mary's for repairs to the pointing, the ceiling and the churchyard wall. The Leadership Team had concluded that some grant funding was essential, and we agreed to work with a company called Church Grants Ltd, which specialises in tracking and writing applications for grant funding. This still requires us to prepare a wealth of background factual information which is taking some time to get together. It was decided that at this stage we would not commit the legacy income received in 2023 in isolation from grant funding.

Meanwhile the electrical improvements which the EICR identified as necessary at St Paul's in August 2023 have been specified but not yet started; preliminary discussions have been started about reorganising the interior layout which might include removing the stage and making the space more relevant for the church's increasing focus on outreach. It made sense to incorporate the electrical improvements once a decision has been made on the overall situation at St Paul's.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

We face inherent risks with both our income and expenditure. Regarding income, a small percentage stems from commitments by parishioners, and this effect is magnified when looking at the size and frequency of legacies. Because of this, we do not make plans or commitments which rely on income levels we cannot be reasonably certain of achieving.

Similarly with expenditure, as the guardians of St Mary's Parish Church which is a Grade 1 Listed Building, much of which dates from 1610, we face unpredictable demands for major expenditure on repair and maintenance. There have been times in the last decade when we have needed support from Grant Agencies such as National Heritage Lottery, Historic England etc and this will no doubt continue.

Trustee Payments and Expenses.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,804 (2023 - £2,934). Contributions of £3,850 (2023 - £1,914) was paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The Trustees agree to the aim of holding at least six months' running costs in free reserves on the understanding that the charity's funding is not certain and to ensure that the charity can run effectively and continue to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

At 31 December 2024, the charity held reserves of £818,505, of which, £11,277 were restricted funds, £314,611 were designated funds, £362,824 were unrestricted funds held as fixed assets with the remaining £129,723 being unrestricted funds. This represents approximately 7 months running costs for the charity.

The components of designated funds are as detailed in note 8 and the trustees expect these designated funds to be expended in the next two years.

Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures. -
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity of Chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

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Rev'd Kimberley Mannings (Vicar)

30 September 2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
MEMBERS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 25 to 35.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Yates', followed by a solid horizontal line.

Mr Steven Yates FCCA
Livesey Spottiswood
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
17 George Street
St Helens Merseyside
WA101DB

Date: 2 October 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	121,470	7,135	128,605	449,912
Charitable activities	2(b)	25,759	-	25,759	32,026
Other activities	2(c)	15,385	-	15,385	13,660
Investment	2(d)	<u>13,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,248</u>	<u>4,879</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>175,862</u>	<u>7,135</u>	<u>182,997</u>	<u>500,477</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(b)	<u>205,890</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>209,090</u>	<u>227,602</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>205,890</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>209,090</u>	<u>227,602</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(30,028)	3,935	(26,093)	272,875
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(30,028)	3,935	(26,093)	272,875
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024		<u>837,256</u>	<u>7,342</u>	<u>844,598</u>	<u>571,723</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		<u>807,228</u>	<u>11,277</u>	<u>818,505</u>	<u>844,598</u>

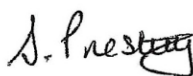
The notes on pages 28 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	362,824	373,077
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	13,473	82,146
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>478,050</u>	<u>413,058</u>
		<u>491,523</u>	<u>495,204</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(35,842)</u>	<u>(23,683)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>455,681</u>	<u>471,521</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>818,505</u>	<u>844,598</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Designated funds	8	314,611	314,741
Unrestricted funds	8	492,617	522,515
Restricted funds	9	<u>11,277</u>	<u>7,342</u>
		<u>818,505</u>	<u>844,598</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2024, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Anne Priestley



John Eric Orme



**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash used by Operating Activities	1	51,744	223,714
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>13,248</u>	<u>4,879</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		64,992	228,593
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2024		<u>413,058</u>	<u>184,465</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2024		<u>478,050</u>	<u>413,058</u>

1 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(26,093)	272,875
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	10,253	12,455
Investment income	(13,248)	(4,879)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	68,673	(56,236)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>12,159</u>	<u>(501)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>51,744</u>	<u>223,714</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

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1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.4 Resources Expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

1.8 Current Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a) Donations & Legacies				
Planned Giving	43,459	-	43,459	42,057
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	10,196	-	10,196	10,014
Non-Gift Aid	7,361	-	7,361	8,085
One-off Gift Aid	-	-	-	120
Open Plate:				
All Services	10,511	-	10,511	9,061
Sundry Donations	6,289	2,635	8,924	11,385
Grants	3,575	4,500	8,075	3,464
Legacies	<u>40,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,079</u>	<u>365,759</u>
	<u>121,470</u>	<u>7,135</u>	<u>128,605</u>	<u>449,912</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £449,912 of which £446,448 was unrestricted and £3,464 was restricted.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(b) Charitable Activities				
Church hall lettings	19,484	-	19,484	25,058
Magazine sales	824	-	824	833
Weddings/Funerals	<u>5,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,451</u>	<u>6,135</u>
	<u>25,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,759</u>	<u>32,026</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £32,026 which was all unrestricted.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(c) Other Activities				
Bookstall	150	-	150	149
Magazine advertising	1,380	-	1,380	999
Summer and Christmas fayres	3,205	-	3,205	1,968
Other	1,800	-	1,800	2,344
St Mary's House Rent	<u>8,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>8,200</u>
	<u>15,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,385</u>	<u>13,660</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(d) Investments				
Dividends & interest	<u>13,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,248</u>	<u>4,879</u>

The income from investments last year relates to unrestricted funds.

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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3 Church Activities				
Missionary Societies	12,500	-	12,500	12,400
Parish share	62,722	-	62,722	62,719
Salaries/wages	33,185	200	33,385	24,672
Clergy expenses	3,850	-	3,850	1,914
St Mary's house	2,668	-	2,668	1,903
Vicarage costs	3,690	-	3,690	5,040
Church costs	46,211	-	46,211	41,507
Depreciation	7,753	2,500	10,253	12,455
Church repairs	4,503	500	5,003	44,062
Choir	297	-	297	395
Telephones	2,941	-	2,941	2,948
Meeting room costs	14,203	-	14,203	6,026
Printing, stationery & postage	4,165	-	4,165	5,233
Bank charges	707	-	707	521
Accountancy	4,160	-	4,160	4,488
Institute costs	1,106	-	1,106	950
Community outreach	<u>1,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>369</u>
	<u>205,890</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>209,090</u>	<u>227,602</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £227,602 of which £222,384 was unrestricted and £5,218 was restricted. Accountancy includes £3,500 (2023 - £ 3,696) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

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	2024 £	2023 £
4. Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	<u>33,385</u>	<u>24,672</u>

During the year the PCC employed a vergger, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and a Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2023 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,804 (2023 - £2,934). Contributions of £3,850 (2023 - £1,914) was paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

5. Fixed Assets

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2024	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-	38,345	8,497	46,842
Charge for the year	-	-	-	<u>10,253</u>	-	<u>10,253</u>
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	<u>48,598</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>57,095</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31 December 2024	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>1,222</u>	-	<u>362,824</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>11,475</u>	-	<u>373,077</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
6. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	12,069	12,068
Legacies due	-	68,902
Trade debtors	<u>1,404</u>	<u>1,176</u>
	<u>13,473</u>	<u>82,146</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	10,472	1,944
Mission Giving	12,500	12,950
Social security	2,200	545
Accruals	<u>10,670</u>	<u>8,244</u>
	<u>35,842</u>	<u>23,683</u>
8. Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	312,000	312,000
Bell Ringers	45	170
Choir Fund	2,346	2,425
Tuesday Tots	74	-
Church Guiding Group	<u>146</u>	<u>146</u>
	314,611	314,741
Funds not designated	<u>492,617</u>	<u>522,515</u>
	<u>807,228</u>	<u>837,256</u>

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	Balance at 01.01.24 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure & Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.24 £
9. Restricted Funds				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Church Clock fund	-	500	(500)	-
John Pilling Trust	-	4,000	(200)	3,800
Together Liverpool	-	500	-	500
St Paul's AV System	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
Restoration for Church	<u>-</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,135</u>
	<u>7,342</u>	<u>7,135</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>11,277</u>

10. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	362,824	-	362,824
Current Assets	480,246	11,277	491,523
Current Liabilities	<u>(35,842)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,842)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>807,228</u>	<u>11,277</u>	<u>818,505</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

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	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants		
Missionary societies:		
Church Mission Society	2,800	2,800
Bible Society	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>3,550</u>
Relief & Development:		
DEC Ukraine	1,000	1,000
Huyton Deanery Global Partnership Challenge	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,600</u>
Home Missions – Church Societies:		
Children’s Society	1,600	1,600
Church Army	600	600
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	350	350
Church Urban Fund	350	350
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,450</u>
Other:		
Mildmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	750	750
Samaritans	200	200
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	100	100
The Refugee Council	600	600
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	300	300
Yates Court	300	300
Olivia	-	(100)
The Adam Ellison Foundation	200	200
Ravenhead Food Pantry	200	200
SHARE Knowsley	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,800</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,400</u>

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	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church Costs:		
Heat and light – St Mary’s	18,741	13,358
Heat and light – St Paul’s	3,373	2,224
Insurance – St Mary’s	8,349	8,487
Insurance – St Paul’s	2,607	2,593
Maintenance – St Mary’s	7,885	8,471
Maintenance – St Paul’s	1,599	3,258
Waste collections	1,613	1,433
Choir and organ costs	1,243	1,306
Faith Kids	367	287
Flowers	434	77
Organisation activities	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>46,211</u>	<u>41,507</u>
 Church Repairs:		
ST MARY		
Lighting project	-	11,929
High level netting in Nave and Chancel	-	16,631
Scaffold for lighting and netting	-	7,800
Gutter maintenance	1,560	1,560
Boiler / boiler house	488	700
Clock	500	1,000
Gates for walled garden and vicarage	-	1,494
Vicarage and walled garden maintenance	-	1,110
Inspection of churchyard wall	-	1,632
Bell repairs	931	-
Other (less than £500)	<u>172</u>	<u>106</u>
	<u>3,651</u>	<u>43,962</u>
 ST PAUL		
Intruder alarm	228	-
Inspection and service of fire extinguishers	330	-
Replacement and reposition of timer	539	-
Other (less than £500)	<u>255</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>1,352</u>	<u>100</u>
 TOTAL	<u>5,003</u>	<u>44,062</u>

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	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Parish Centre Costs:		
Heating	2,173	806
Lighting	1,531	1,836
Water	992	494
Maintenance	1,268	1,460
Repairs:		
General repairs	3,209	1,130
Lighting repairs	2,119	-
Radiator repairs	2,911	-
Install defibrillator	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>14,203</u>	<u>6,026</u>



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**REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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Introduction

This report and the annual accounts are presented in a format agreed by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England and the Charity Commissioners in order to comply with the Charities Act 2011. It paints a picture of an active parish, as we seek to share the love and light of Jesus here in Prescott, in word and in action.

The report, therefore, aims to frame our financial statements within the wider life of the church. It reviews the past year, the resources used and shared, and looks to the future, as we pray, alongside the Diocese of Liverpool, for a bigger church which will make a bigger difference, with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

Administrative Information

Parish Details

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Rebecca Grimshaw

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Charitable Status

The Parochial Church Council received charitable status on 5 May 2010.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC has registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All Church members are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

The PCC ensures that the church lives out its vision statement: *'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action'*. It ensures that statutory requirements with regards to safeguarding and risk assessment are met and/or exceeded. The PCC also ensures compliance with statutory requirements in regard to employment, data protection (GDPR), access and health and safety. The PCC addresses issues such as long-term financial planning; Quinquennial report and capital spend plans; ministry issues; project development; links with other bodies; charitable giving; and the management of policies.

As the accountable body, PCC members are trustees and are bound by a strict code of conduct. Each has the right to scrutinise any aspect of the workings of the church, although some personal information may be withheld with regard to its sensitivity and data protection. The Standing Committee is the executive leadership team of the PCC and its membership comprises the Wardens, treasurer, two PCC members, the PCC secretary, and the Vicar. This committee feeds into PCC agendas and has the authority to make (urgent) interim decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Parochial Church Council Members

During the year, members of the PCC included the following office holders:

Vicar	Rev'd Kimberley Mannings
Churchwardens	Steven Martin Val Sugden John Orme Susan Priestley
PCC Secretary	Lesley Porter
Treasurer	Keith Porter
Electoral Roll Office	Maggie Bunting
Representatives on Huyton Deanery Synod:	Susan Priestley Geoffrey Appleton Rebecca Peers Ann Capewell

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Elected PCC Members

Until APCM 2024:

Norine Jones
David Kernick
Ray Mercer
Mary Oldfield

Until APCM 2025:

John Orme
Maggie Bunting
Joanne Peers
Pauline Jessup

Until APCM 2026:

Janet Smith
Hollie Smith
Barbara Percy
Rebecca Peers

Health and Safety and Safeguarding Officers

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Steven Martin.
Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Norma Garvey
Deputy Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter: Steven Martin
Fire Marshall: Steven Martin
Verger: Norine Jones

Sidespersons

Changes to the Church Representation Rules mean that sidespersons are no longer elected at the APCM but, instead, by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting followed the APCM.

Membership

The Electoral Roll is the official membership list of local Church of England congregations. Signing the roll means that you want to belong and shows a sign of your commitment to this church. Only those on this list may stand as a member of the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (PCC). Membership also allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You need to be 16 years or over and be baptised as a member of the Church of England, living within the Parish of Prescott. If you live outside the parish but fulfil these requirements, and have habitually attended worship for six months, then you may also join. The number on the electoral roll on 31st December 2023 was 184.

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Committees

Standing Committee:

Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer; and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & two PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Stewardship Committee:

Vicar, Keith Porter (Treasurer), Dyane Basinger, Norine Jones, Marian Piert and one churchwarden.

Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:

Keith Porter, Geoff Almond, Ann Capewell.

Parish Centre Committee:

Joyce Fairfield (Parish Centre Secretary), Keith Porter, (Treasurer), Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Parish Centre) a PCC member, and Marian Piert or another churchwarden if Marian Piert was unavailable, the Vicar (on request).

Fundraising Committee

Vicar (Rev'd Kimberley Mannings), Treasurer (Keith Porter), Sue Priestley, Joanne Peers, Norine Jones, Ann Capewell, Claire Portsmouth.

Statistics and Policies

Church Attendance

Parish returns are submitted to the Diocese, which gives a complete breakdown of church attendance, number of children attending, weddings and funerals etc. Copies of this form are forwarded to the Diocese but are also available on request. Once a year clergy/wardens also complete the 'Statistics For Mission' form, which takes into account a snapshot of the church's missional activity. These statistics are also available on request.

GDPR

The Parish Data Protection Policy is in place and available via the Parish website. No Freedom of Information requests were received during the last year.

Trustee Selection and Development Policy

The charity recruits trustees and co-opted members onto the board who can provide leadership, vision and direction to sustain and develop the charity, and support the achievement of its objectives based on their skills, experience and knowledge. Nominations are made in writing and must be countersigned by a member of the electoral roll. The nomination is considered at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If selected, the nominated person receives an induction pack containing a role description and additional duties of officers and the latest annual report and accounts and business plan. Potential trustees are invited to observe at a management meeting prior to agreeing to become a trustee.

We actively follow Charity Commission guidelines on effective trusteeship, trustees are offered training appropriate to their role and undertake mandatory Safeguarding training and DBS clearance.

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Risk Management

The trustees consider the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces each year when considering budgets and business plans. Systems have been developed to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have in the future.

Safeguarding

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.
The Parish of Prescott: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 24th July, 2019 and was re-adopted at the 2023 APCM. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

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Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Steven Martin as Deputy Safeguarding Officer, and Dr Ann Capewell as Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at www.liverpool.anglican.org.

Notices are also displayed in church and the parish centre and is available for download as a pdf on the church website.

All members of the PCC should now be background checked and all members are required to undertake basic level safeguarding training (an online course, known as C0) prior to their first meeting in office following the APCM. The National Church are currently developing a new Independent Safeguarding Board which will be reviewing and implementing the safeguarding strategy and policy which this, and other Anglican churches, operate under.

Vision: Objectives and Activities

Vision Statement

'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action' is the vision statement adopted by the PCC in 2021. As a church, all that we aim to be and do is governed by this vision.

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Dreams for 2024

Within the Parish of Prescott, all that we seek to do in Jesus' name is centred around worship and prayer; learning and living the Gospel that we might develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for people living in the parish; and sharing the love of Jesus, through mission and outreach within this community. However, each year the PCC set achievable targets for the coming year, which should be rooted in the mission of the parish.

The goals set at the APCM for 2024, under 'Plans for the Future', were:

1. Intentional fundraising efforts, working alongside Church Grants
2. The reinstating of tower tours with the subsequent health and safety related alterations.
3. A continuing focus on deepening discipleship.
4. Intentional prayers for growth in line with the LYCIG principles – praying for growth numerically, spiritually and missionally.

Review of the goals set at the APCM for 2023

1. This past year has seen an enormous growth in discipleship across the parish. Along with the regular Ecumenical Lent Course, this year the discipleship team have also run the Start! Course, Moving On Course, Bible Course, Romans Course and are preparing for the Prayer Course.

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2. In September we bade farewell to our Choir Director, David Kernick, as he left to train for ordained ministry. Since then, our Associate Director, Robert Howard and organist Tim Hall, have done a remarkable job at leading the choir both musically and socially through some of the busiest liturgical seasons. A lot of thought and time went into the crafting of a Choir Director advert and it was thought by the team that the best time to advertise would be post-Easter 2024. The advert is therefore currently live at the time of writing this report and we hope that next year our new Director will be able to join us for the APCM.
3. Only months after the 2022 report was presented, we had an unexpected fall of plaster from the nave ceiling in St Mary's and the subsequent dramatic shut-down of the church for a period of weeks while the entirety of the nave and chancel was safety netted. This has therefore changed our priorities somewhat. The tower adaptation will still go ahead, but using existing funds set aside in order that the tower tours themselves might be a form of fundraising for the wider major building challenges.
4. An advert for the shared post (with St Mary's, Knowsley) of a Children and Family Worker (for St Paul's, Prescott and St George's, Huyton) went out twice during 2023. Unfortunately during the first round of applications there were no successful candidates and during the second an insufficient number of applicants to take to interview. Rev'd Kim and Rev'd Hugh have spoken with Specialists regarding the advert, but the wider issue appears to be the lack of applications for these roles country wide. More conversations are to take place. In order for a worshipping community to be established and sustainable at St Paul's this position needs to be filled.
5. Work with local schools has continued over the course of the year, welcoming to church, three of our local Primary Schools and meeting the new headteacher of our local secondary to see what links can be developed.

Achievements and Performance: Celebrating Mission and Ministry in the Parish of Prescott

'When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit'.

Prayer and Worship

Throughout 2023, the Daily Office of Morning and Evening prayer continued to be said in parish, with a faithful group of parishioners gathering week on week to offer intercession; an invitation open to all. Morning Prayer on a Wednesday continues to be ably led by Stan Russell. During Thy Kingdom Come, running from Ascension to Pentecost, an act of prayer took place in the Parish each day, organised by Thomas Hurst and Dave Kernick, including the Scriptural Rosary, Compline, Lectio Divina, a Prayer Walk and many more.

As well as the weekly Sunday eucharist, services were held during Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost, along with Patronal Festival (joined afterwards by ecumenical colleagues for cake and fizz), Harvest Festival, All Souls and All Saints, Armistice Day and the Civic Act of Remembrance. This year's All Souls and All Saints Service took place at St Paul's due to the temporary closure of St Mary's while the safety netting was installed, and this year's Civic Act of Remembrance was held in Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph. We were grateful that this was able to continue to be held in a place of worship. Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph celebrated their Jubilee this year, culminating in a special service attended by members of the Parish Church and Rev'd Kim.

We joined with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Prescott and Whiston Methodist Church for their morning service as they celebrated Aldersgate Day, and a eucharist for Mothers' Union was held during September, with the commissioning of new branch members.

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This year we saw the introduction of two new services. A eucharist for Bell Sunday took place, celebrating the gift of bells and bell ringing, during which Iain Parks came to preach and members of the ringing team read and lead the intercessions. Our first ever Teddy Bear Service was also held – an all age eucharist during which everyone was invited to bring a cuddly toy, with many sharing the story behind their importance to the individual. This was followed by a bring and share Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Parish Centre where Laura Howard led a range of Teddy Bear themed games for the children.

We celebrated another special service on the Sunday following the Coronation of King Charles III after which a 'bring and share' was held in the Parish Centre with members of the congregation dressing up in red, white and blue.

The Christmas Tree Festival (alongside the Christmas Fayre), Christ the King, Tuesday Tots Nativity, Carols by Candlelight, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Family Service all took place, along with a eucharist on each of the feast days following Christmas Day: the Feast of St Stephen, St John, The Holy Innocents and finally the Comfort and Joy service for those who cannot usually get to church. During this period, ecumenical services also took place, including a Longest Night Service (formally Blue Christmas) for all who would find Christmas difficult and a service of Carols around the Tree, as well as an ecumenical service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the theme of The Good Samaritan. A service of Choral Evensong was held as part of the Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts when Bach Cantata came to delight us all.

The Parish Newsletter, both printed and emailed, has continued to keep many up to date with upcoming services as well as our social media and website. With thanks to Tom Hurst for the reimagining and weekly completion of the newsletter and to Norine Jones for printing.

The Parish Magazine has also continued to be a rich resource, keeping the parish up to date with news, events and matters relating to the wider church and world, with thanks to our editor, Lesley Porter and co-ordinator, Maggie Bunting.

Bible readings and intercessions within services continued to be led by members of the congregation, and the important ministry of fellowship was maintained over post-service refreshments in the Parish Centre. With thanks respectively to Val Sugden, Liz Taylor and their teams. Thanks also goes to Head Server Alan Williams who expertly leads our team of servers and lay assistants.

With thanks to our team of sidespersons, who offer the all important welcome to those who come through the church doors, often for the first time. They say this is the first seven seconds that a new person makes a judgement about a place, so the importance of this ministry cannot be emphasised enough. It was with great shock and sadness that we lost a key member of our sidespersons team this year – Mary Oldfield. So many members of the parish shared their first experience of walking through those doors and have spoken of Mary as being instrumental to their sense of welcome and, ultimately a key reason for their return. We are eternally grateful for Mary's ministry over so many years.

Our wonderful team of bell ringers readily shared their talents with us once again, ringing at weddings, funerals, on Civic occasions and before the weekly Sunday eucharist. The team has built up wonderfully post-Covid thanks to Lesley Davies whose enthusiasm and passion has led to a number of new joiners. With thanks to John Barker, Lesley Davies and all the team, both local and gathered.

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Throughout 2023, the choir have continued to enchant us with the gift of music, which enriches our worship and helps us to lift our eyes heavenwards. Their commitment has been nothing short of exceptional, especially around demanding festivals such as Easter and Christmas. In September we said a fond farewell to David Kernick as he left his post as Choir Director to train for ordained ministry in the Church of England. We are very grateful for the many ways in which Dave enriched the life of the church, both musically and through his many other roles. Since Dave's departure, we have been incredibly lucky to have our Associate Director of Music, Rob Howard, take on the interim mantle of Choir Director until the vacancy is filled.

As a parish committed to training, we were pleased to welcome Emma and Andres on placement. Both came from churches of different traditions in order to experience a different tradition within the Church of England. Emma is to be ordained Deacon this summer and Andres continues his journey of discernment. Both spoke fondly of their time with us and we wish them all the best for their futures.

Rev'd Kim continues to deliver teaching sessions on the Directions Course for those exploring God's call upon their life and began her training to become a Bishop's Adviser.

Our thoughts have been with Rev'd Karen Beck this year as she laid her mum to rest. Karen has taken a break from Parish Ministry for a while, but we hope to welcome her back and she remains in our prayers. During 2023 Karen ably led a number of services in the Parish and our continued thanks goes to her as well as our Ordinand, Tom Hurst for his thoughtful preaching, excellent deaconing and for the many and varied ways in which he enriches ministry here in Prescott.

Pastoral Care

Home Communion continued to take place with a growing list of those who receive and many pastoral visits were undertaken across the parish by clergy for both church members and others within the community, including house blessings, the Sacrament of the Sick and final prayers. This year saw the introduction of a Holy Communion service held monthly in Fazakerley House Nursing Home for residents and staff, which is very well attended. This is in addition to special services offered to the home on Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas (carols) and Easter.

Our yearly Service of Remembrance was postponed this year after the church ceiling was condemned but a special, larger service will be held during the coming year. However, contact continues to be made with funeral families during this time.

The Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree service was held in December, where baubles are placed on the tree in remembrance of loved one, which has become a service held in deep affection by the community.

As the family of God, we celebrated many significant life events together this year too – including birthdays of all different ages and stages.

Pastoral Offices

This year was another incredibly difficult year for our church family with the death of many beloved members of the congregation.

Funerals, both of parishioners and those in the wider community continued to take place throughout the year along with several interments in both the Churchyard and Garden of Rest, along with council cemeteries and Greenacres Woodland Burial.

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Baptisms took place in the Parish Church along with St Paul's including during the main Sunday eucharist. A number of weddings also took place as well as services for the renewal of vows. Our vergers, Norine Jones has faithfully served at each of these life events, supporting families. The Parish Office Hour has also continued for the booking of weddings and baptisms. Thank you to Joyce Fairfield and Brenda Fay for their commitment to this important administrative and pastoral work. Joyce Fairfield continued as Bookings Secretary and a team of volunteers led by Joyce assisted at baptisms.

Marriage preparation for couples has continued in the new style of afternoon tea, which has proved to be a success. Couples gather with clergy and the wedding team for afternoon tea, socialisation, interactive discussions around marriage, legal preliminaries and end the day in prayer.

The streaming system continues to be invaluable as Sunday Services have been streamed weekly, along with a number of funerals, allowing people to take part who would otherwise be unable to do so. We have a strong following online of parishioners who are unable to physically attend church and they find this of great comfort. With thanks to the Sunday technology team comprised of Keith Porter, Andy Basinger and Thomas Ellison.

Children and Young People

On Shrove Tuesday a 'Pancake Praise Party' was held in St Paul's with contributions from Tesco Prescott, the Councillors of Prescott South and the Ineos Trust. This was an interactive service involving children and adults alike, with action songs, prayer pancakes and activities. Furthermore, throughout the daytime all of St Mary's and St Paul's C of E Primary School along with their teachers were able to come over to St Paul's to make pancakes and explore the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday.

Faith Kids and First Steps continued to minister to the children of our congregation with the addition of new leaders. With thanks to Andrea Penketh, Christine Thomas, Laura Howard, Joanne Peers, Pauline Jessop and Angela Maloney for their passion for our young people.

Messy Christingle was held in the Parish Centre during Advent. This was very well attended and largely attracted families who do not usually attend church.

This year Messy Easter took place for the first time thanks to the hard work of the Faith Kids and First Steps teams. This was a glorious occasion where families journeyed through Holy Week and Easter in creative ways, culminating in the making of miniature Easter gardens that the children could take home.

A number of all age services were also held, including Mothering Sunday, Harvest Sunday, the Teddy Bear Service, Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King (with gifts of toys donated to Yates Court: an inspirational supported living project in Prescott) and an all age Christmas Day Service. This year's Christmas Eve Crib Service saw the highest attendance to date, with hundreds from across the community gathering to worship.

Tuesday Tots continues to take place weekly, organised by Norine Jones and supported by Dyane Basinger and Shirley Grice, continuing to offer a safe and welcoming space for all. The Tuesday Tots group had several special celebrations this year including a Coronation Party, Easter Egg Hunt and Teddy Bear's Picnic.

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The church's relationship with local schools has continued to remain strong and has been built upon. Rev'd Kim has continued to lead Collective Worship at St Mary and St Paul's C of E Primary School during the weekly clergy assembly slot, supported also by Deanery Youth and Schools Worker, Rebecca Richardson. Clergy also go into schools throughout the year to assist with RE lessons on topics like the 'Big Questions' and 'Holy Communion'.

We were delighted to welcome Prescott Primary School to a 'Let's Explore' church afternoon and enjoyed welcoming schools to Experience Easter. We also enjoyed welcoming Year 1 to St Paul's to learn all about baptism with the help of their teddy bears.

This year Evelyn Avenue celebrated their 50 Year anniversary and Rev'd Kim attended the celebrations along with Norine Jones and former vicar, Rev'd John Taylor. The Vicar along with members of the Parish also continue in their roles within the governing body at St Mary and St Paul's School.

In February our church school received the Ofsted call and were awarded a Good (and a stone's throw away from Outstanding), thanks to the hard work and commitment of all staff.

In July we said a fond farewell to Iain Parks as he left his post as Headteacher of St Mary and St Paul's to become Director of Education for the Diocese of Blackburn. Iain's passion, care and incredible skill has been cherished and noticed throughout the community of Prescott and beyond during his time here and we celebrated all that has been achieved in a special service of thanksgiving at St Mary's in July. In July this year interviews were held for the new Headteacher of St Mary and St Paul's and we were delighted with the news that Paul Brooksbank (current Deputy Head at the time) had been appointed. Paul knows the community exceptionally well and is passionate about seeing the children and their families flourish. In November the interviews for a new Deputy Head took place and Simon Reeve was appointed as the new Deputy, joining us from Lydiate.

Social Justice and Charity

Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities and the The Gift to Missions and Charities Committee agreed to continue the donations in 2023 despite the parish's financial challenges, recognising the Christian call to share what we have. A thank you to each member of the committee for your generous understanding of Christian stewardship and for holding us accountable as the body of Christ.

Ann Capewell has continued to generate money for the church funds through a combination of Traidcraft discounts, home made jams and marmalades etc.

Ecumenical relationships across the town remain strong with many volunteering with the Foodbank and SHARE Knowsley. Tom Hurst has been leading the prayers at the Foodbank on a monthly basis and the Prescott Fellowship of Churches meeting three times a year to discuss primarily worship and social justice; how we might continue to work together but also improve the churches' presence across the town. Once again clergy met for Christmas Starts Here to give out mince pies, chocolate bars and the ecumenical Christmas card.

The craft group run by Maggie Bunting is a church craft group, open to all with 50% of the ladies being non-church members. At the end of 2023 the mantle was handed to Barbara Bradley. With enormous thanks to Maggie who lovingly built this group up post-covid and whose imagination and creative flair has been a gift to all.

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Mothers' Union continued to meet in the Parish Centre monthly on a Friday afternoon led by Diane Hornby and have been looking at ways to support our church school through the purchasing/sourcing of altar linens for their new altar. Val Sugden continues to run the book and card stalls with a new collection of books available.

Mission and Discipleship

Coffee Morning, led by Sue Priestley and her team, continues to grow from strength to strength in St Paul's each Thursday morning during term time, with many creative activities being undertaken, including themed mornings, bingo, craft, crocheting and games. Coffee Morning has also become a sanctuary of pastoral care, undertaken by both leaders and the school's Family Support Worker.

The Start Course and the Moving On Course took place in the Vicarage. The Bible Course took place in St Paul's. With enormous thanks to Tom Hurst and John Orme for their gifted facilitation of much of the discipleship that has taken place. The Ecumenical Lent Court took place once again, following the film 'The Greatest Showman' and accompanying resources. A member of the clergy from each of the Fellowship of Churches took turns in leading the sessions.

The Lycig (Leading Your Church Into Growth) team comprising of the Vicar, Tom Hurst, John Orme and Sue Priestley continued to lead the teaching sessions with the PCC looking at how we can make small but significant changes to encourage people to engage with church and deepen their faith. The Lycig teaching sessions finished this year and the clergy refresher sessions take place every few months. Rev'd Kim joined the Diocesan Lycig delivery team.

This year Eurovision came to Liverpool and we welcomed old and new faces to St Paul's for a Eurovision party.

Music and the Arts

The Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts, organised by its founder, our own Dr Robert Howard, continues to warm our hearts, with events and concerts taking place at venues throughout the town, including many in our churches and Parish Centre. We are always delighted to welcome people into our Grade 1 listed building and St Paul's. This year's festival took place in person once again, along with other festival events, including the Mayor of Prescott's Christmas Concert.

Robert Howard and Rev'd Kimberley Mannings continue to be part of the Prescott Cultural Consortium, which focuses on supporting the arts in Prescott and which works in partnership with the Shakespeare North Theatre.

The church opened its doors regularly throughout the year during large-scale events across the town, and a big thank you to our heritage team, led by Barbara Bradley, and Verger Norine Jones for making this possible. The Elizabethan Fayre was held as well as the Serious Nonsense Festival.

In December it was a joy to welcome the choir of King's College Cambridge in concert organised by the Knowsley Culture Team along with Dean Stephen Cherry.

A special fundraising concert for Willowbrook Hospice was also held in church in memory of the late Rev'd Jonathan Stott who was once a member of the serving team in St Mary's and whose sending church this was as he entered ordination training. The headline act was a long standing friend of his, Heather Small.

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A fundraising concert was also held in March in aid of Olivia, a pupil at our church school who was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer for which there is no ongoing treatment. The concert was organised by year 6 pupil, Frederik and his dad, with support from other musicians and was a huge success.

The new Liverpool Cathedral Junior Choir Knowsley was launched in September, meeting each Tuesday afternoon in the Parish Centre. This is made up of children from across Prescot and the wider borough and led by Choral Outreach lead Mitchell Holland and his team of volunteers. It has been a joy to witness the children's enthusiasm and to meet their families. It was a particular gift to welcome the choir to our Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King as they sang alongside our Parish Choir in this special service.

Heritage

The Guiding Group led by Barbara Bradley and her team continued to offer guided tours and Heritage Days, including treasure hunts and prizes for children. Visitors are also able to embark upon a QR code guided tour containing a wealth of information about the church along with an audio tour. With thanks to Barbara and the team for the hours and commitment given to opening our beautiful church for all to enjoy. Professional photographer Tony Mallon has been working with a group of amateur photographers over the past two years to capture the past, present and future of Prescot through old and new photographs. One such photograph, taken by Tony at the top of the church tower was entered into a competition and was selected to be added permanently to the Historic England archives.

Fabric Report

We continue to be indebted to Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager, and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard group, led by Lesley Porter, for their time and expertise in the maintenance of our churchyard. The thousands of daffodil and red tulip bulbs, planted by the team in 2014, flowered once again to give a stunning display.

Alan Williams and Norine Jones laundered the church altar linen and Liz Taylor took on the mantle as leader of the Flower Guild after the devastating loss of Georgina Cooney. Liz and the team have done a remarkable job and have kept Georgina's memory alive in the time and attention to detail given to this role. A huge thank you to Liz and the team. In addition to our own organisations, the Parish Centre and St Paul's Hall are used by outside organisations for activities such as children's dance groups, drama groups, line dancing, fitness classes and Prescot Historic Society to name but a few. They are also used for children's birthday parties. Many thanks to Joyce Fairfield and Lesley Porter for managing the mammoth task of bookings and subsequent logistics for these respective buildings.

The final stage of EICR recommendations took place with the installation of the new pillar lighting. LED lighting was originally put in throughout each of the lights within church but was unfortunately too dark for the fittings that are currently in place therefore a return to halide bulbs was made in the acknowledgement that, in the near future, with the help of a lighting specialist we will have to look at new fittings throughout the church.

After receiving the excellent news that we had been successful with a grant application to the Places of Worship Scheme (put together by Steve Martin) for CCTV and security lighting around the Parish Church, once the relevant permissions were in place this was installed and has made a huge difference to the security. Only weeks before its installation the church experienced one of the worst acts of vandalism to date with volunteers arriving on the morning of Mothering Sunday to discover Satanic graffiti in red paint over the west doors, walls and floor. With thanks to the amazing team of volunteers who seamlessly removed as much as possible to avoid distress amongst parishioners arriving for this delicate service. This was reported to the police immediately as a hate crime.

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Knowsley Council arranged for the 2G lighting system on the tower to be fixed, meaning that the tower was able to be remotely controlled and lit up in different colours for different liturgical reasons.

This year we had the very unexpected fall of a piece of plaster from the nave ceiling in the Parish Church. At first relevant pews were roped off for safety but after closer inspection by Colin Morris of Natural Finishes it was discovered that there is mass delamination of the plasterwork, likely caused by a combination of the elements (as the wind naturally hits the church roof) over many years and the work that took place when Deathwatch Beetle was discovered over a decade ago. This meant that the church had to be closed until a safety net could be installed resulting in the community worshipping in St Paul's for a month. Lloyd Smith installed a very discreet safety net and the congregation were able to return in time for the Feast of Christ the King.

Tom Beesley, Resources Building Advisor for Liverpool Diocese came to look at the churchyard wall and to discuss the many building related challenges that we are facing at this time, including the repointing work highlighted in the Quinquennial report and the more recent work identified for the entirety of the church ceiling. Between the repointing, ceiling repair and churchyard wall, we are looking at raising £550,000. Our treasurer, Keith Porter discovered a professional Christian bid writing company called Church Grants and after liaising with members of the PCC it was presented to the PCC as an option. Given the dramatic amount of funds needed, the PCC voted in favour.

With the Diocesan sale of the Vicarage, the walled garden is still in the process of coming under the management of the PCC. The Diocese paid for the trees in the garden to be cut back but upon doing this a couple of trees near the entrance to the garden were condemned. This has added to the delay in the handover although a tree surgeon has now removed the unsafe trees.

There was a small leak in the roof of St Paul's during the heavy rainfall in October but this was quickly rectified with the application of sealant and there has been no reoccurrence despite heavy rainfall. Automatic sensors were also added to the lighting in St Paul's making it more energy efficient.

There has been no significant alteration to the fabric of either building this year and only one Type B faculty was applied for (CCTV).

With thanks to wardens John Orme, Sue Priestley, Steve Martin and Val Sugden for their service in the upkeep and protection of our church buildings.

Deanery Synod

During 2023, the Deanery Synod continued to meet looking at a range of topics, including Deanery Parish Share, the Triangle of Hope, and collaboration across churches. The Huyton Deanery Academy continued to thrive with events being held across a range of churches in the Deanery. It is so important that local voices are part of the decision making in our Deanery and Diocese, and we would encourage people to stand for election and be part of the future decision making for Huyton Deanery.

A Message from the Vicar

What a rollercoaster this year has been as it is clear from reading this report, but even more so from the lived experience of parish life.

As we have journeyed through these pages it is obvious that there is so much to be thankful for, yet we acknowledge that this thankfulness exists in the face of much heartache too.

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The Ignation practice of Examen is a form of prayer that has been practised over centuries, resting in the presence of God at the end of a busy day and bringing before him our consolation and desolation: the moments where we have seen his fingerprints so clearly; the Holy Spirit at work in the people, places and situations that we have encountered, juxtaposed with those times when we have seen only darkness, perhaps through our own misdoings or the reality of the broken world in which we live.

In many ways this report is an act of Examen. We may choose to read it as a prayer – thanking God for his continued presence and asking God for greater grace and courage as we seek to be light bearers amidst the trials and tribulations of life.

There are many thankyou's within this report but many go nameless: so many quiet acts of generosity, compassion and friendship that take place behind the scenes, known to nobody but God.

Thank you to each of you – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters in Christ. May we continue, by His grace, to see God's Kingdom come this coming year.

Pray for me as I pray for you.

May God bless you.

Rev'd Kimberley Mannings, Vicar of Prescott

Financial Review

We continue to be indebted as a parish to the outstanding work of our treasurer, Keith Porter. Keith goes above and beyond in all that he does to serve the needs of the parish and uses his many skills in financial management and accountancy to ensure that we are operating financially at a high standard and with accountability. Keith undertakes this role at an incredibly challenging time, as churches country wide face greater financial challenges than ever before. However, there could not possibly be a better person to have on your team than Keith at such a time as this. Keith's realism over the decline of income and giving over recent years, his ability to communicate this, coupled with his desire to see the parish buck the trend has meant that we are presented with clear and understandable projections for the future whilst creatively imagining how we might change the tide.

Keith's faith shines through in all that he does, both within his role as treasurer and outside of this with a desire to see the church grow and flourish being a driving force for Keith. His perseverance, forward thinking and understanding of stewardship is the envy of many churches. We are astoundingly lucky that he continues to share his gifts with us and grateful for the many, many hours that Keith dedicates to this incredibly vital work.

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Treasurer's Report

Income

Total income in 2023 increased from £92,735 to £500,477, which was the highest achieved since 2018. The reason was that we were beneficiaries in the will of three of our parishioners, one of whom was exceptionally generous. Of the total income, almost £366,000 came from legacies.

Looking at routine income sources, Planned Giving (Gift Aided) at £42,057 exceeded 2022 by just over £200 and although this is nothing spectacular, it is nevertheless the first increase for at least five years. The main reason for this was that almost 50% of those parishioners who use the Parish Giving Scheme and who Gift Aid their donations, also opt to increase their donation automatically in line with inflation, and in 2023 the increase was very high at 8%. This partially compensated for overall donations by PGS falling as the number of parishioners using it fell slightly again from 68 to 64. It is disappointing that even though we have been successful in attracting a number of people to attend services regularly, very few have committed to regular giving using PGS or Standing Order.

The downward trend in open plate giving at all services continued, falling from £9,433 to £9,061. There was, however, a very gratifying increase in general donations, from £7,114 to £11,385.

Once again usage of the contactless giving machine grew, attracting over 200 donations, which brought in £2,400 of donations.

Following the boost to income in 2022 from renting out both halls, in 2023 the level stabilised at St Paul's whilst there was a drop in use of the Parish Centre. Disappointingly, one of the users at St Paul's fell behind with payments, and we had to resort to taking proceedings in the Small Claims Court, where we were awarded judgment for £642 in July 2023; this was something of a hollow victory, however, as we have yet to receive a penny!

The effect of the large legacies can be seen clearly in the interest we received in 2023, increasing more than four times to £4,879.

Expenditure

Total expenditure increased in 2023 to £227,602, compared with £198,119 the previous year. As indicated in the Fabric Section earlier in the report, two major projects accounted for this: the final stage of the lighting project in St Mary's cost just under £12,000, whilst the surveying and installation of high-level netting to stop further falls of plaster, cost £16,600. In addition, the combined cost of scaffolding for both jobs was £7,800.

We couldn't repeat our success in reducing energy consumption last year, with our total bill increasing to £18,224 from £15,426. We have had a favourable fixed price gas contract for three years which expired in December 2023. The best we could negotiate was a two-year deal involving increases of just above double for St Mary's and just below double for St Paul's and the Parish Centre, so we will need to look hard at possible economies.

Total salaries and wages increased from £24,459 to £24,672 and we maintained our policy of paying an hourly rate equal to the Real Living Wage plus 5%.

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There was no new capital expenditure in 2023; although the CCTV equipment would normally rank as capital, the sponsor opted to provide the equipment rather than for us to make the purchase and then benefit from a cash grant.

Surplus

The net outcome was a surplus of £272,875, the first positive result since 2018 and giving our overall funds a much-needed boost.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

We face inherent risks with both our income and expenditure. Regarding income, a small percentage stems from commitments by parishioners and this effect is magnified when looking at the size and frequency of legacies. Because of this, we do not make plans or commitments which rely on income levels we cannot be reasonably certain of achieving.

Similarly with expenditure, as the guardians of St Mary's Parish Church which is a Grade 1 Listed Building, much of which dates from 1610, we face unpredictable demands for major expenditure on repair and maintenance. There have been times in the last decade when we have needed support from Grant Agencies such as National Heritage Lottery, Historic England etc and this will no doubt continue.

We are currently facing repairs estimated to cost in excess of £500,000. However, the legacies received in 2023 amounting to £365,759 will enable us to proceed with some of this work immediately.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The Trustees agree to the aim of holding at least six months' running costs in free reserves on the understanding that the charity's funding is not certain and to ensure that the charity can run effectively and continue to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

At 31 December 2023, the charity held reserves of £844,598, of which, £7,342 were restricted funds, £314,741 were designated funds, £370,577 were unrestricted funds held as fixed assets with the remaining £151,938 being unrestricted funds. This represents approximately eight months running costs for the charity.

The components of designated funds are as detailed in note 8 and the trustees expect these designated funds to be expended in the next two years.

Trustee Payments and Expenses.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,934 in 2023. Contributions of £1,914 was paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

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Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity of Chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

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Rev'd Kimberley Mannings (Vicar)

23 October 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 20 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

David Hudd BA FCA

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Date: *24 October 2024*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	446,448	3,464	449,912	44,914
Charitable activities	2(b)	32,026	-	32,026	33,251
Other activities	2(c)	13,660	-	13,660	13,448
Investment	2(d)	<u>4,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,879</u>	<u>1,122</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>497,013</u>	<u>3,464</u>	<u>500,477</u>	<u>92,735</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(b)	<u>222,384</u>	<u>5,218</u>	<u>227,602</u>	<u>198,119</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>222,384</u>	<u>5,218</u>	<u>227,602</u>	<u>198,119</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		274,629	(1,754)	272,875	(105,384)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		<u>746</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		275,375	(2,500)	272,875	(105,384)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023		<u>561,881</u>	<u>9,842</u>	<u>571,723</u>	<u>677,107</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		<u>837,256</u>	<u>7,342</u>	<u>844,598</u>	<u>571,723</u>

The notes on pages 23 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	373,077	385,532
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	82,146	25,910
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>413,058</u>	<u>184,465</u>
		<u>495,204</u>	<u>210,375</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(23,683)</u>	<u>(24,184)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>471,521</u>	<u>186,191</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>844,598</u>	<u>571,723</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Designated funds	8	314,741	234,589
Unrestricted funds	8	522,515	327,292
Restricted funds	9	<u>7,342</u>	<u>9,842</u>
		<u>844,598</u>	<u>571,723</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2023, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr John Eric Orme



Mrs Susan Anne Priestley



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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash used by Operating Activities	1	223,714	(6,639)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>4,879</u>	<u>1,122</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		228,593	(5,517)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2023		<u>184,465</u>	<u>189,982</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2023		<u>413,058</u>	<u>184,465</u>

1 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash
flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	272,875	(105,384)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	12,455	12,484
Investment income	(4,879)	(1,122)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(56,236)	95,486
Decrease in creditors	<u>(501)</u>	<u>(8,103)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>223,714</u>	<u>(6,639)</u>

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

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1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.4 Resources Expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

1.8 Current Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(a) Donations & Legacies				
Planned Giving	42,057	-	42,057	41,813
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	10,014	-	10,014	10,515
Non-Gift Aid	8,052	-	8,052	8,813
One-off Gift Aid	120	-	120	15
Open Plate:				
All Services	9,061	-	9,061	9,433
Sundry Donations	11,385	-	11,385	7,114
Grants	-	3,464	3,464	3,160
Legacies	<u>365,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>365,759</u>	<u>(35,949)</u>
	<u>446,448</u>	<u>3,464</u>	<u>449,912</u>	<u>44,914</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £44,914 of which £41,754 was unrestricted and £3,160 was restricted.

The negative amount in respect of legacies in the previous year is as a result of the restatement of the realisable value of a legacy notified to the Church in 2017. At the time, the Church were advised of the probable value by the solicitors acting for the estate. Subsequently, the Church has been receiving funds as the assets of the estate have been realised. The Church was notified in August 2022 of the remaining value of the legacy and as a result has reduced the amount recoverable accordingly.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(b) Charitable Activities				
Church hall lettings	25,058	-	25,058	27,070
Magazine sales	833	-	833	634
Weddings/Funerals	<u>6,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,135</u>	<u>5,547</u>
	<u>32,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,026</u>	<u>33,251</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £33,251 which was all unrestricted.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(c) Other Activities				
Bookstall	149	-	149	130
Magazine advertising	999	-	999	978
Summer and Christmas fayres	1,968	-	1,968	1,652
Other	2,344	-	2,344	2,888
St Mary's House Rent	<u>8,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>7,800</u>
	<u>13,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,660</u>	<u>13,448</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(d) Investments				
Dividends & interest	<u>4,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,879</u>	<u>1,122</u>

The income from investments last year relates to unrestricted funds.

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3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3 Church Activities				
Missionary Societies	12,400	-	12,400	12,500
Parish share	62,719	-	62,719	60,694
Salaries/wages	24,672	-	24,672	24,459
Clergy expenses	-	1,914	1,914	2,619
St Mary's house	1,903	-	1,903	2,931
Vicarage costs	5,040	-	5,040	4,381
Church costs	41,203	304	41,507	33,666
Depreciation	9,955	2,500	12,455	12,484
Church repairs	43,562	500	44,062	20,437
Choir	395	-	395	82
St Paul's Garden Project	-	-	-	5,437
Telephones	2,948	-	2,948	2,739
Meeting room costs	6,026	-	6,026	4,817
Printing, stationery & postage	5,233	-	5,233	5,592
Bank charges	521	-	521	518
Accountancy	4,488	-	4,488	3,834
Institute costs	950	-	950	28
Community outreach	369	-	369	901
	<u>222,384</u>	<u>5,218</u>	<u>227,602</u>	<u>198,119</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £198,119 of which £ 187,563 was unrestricted and £10,556 was restricted. Accountancy includes £3,696 (2022 - £ 3,000) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

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	2023	2022
	£	£
4. Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	<u>24,672</u>	<u>24,459</u>

During the year the PCC employed a vergier, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and a Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2022 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,934 in 2023. Contributions of £1,914 (2022 - £2,176) were paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality for the clergy.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

5. Fixed Assets

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost	8,497					
At 1 January 2023	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	25,890	8,497	34,387
Charge for the year	-	-	-	<u>12,455</u>	-	<u>12,455</u>
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-	<u>38,345</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>46,842</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>11,475</u>	-	<u>373,077</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>23,930</u>	-	<u>385,532</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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	2023	2022
	£	£
6. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	12,068	12,068
Legacies due	68,902	13,000
Trade debtors	<u>1,176</u>	<u>842</u>
	<u>82,146</u>	<u>25,910</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	1,944	4,346
Mission Giving	12,950	12,500
Social security	545	572
Accruals	<u>8,244</u>	<u>6,766</u>
	<u>23,683</u>	<u>24,184</u>
8. Unrestricted Funds	2023	2022
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	312,000	232,000
Bell Ringers	170	295
Choir Fund	2,425	2,148
Church Guiding Group	<u>146</u>	<u>146</u>
	314,741	234,589
Funds not designated	<u>522,515</u>	<u>327,292</u>
	<u>837,256</u>	<u>561,881</u>

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	Balance at 01.01.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure & Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.23 £
9. Restricted Funds				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Church Clock fund	-	500	(500)	-
Clergy Costs	-	2,660	(2,660)	-
St Paul's AV System	5,000	-	(2,500)	2,500
Liverpool Diocese towards heating	-	304	(304)	-
	<u>9,842</u>	<u>3,464</u>	<u>(5,964)</u>	<u>7,342</u>

10. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	370,577	2,500	373,077
Current Assets	490,362	4,842	495,204
Current Liabilities	<u>(23,683)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,683)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>837,256</u>	<u>7,342</u>	<u>844,598</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

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	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants		
Missionary societies:		
Church Mission Society	2,800	2,800
Bible Society	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>3,550</u>
Relief & Development:		
DEC Ukraine	1,000	1,000
Huyton Deanery Global Partnership Challenge	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,600</u>
Home Missions – Church Societies:		
Children's Society	1,600	1,600
Church Army	600	600
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	350	350
Church Urban Fund	350	350
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,450</u>
Other:		
Mildmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	750	750
Samaritans	200	200
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	100	200
The Refugee Council	600	600
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	300	300
Yates Court	300	300
Olivia	(100)	100
The Adam Ellison Foundation	200	200
Ravenhead Food Pantry	200	-
SHARE Knowsley	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,900</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>12,400</u>	<u>12,500</u>

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	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church Costs:		
Heat and light – St Mary’s	13,358	8,680
Heat and light – St Paul’s	2,224	4,102
Insurance – St Mary’s	8,487	8,386
Insurance – St Paul’s	2,593	2,240
Maintenance – St Mary’s	8,471	5,895
Maintenance – St Paul’s	3,258	1,223
Altar Requisites	-	401
Waste collections	1,433	1,328
Choir and organ costs	1,306	1,379
Faith Kids	287	-
Flowers	77	32
Organisation activities	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>41,507</u>	<u>33,666</u>
 Church Repairs:		
ST MARY		
Lighting project	11,929	-
High level netting in Nave and Chancel	16,631	-
Scaffold for lighting and netting	7,800	-
Gutter maintenance	1,560	2,031
Boiler / boiler house	700	3,058
Car park barrier	-	1,884
Organ repairs	-	4,596
Clock	1,000	-
Electrical wiring	-	7,000
Gates for walled garden and vicarage	1,494	-
Vicarage and walled garden maintenance	1,110	-
Inspection of churchyard wall	1,632	-
Other (less than £500)	106	-
Vestry safe lock repairs	<u>-</u>	<u>624</u>
	<u>43,962</u>	<u>19,193</u>
 ST PAUL		
Replacement intruder alarm	-	1,164
Other (less than £500)	<u>100</u>	<u>80</u>
	<u>100</u>	<u>1,244</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>44,062</u>	 <u>20,437</u>

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	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Meeting Room Costs:		
Heating	806	1,040
Lighting	1,836	1,604
Water	494	470
Maintenance	1,460	835
Repairs:		
General repairs	1,130	448
Lighting repairs	-	420
Install defibrillator	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,026</u>	<u>4,817</u>

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**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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Introduction

This report and the annual accounts are presented in a format agreed by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England and the Charity Commissioners in order to comply with the Charities Act 2011. It paints a picture of an active parish, as we seek to share the love and light of Jesus here in Prescott, in word and in action.

The report, therefore, aims to frame our financial statements within the wider life of the church. It reviews the past year, the resources used and shared, and looks to the future, as we pray, alongside the Diocese of Liverpool, for a bigger church which will make a bigger difference, with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

Administrative Information

Parish Details

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Charitable Status

The Parochial Church Council received charitable status on 5 May 2010.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC has registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All Church members are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

The PCC ensures that the church lives out its vision statement: *'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action'*. It ensures that statutory requirements with regards to safeguarding and risk assessment are met and/or exceeded. The PCC also ensures compliance with statutory requirements in regard to employment, data protection (GDPR), access and health and safety. The PCC addresses issues such as long-term financial planning; Quinquennial report and capital spend plans; ministry issues; project development; links with other bodies; charitable giving; and the management of policies.

As the accountable body, PCC members are trustees and are bound by a strict code of conduct. Each has the right to scrutinise any aspect of the workings of the church, although some personal information may be withheld with regard to its sensitivity and data protection. The Standing Committee is the executive leadership team of the PCC and its membership comprises the Wardens, treasurer, two PCC members, the PCC secretary, and the Vicar. This committee feeds into PCC agendas and has the authority to make (urgent) interim decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Parochial Church Council Members

During the year, members of the PCC included the following office holders:

Vicar	Rev'd Kimberley Mannings
Churchwardens	Steven Martin Val Sugden Lesley Porter Susan Priestley
PCC Secretary	Christine Thomas
Treasurer	Keith Porter
Representatives on Huyton Deanery Synod:	Susan Priestley Geoffrey Appleton Rebecca Peers Ann Capewell

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Elected PCC Members

Until APCM 2023:

Claire Portsmouth
Kath Pye
Susan Ellington
Lesley Porter

Until APCM 2024:

Norine Jones
David Kernick
Ray Mercer
Mary Oldfield

Until APCM 2025:

John Orme
Maggie Bunting
Joanne Peers
Pauline Jessup

Health and Safety and Safeguarding Officers

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Steven Martin.
Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Norma Garvey
Deputy Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter: Steven Martin
Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator: Ann Capewell
Fire Marshall: Steven Martin
Verger: Norine Jones

Sidespersons

Changes to the Church Representation Rules mean that sidespersons are no longer elected at the APCM but, instead, by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting followed the APCM.

Membership

The Electoral Roll is the official membership list of local Church of England congregations. Signing the roll means that you want to belong and shows a sign of your commitment to this church. Only those on this list may stand as a member of the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (PCC). Membership also allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You need to be 16 years or over and be baptised as a member of the Church of England, living within the Parish of Prescott. If you live outside the parish but fulfil these requirements, and have habitually attended worship for six months, then you may also join. The number on the electoral roll on 31st December 2022 was 172.

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Committees

Standing Committee:

Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer; and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & two PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Stewardship Committee:

Vicar, Keith Porter (Church Treasurer), Dyane Basinger (Giving Officer and Gift Aid Secretary), Norine Jones, Marian Piert and one churchwarden.

Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:

Keith Porter, Geoff Almond, Ann Capewell.

Parish Centre Committee:

A new committee was formed in May 2012: Joyce Fairfield (Parish Centre Secretary), Keith Porter, Church Treasurer, Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Meeting Room) a PCC member, and Marian Piert or another churchwarden if Marian Piert was unavailable, the Vicar (on request).

Fundraising Committee

A new committee formed in September 2022. Vicar (Rev'd Kimberley Mannings), Treasurer (Keith Porter), Sue Priestley, Joanne Peers, Norine Jones, Ann Capewell, Claire Portsmouth.

Statistics and Policies

Church Attendance

Parish returns are submitted to the Diocese, which gives a complete breakdown of church attendance, number of children attending, weddings and funerals etc. Copies of this form are forwarded to the Diocese but are also available on request. Once a year clergy/wardens also complete the 'Statistics For Mission' form, which takes into account a snapshot of the church's missional activity. These statistics are also available on request.

GDPR

The Parish Data Protection Policy is in place and available via the Parish website. No Freedom of Information requests were received during the last year.

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Safeguarding

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.
The Parish of Prescott: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 24th July, 2019. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Steven Martin as Deputy Safeguarding Officer, and Dr Ann Capewell as Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at www.liverpool.anglican.org.

Notices are also displayed in church and the parish centre and is available for download as a pdf on the church website.

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All members of the PCC should now be background checked and all members are required to undertake basic level safeguarding training (an online course, known as C0) prior to their first meeting in office following the APCM. The National Church are currently developing a new Independent Safeguarding Board which will be reviewing and implementing the safeguarding strategy and policy which this, and other Anglican churches, operate under. Further details about this are expected in 2022.

Vision: Objectives and Activities

Vision Statement

'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action' is the vision statement adopted by the PCC in 2021. As a church, all that we aim to be and do is governed by this vision.

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Dreams for 2022

Within the Parish of Prescott, all that we seek to do in Jesus' name is centred around worship and prayer; learning and living the Gospel that we might develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for people living in the parish; and sharing the love of Jesus, through mission and outreach within this community.

However, each year the PCC set five achievable targets for the coming year, which should be rooted in the mission of the parish.

The goals set at the **APCM for 2022**, under 'Plans for the Future', were:

1. The Dedication of the East Window (transferred from 2021).
2. Hold a service of thanksgiving for all the frontline workers and unsung heroes, who have served Prescott and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic (transferred from 2021).
3. To hold a memorial service for our beloved Fr Jeff Engel.
4. To engage with the work of the Shakespeare North Theatre as it prepares to open its doors.
5. To hold a Christmas Tree Festival during Advent.

The family of the late Ann Price Roberts, whose generous legacy made the installation of the new east window possible, attended the morning eucharist on 6 November during which Rev'd Karen Beck gathered the family around the window and conducted a short service of thanksgiving. The family chose this date to visit the church to see the window and were offered the opportunity for a formal dedication by the Bishop of Warrington at a later date but were unsure that attendance would be possible for them due to distance. The opportunity has been left open for the family, should they wish a further service of dedication to be held.

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During the Advent Service of Light on 27th November, prayers of thanksgiving were held and local frontline workers invited, for this quiet, reflective Taize service. The decision was made to do this service on a smaller, more reflective scale, due to the desire amidst the wider community to look forwards at this time. When the excellent suggestion for this service was originally made, in 2021, a large-scale event was unfortunately not possible due to successive lockdowns.

On 15th October a memorial service was held for Fr Jeff, which was well attended, coming as little surprise to any. The service was led by Rev'd Kim Mannings, the altar dedicated in memory of Jeff by Rev'd John Taylor, and tributes were given by David Hanchett, Jeff's nephew, Fr Craig Huxley-Jones, a parishioner of Jeff's at St Mary's, Hale, who discerned a vocation to the priesthood under Jeff's gentle guidance, and Jeff's lifelong friend, Derek Southern, who joined Jeff in glory only two months later. Memories of Jeff and the legacy he has left on the church and the world were written down and placed in a basket, in exchange for a cross, similar to the holding crosses that Jeff readily gave to others. The choir sang beautifully, and all pieces of music were favourites of Jeff. Afterwards Liz Taylor, Dyane Basinger, Norine Jones, along with other faithful volunteers, organised a beautiful buffet for friends and family to share together in the Parish Centre, and Lesley Porter arranged a display of photographs and memorabilia, capturing Jeff from his youth. It was a sad but heart-warming day. Jeff is missed more than words can say, but his legacy and love lives on in the Parish each and every day.

Strong connections were built between the church and Shakespeare North Theatre in the lead-up to the theatre's opening. Rev'd Kim, being part of the Prescott Cultural Consortium from 2021, was privileged to get to know the team and invited them to come and speak to the Coffee Morning group at St Paul's. This group was later selected to represent the town during the theatre's opening procession – one of only a small handful of groups to do so. This took place on Friday 15th July, with the theatre working with the group previously on costume choices and rehearsals for the procession entitled "All the Joy You Can Wish". It was moving to see our St Paul's community represented.

On Saturday 26th November a Christmas Tree Festival was held in the Parish Church, with groups from within the church decorating trees to represent the spirit of their group. The idea had been put forward by Lesley Porter, having heard of similar successes elsewhere, and it proved to be a beautiful opportunity. We saw hand-stitched trees, courtesy of the Monday Craft Group, gardening-themed decorations, from the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard, bingo balls and cups from Coffee Morning, an array of fun, vibrancy and learning from First Steps, Faith Kids and Tuesday Tots, musical beauty from Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts and our own Parish Choir, an ecumenical tree, containing doves of peace and pictures of the five Prescott churches, and a tree by Mothers Union, containing the names of each of the countries that Mothers Union is present in and supports and a tree by the Flower Guild. Our ordinand, Tom Hurst, was responsible for organising the festival and also created a prayer station, along with an 'Angel Hunt' for children, with prizes, which went down a storm. Run parallel to the Christmas Fayre, it was a joy to see so many enter the church, both regular parishioners along with many from the local community, and tourists from beyond, all remarking on how atmospheric the church looked. One parishioner in particular said that she had been attending the church for over 70 years and had never seen it look so beautiful.

Achievements and Performance: Celebrating Mission and Ministry in the Parish of Prescott

'When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit'.

Prayer and Worship

2022 saw the re-introduction of restriction-free services, including the ability to re-introduce the usual number of hymns.

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Throughout 2022, the Daily Office of Morning and Evening prayer continued to be said in parish, with the opening up of Morning Prayer more widely on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9am, when a faithful group of parishioners gather week on week to offer intercession; an invitation open to all. Morning Prayer on a Friday is ably led by Stan Russell.

Services for Ash Wednesday along with Holy Week and Easter, took place restriction-free, along with the Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, All Souls and All Saints, Armistice Day and the Civic Act of Remembrance. On 6th November Rev'd Kim went to preach at Kings College, Cambridge, further strengthening bonds with our patrons.

A service of confirmation with Bishop Bev Mason was also held in the Parish Church on 9th October, with nine candidates from the Parish Church confirmed.

On 6th February the church marked the Queen's Accession to the throne, combined with Generosity Sunday, when Steve Pierce came to preach about the importance of stewardship. This year we were able to join Prescott and Whiston Methodist Church for their morning service as they celebrated Aldersgate Day, and a eucharist for Mothers Union was held during September, with the commissioning of new branch members. On the Feast of Pentecost, a special service of thanksgiving was held for the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II followed by an ecumenical bring and share lunch. On 8th September Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away and the church was opened each day for silent prayer and for messages to be left in the Book of Remembrance. On 11th September a service of thanksgiving for the life of Her late Majesty was held during the morning's sung eucharist, and on 18th September a Special Commemorative Service was held at the Parish Church for the Borough of Knowsley, attended by numerous dignitaries, ecumenical guests, and the Bishop of Warrington.

The Christmas Tree Festival (alongside the Christmas Fayre), Advent Service of Light, Carols by Candlelight, Crib service, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day Family Service all took place, along with a eucharist on each of the feast days following Christmas Day: the Feast of St Stephen, St John, the Holy Innocents, and finally the Comfort and Joy service for those who cannot usually get to church. During this period, two new, ecumenical services took place for the second time, including a Blue Christmas service, for all who would find Christmas difficult that year, and a service of Carols around the Tree, as well as an ecumenical Epiphany service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Parish Newsletter, both printed and emailed, has continued to keep many up to date with upcoming services, as well as our social media and website; with thanks to Dave Kernick for sharing his wide, technical gifts, and to Norine Jones for printing. The Parish Magazine has also continued to be a rich resource, keeping the parish up to date with news, events and matters relating to the wider church and world; with thanks to our editor, Lesley Porter and co-ordinator, Maggie Bunting.

Bible readings and intercessions within services continued to be led by members of the congregation, and the important ministry of fellowship was maintained over post-service refreshments in the Parish Centre. With thanks, respectively, to Val Sugden, Liz Taylor, and their teams. It has also been wonderful to welcome back a growing servers' team, led expertly by Alan Williams, including new and familiar faces. A special thanks to our team of sidespersons, who offer the all-important welcome to those who come through the church doors, often for the first time. They say that it is in the first seven seconds that a new person makes a judgement about a place, so the importance of this ministry cannot be emphasised enough.

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Our wonderful team of bell ringers readily shared their talents with us once again, making many wedding couples extremely happy and ringing for special civic and local occasions, including during the jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the finale of the Queen's Baton Relay, and the period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. With thanks to John Barker, Lesley Davies, and the team for going above and beyond to make this possible, often recruiting bell ringers from across Merseyside. We understand that numbers of bellringers are down and are immensely grateful for the team's efforts to spread themselves across the Borough and beyond in order to serve local churches.

Throughout 2022, the choir have continued to enchant us with the gift of music, which enriches our worship and helps us to lift our eyes heavenwards. Their commitment has been nothing short of exceptional, especially around demanding festivals such as Easter and Christmas. Thank you to each one of them, and to the choir team: Dave Kernick, Rob Howard and Tim Hall.

Monthly, Sunday worship at St Paul's was paused in the August of this year, in order to discern together what more regular worship might look like at St Paul's, and how to make worship accessible for families and individuals from across the estate. From September to December a series of fortnightly meetings were held with members of St Paul's, accompanied by coffee and cake, to discuss what services at St Paul's might look like in the future, considering a Thursday afternoon service, which would be held immediately after school pick-up time. The congregation were exceptionally gracious in all of these conversations and nobly so, recognising how dearly St Paul's is held by them.

On 11th September we had the joy of welcoming our first ever Ordinand to the Parish – Thomas Hurst, along with his family: wife, Ruth, and children Carys and Michael. We celebrated their arrival with cake and fellowship. Tom and his family have become much-cherished additions to our family here at St Mary's and St Paul's, and we look forward to having them with us until the summer of 2025.

As a parish committed to training, we were pleased to welcome Kate Johnston and Sharon Dooley on placement with us in November and December. Both came from churches of different traditions in order to experience a different tradition within the Church of England. Kate is to be ordained Deacon this summer and Sharon continues her journey of discernment. Both spoke fondly of their time with us, and we wish them all the best for their futures.

With continued thanks to Rev'd Karen Beck for preaching and presiding, drawing us deeper into Christ's love and encouraging us to explore our own spirituality. Thanks too to Tom Hurst as liturgical Deacon, and to Tom and Dave Kernick for regular, thought-provoking preaching.

Pastoral Care

Home Communion was finally able to be reinstated this year by our Home Communion team: Val Sugden, Diane Hornby, Tom Hurst, Karen Beck, and Kim. We also saw the hospice Tree of Light service return, being led by clergy of the Parish, in conjunction with Willowbrook Hospice, for the first time. Pastoral visits were undertaken across the parish by clergy for both church members and others within the community, including house blessings, the Sacrament of the Sick, and final prayers.

A Service of Remembrance was held for those who have lost loved ones over the course of the last year and these families were also invited to the ecumenical Blue Christmas service.

The Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree service was held in December, where baubles are placed on the tree in remembrance of loved ones, which has become a service held in deep affection by the community.

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Pastoral Offices

This year we said goodbye to an astonishing number of our church family, including Fr Jeff Engel, our assistant priest. This came as a great shock to all and sadness of Jeff's death was felt, not only throughout the church community, but the entire town and beyond. Jeff was received into the Parish Church, as per his wishes, on the evening of Thursday 7th April, and his Requiem Mass was held on Friday 8th April, with Rev'd Kim presiding and Rev'd John Taylor giving the address. The service contained a plethora of beautiful music, chosen by Jeff and led by the choir. Jeff's committal then took place in the churchyard of St Mary's, Hale, where Jeff was priest-in-charge before his retirement. The funeral was exceptionally, and unsurprisingly, well attended, and a further memorial service was held for Jeff in October.

High numbers of funerals took place throughout the year along with a number of interments in both the Churchyard, Garden of Rest, along with council cemeteries and Greenacres Woodland Burial.

Many baptisms took place in the Parish Church, along with three in St Paul's, including the baptism of one of our Coffee Morning community, together with her two children, during one of the St Paul's Coffee Mornings, joined by the entirety of St Mary and St Paul's Primary School. A number of baptisms also took place within the main 10 o'clock eucharist at St Mary's, along with this year's Easter Vigil.

We also saw an increase in weddings once again now that lockdown restrictions have been lifted, with some couples who have waited since before lockdown finally being able to marry, and were also able to share in services for the renewal of vows.

Our verger, Norine Jones, has faithfully served at each of these life events, supporting families. The Parish Office Hour was also reinstated for the booking of weddings and baptisms. Thank you to Joyce Fairfield and Brenda Fay for their commitment to this important administrative and pastoral work.

Joyce Fairfield continued as Bookings Secretary and overseer of the Parish Centre, and a team of volunteers led by Joyce, assisted at baptisms.

The streaming system has once again been invaluable, as Sunday services have regularly been streamed, along with a number of funerals, allowing people to take part who would otherwise be unable to do so. We have a strong following online of a number of parishioners who are unable to physically attend church, and they find this of great comfort. With thanks to the Sunday technology team comprised of Keith Porter, Andy Basinger and Thomas Ellison.

Marriage preparation for couples has continued in the new style of afternoon tea, which has proved to be a success. Couples gather with clergy and the wedding team for afternoon tea, socialisation, interactive discussions around marriage, legal preliminaries, and end the day in prayer.

Children and Young People

On Shrove Tuesday the first ever 'Pancake Praise Party' was held in St Paul's with thanks to a Feast for Fun grant from Together Liverpool, along with contributions from Tesco, Prescott, and the Councillors of Prescott South. This was an interactive service involving children and adults alike, with action songs, prayer pancakes, and activities. Furthermore, throughout the daytime, all of St Mary and St Paul's C of E Primary School, along with their teachers, were able to come over to St Paul's to make pancakes and explore the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday.

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Faith Kids was relaunched in-person and Andrea Penketh joined the team as team leader. The group continued to use the Roots on the Web resources and we have seen some new additions to the group. The team also met with Sue Mitchell, Diocesan Children and Families Missioner, and have been implementing some new strategies and approaches to engaging the children. With thanks to Andrea, Christine Thomas, Pauline Jessup, and Angela Maloney, who lead Faith Kids in the Parish Centre on a weekly basis.

This year also saw the launch of 'First Steps' thanks to the inspiration, creativity and dedication of Laura Howard. First Steps gathers in the children's corner each Sunday for activities which follow the lectionary theme in easy to access formats.

Messy Christingle was held in the Parish Centre during Advent. This was very well-attended and largely attracted families who do not usually attend church. A number of all-age services were also held, including the all-age Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King (with gifts of toys donated to Yates Court: an inspirational supported living project in Prescott), and an all-age Christmas Day service. This year's Christmas Eve Crib Service saw the highest attendance to date, with hundreds from across the community gathering to worship.

Our Mums and Tots group changed their name to 'Tuesday Tots' to better reflect the range of parents and carers who attend. This is organised by Norine Jones, supported by Dyane Basinger and Shirley Grice, and continues to offer a safe and welcoming space for all. The Tuesday Tots group had a number of special celebrations this year, including a Jubilee Party and Teddy Bear's Picnic, as well as a visit from Santa.

The church's relationship with local schools has continued to remain strong, despite being unable to meet with children in-person for much of the two years previous. Kim has continued to lead Collective Worship at St Mary and St Paul's C of E Primary School during clergy assembly each week, supported also by Deanery Youth and Schools Worker Rebecca Richardson, and both Iain Parks and Paul Brooksbank (Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher) continue to supply updates for the Parish Magazine. We were delighted to welcome year 4 to church for a 'Let's Explore' church afternoon, with the children exploring Our Lady Immaculate and St Joseph, our Roman Catholic neighbours, also. We also enjoyed welcoming year 1 to St Paul's to learn all about baptism, with the help of their teddy bears. Prescott Primary School joined us for the first time this year as they explored the church by means of an interactive treasure hunt. It was also a joy to welcome Evelyn Avenue Primary School to church for their Christmas production.

The Vicar, along with members of the Parish, also continue in their roles within the governing body at St Mary and St Paul's School.

Social Justice and Charity

Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities, and the PCC was happy to continue the donations in 2022. The Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee voted to increase the amount we give, recognising the Christian call to share what we have abundantly, even in the face of losses incurred this year. A thank you to each member of the committee for your generous understanding of Christian stewardship and for holding us accountable as the body of Christ.

Ann Capewell has continued to generate money for church funds through a combination of Traidcraft discounts, sales of plants, and home-made jams and marmalades etc.

The craft group, run by Maggie Bunting, is a church craft group, open to all, with 50% of the ladies being non-church members, and the group has seen a remarkable increase in membership.

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Mothers Union continued to meet in the Parish Centre monthly on a Friday afternoon, led by Diane Hornby, and have been looking at ways to support our church school, through the purchasing/sourcing of altar linens for their new altar. Val Sugden continues to run the book and card stalls, with a new collection of books available.

St Paul's was the venue for the 'Network of Kindness' launch event this autumn (part of Together Liverpool) having been recognised for its work with families, and the church has joined the Network of Kindness movement within the Diocese, looking at best practice for supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

Mission and Discipleship

Coffee Morning, led by Sue Priestley and her team, continues to grow from strength to strength in St Paul's each Thursday morning during term time, with many creative activities being undertaken, including themed mornings, bingo, craft, crocheting and games. Coffee Morning has also become a sanctuary of pastoral care, undertaken by both leaders and the school's Family Support Worker.

The Start Course took place in St Paul's at the beginning of the year and the Ecumenical Lent Course took place once again, following the film 'I Daniel Blake' and accompanying resources. A member of clergy from each of the Fellowship of Churches took turns in leading the sessions.

The PCC voted for the church to join the Lycig (Leading Your Church Into Growth) community, looking intentionally at how to work for growth, both numerically, spiritually and missionally. The Lycig team comprising of the Vicar, Tom Hurst, John Orme and Sue Priestley attended the Lycig residential in October and the PCC teaching sessions began shortly after, with the commitment to do so for the next year.

Cathedral representative, Brenda Burgess, continued to distribute Bible Fellowship booklets throughout 2022, encouraging people to wrestle more deeply with the Scriptures.

Music and the Arts

The Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts, organised by its founder, our own Dr Robert Howard, continues to warm our hearts, with events and concerts taking place at venues throughout the town, including many in our churches and Parish Centre. We are always delighted to welcome people into our Grade 1 listed building and St Paul's. This year's festival took place in person once again, along with other festival events, including the Mayor of Prescott's Christmas Concert.

Robert Howard and Kimberley Manning's continue to be part of the Prescott Cultural Consortium, which focuses on supporting the arts in Prescott and which works in partnership with the Shakespeare North Theatre. A major focus of the consortium, as well as the opening of the theatre, has been Knowsley as Borough of Culture in 2022, and both Rob and Kim featured in the Borough-wide video entitled '22 Voices'.

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The church opened its doors regularly throughout the year during large-scale events across the town, and a big thank you to our heritage team, led by Barbara Bradley, and Verger Norine Jones for making this possible. A large-scale Elizabethan Fayre was held across the town over the course of two days, including the 'Home Sweet Home' exhibition in the Parish Centre. The fayre culminated in the release of confetti canons from the top of the church tower. The Shakespeare North Theatre was opened during its 'All the Joy You Can Wish' opening ceremony, with St Paul's Coffee Morning being chosen as one of the representative groups, and the church was open throughout the opening weekend, with hundreds of visitors coming to see the church. The Serious Nonsense festival was held around the church during the summer, again with a high footfall of visitors and a wonderful atmosphere.

Heritage

The Guiding Group, led by Barbara Bradley and her team continued to offer guided tours and Heritage Days. The group have also begun to include treasure hunts and prizes for children which has proven to be a great success, and this year implemented a QR code guided tour, containing a wealth of information about the church, along with an audio tour. With thanks to Barbara and the team for the hours and commitment given to opening our beautiful church up for all to enjoy.

Fabric Report

We continue to be indebted to Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager, and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard group, led by Lesley Porter, for their time and expertise in the maintenance of our churchyard. The 11,000 daffodil and red tulip bulbs, planted by the team in 2014, flowered once again to give a stunning display. The Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard suffered the devastating loss of all of their poppies during an arson attack on their container yet, in defiant commitment and love, rallied members of the community (and others as far as Canada) to knit 4756 poppies to be used in a cascading display in the Parish Church. The church was opened for members of the community to come and view the display, and many commented on how striking it was as a backdrop to this year's Remembrance Service.

A team of church members continue to take responsibility for church cleaning, working on a weekly rota basis. Alan Williams and Norine Jones laundered the church altar linen and Liz Taylor, under the guidance of Georgina Cooney, led the Flower Guild. We are so lucky in Prescott to have people with such talent, a keen eye for creativity, and such attention to detail. A huge thank you to you all.

In addition to our own organisations, the Parish Centre and St Paul's Hall are used by outside organisations, for activities such as children's dance groups, drama groups, line dancing, fitness classes, and Prescott Historic Society, to name but a few. They are also used for children's birthday parties. Many thanks to Joyce Fairfield and Lesley Porter for managing the mammoth task of bookings and subsequent logistics for these respective buildings.

In regard to the fabric of our buildings themselves, phases 3 and 4 of the EICR recommendations took place and all electrical work has now been completed, with the exception of the pillar lighting.

The fundraising committee met for the first time to look at the mammoth task of fundraising the £250,000+ work laid out in the Quinquennial report, regarding repointing. A number of grant applications have been looked into, yet the work in question has fallen short of the necessary thresholds. This continues to be a key task with much creativity needed in the year to come.

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A portion of the churchyard wall which runs alongside Garden Walk collapsed in December which led to the PCC hiring a structural engineer to inspect its safety. A phased scheme of work will be put in place for the coming years.

After a graffiti incident during the summer, warden Steve Martin applied to the government's Places of Worship scheme for CCTV and additional lighting for the church. We are delighted that the application was successful and look forward to the installation of both in 2023.

With the Diocesan sale of the Vicarage, the walled garden is in the process of coming under the management of the PCC.

A new alarm system was installed at St Paul's, with hall users being given individual fobs, helping the church to keep a log of who enters and exits the building.

The roofs of both St Paul's and the Parish Centre were inspected. St Paul's was found to be in good repair but the roof of the Parish Centre will be undergoing remedial work.

A gate was installed on St Mary's car park to replace the bollards which had previously broken.

There has been no significant alteration to the fabric of either building this year and no faculties have been applied for.

With continued thanks to wardens Lesley Porter, Sue Priestley, Steve Martin and Val Sugden for their service in the upkeep and protection of our church buildings.

Deanery Synod

During 2022, the Deanery Synod continued to meet, looking at a range of topics, including Deanery Parish Share, the Triangle of Hope, and collaboration across churches. It is so important that local voices are part of the decision making in our Deanery and Diocese, and we would encourage people to stand for election and be part of the future decision-making for Huyton Deanery.

A Message from the Vicar

What a year 2022 has been.

When reading this report, for so many of us, it is bittersweet: seeing the joy of new life, new members, new endeavours in Christ's name, coupled with the great sadness and grief at the loss of so many trusted friends and colleagues.

So much has happened this year. So much that we could never have known or expected. Yet, on reflection, it is hard not to see God at work – in both the mountaintop experiences of joy and in the ravines of collective heartache.

As I look back on the year, a word kept coming to mind, again and again, and that word is 'family'. Throughout the highest and lowest points in the life of the church this year, the sense of the church as a family has felt increasingly strong – joining together, arm in arm, cheering one another on in the best of times and wrapping arms around one another when all feels lost. It is one of the most wonderful things about the Church: all different ages and stages, ethnicities and languages, personalities and characters, genders and sexualities, joining together out of love of God and love for one another. It is what makes church uniquely special and uniquely different to so many other experiences of life.

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I am exceptionally lucky to be part of this family. I hope you feel the same.

I cannot describe the privilege that it is to place the body of Christ into your hands, Sunday by Sunday, or the privilege of knowing your stories: what has led you to join this family of God in Prescott. I am so grateful for your time, your love, your care, your expertise, your hearts for God and his people.

There are many thank-yous within this report, but many go nameless: so many quiet acts of generosity, compassion and friendship that take place behind the scenes, known to nobody but God.

Thank you to each of you – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters in Christ. May we continue, by His grace, to see our family grow this coming year.

Pray for me, as I pray for you.

May God bless you.

Rev'd Kimberley Mannings, Vicar of Prescott

Financial Review

We continue to be indebted as a parish to the outstanding work of our treasurer, Keith Porter, who readily and generously shares his expertise in the financial management of the Parish, going above and beyond in his service and commitment to the church and its people. Keith's heart for God shines through in his understanding of how finance is used and shared, and he has been both creative and persuasive in presenting the reality of church finance during a period of time where giving is in decline. Keith's perseverance, forward-thinking, and understanding of stewardship is the envy of many churches and we are astoundingly lucky that he continues to share his gifts with us.

Treasurer's Report

Income

Total income fell from £154,705 to £92,735. The major factor was that a substantial legacy was brought into the accounts in 2017 based on the solicitor's estimate of the realisable value and for the past four years has been shown as money owing to the PCC. Unfortunately, the estate was split into parts for disposal and although we received several interim payments, we were not advised that the total figure was likely to be below that initial estimate. Consequently, when we did receive an update towards the end of last year, it was clear that the amount we were showing as still outstanding was well below the reality. Although it has nothing to do with 2022's activities, the only possible way to deal with this is to show the adjustment as a reduction to our income in the 2022 accounts.

Turning to our more normal sources of income, following the PCC decision to stop the Envelope Giving Scheme at the end of October 2021, it was very disappointing that there was no corresponding increase in the number of parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme. The amount raised through PGS was £50,626, down from £58,119 in 2021. This was boosted by £10,530 (2021 - £14,142) in Gift Aid, although the actual number in the scheme fell away during 2022 from 72 to 68.

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The Contactless Giving Facility continued to show its worth throughout the year, generating £1,463 from 136 donations and also taking payments of just over £2,000 for weddings and funerals through the chip & pin facility.

Sundry Donations just passed the £7,000 mark, which was a return to more normal levels after last year's very generous gift towards the A/V system at St Paul's. A Christmas Fayre was held for the first time since Covid and, in addition to being well supported and fitting in well with the Christmas Tree Festival, raised the magnificent total of £1,652. Another success story was the increase in revenue from renting the halls at both churches; income at the Parish Centre increased by almost 80% to £12,662, whilst at St Paul's the 2022 figure of £14,408 was more than two and a half times the 2021 figure. Both halls benefited from an increase in hire rates.

Although wedding income increased during 2022, the net income from funerals reduced.

There was a further fall in the interest received from £1,441 to £1,122, which was once again the result of our deposits falling at a time when interest rates have generally been low. At least the outlook in this area is for quite an improvement.

Expenditure

Total expenditure fell from £254,660 to £198,119 and was largely the result of having a quiet year on the expenditure to maintain St Mary's Church in 2021. This will be only a blip, as we are well aware of some hefty expenditure being needed in the near future. Following the surprising increase in gas consumption in 2021, it's good to be able to report that we spent £4,622 less on gas and electricity in 2022.

Salaries and Wages increased from £21,485 to £24,459. We aim to be a good employer and it's worth recalling that in 2018 the PCC adopted the policy of paying an hourly rate tied to the Real Living Wage plus 5%, which from April 2023 is £11.45, compared with the National Minimum Wage Rate of £10.42.

Last year it was reported that the Garden Project at St Paul's had made no progress for two years and we have now repaid £5,437 to KMBC, being the amount unspent from the initial £15,000 granted to us.

Deficit

The resultant outcome for 2022 was a further deficit of £105,384, which will reduce our total funds from £677,107 to £571,723.

Reserves Policy

We are required to have a policy for any reserve funds we may hold.

The PCC have adopted the following aims:

1. To have reserves equal to 6 months' normal expenditure. In 2022 this would mean £99,000.
2. To provide sufficient additional reserves to cover Quinquennial repairs. Our current reserves excluding any restricted funds for Restoration and Bells comprise:

Repairs to paving flags / former tombstones	£10,000
St Mary's pointing	£202,000
Final part of electrical upgrade	£20,000

We hope to be able to complete the works in the next two years.

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Trustee Payments and Expenses.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,817 in 2022. Contributions maintaining the vicarage gardens totalled £512, whilst £2,176 was paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity of Chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

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Rev'd Kimberley Mannings (Vicar)

10 May 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 19 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

David Hudd BA FCA

David Hudd BA FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: *31 May 2023*

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	41,754	3,160	44,914	119,912
Charitable activities	2(b)	33,251	-	33,251	22,580
Other activities	2(c)	13,448	-	13,448	10,772
Investment	2(d)	<u>1,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,441</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>89,575</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>92,735</u>	<u>154,705</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	89
Church activities	3(b)	<u>187,563</u>	<u>10,556</u>	<u>198,119</u>	<u>254,571</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>187,563</u>	<u>10,556</u>	<u>198,119</u>	<u>254,660</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(97,988)	(7,396)	(105,384)	(99,955)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		<u>541</u>	<u>(541)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(97,447)	(7,937)	(105,384)	(99,955)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2022		659,328	17,779	677,107	777,062
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		<u>561,881</u>	<u>9,842</u>	<u>571,713</u>	<u>677,107</u>

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	385,532	398,016
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	25,910	121,396
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>184,465</u>	<u>189,982</u>
		<u>210,375</u>	<u>311,378</u>
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(24,184)</u>	<u>(32,287)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>186,191</u>	<u>279,091</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>571,723</u>	<u>677,107</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted – General	8	561,881	659,328
Restricted	9	<u>9,842</u>	<u>17,779</u>
		<u>571,723</u>	<u>677,107</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2022, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Sue Priestley



Mr Steven Martin



The notes on pages 22 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash used by Operating Activities	1	(6,639)	(93,520)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,441</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(5,517)	(92,079)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2022		<u>189,982</u>	<u>282,061</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2022		<u>184,465</u>	<u>189,982</u>

1 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(105,384)	(99,955)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	12,484	11,622
Investment income	(1,122)	(1,441)
Fixed asset additions	-	(24,735)
Decrease in debtors	95,486	32,046
Decrease in creditors	<u>(8,103)</u>	<u>(11,057)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(6,639)</u>	<u>(93,520)</u>

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.

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1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.4 Resources Expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

1.8 Current Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2(a) Donations & Legacies				
Planned Giving	41,813	-	41,813	44,547
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	10,515	-	10,515	11,856
Non-Gift Aid	8,813	-	8,813	13,572
One-off Gift Aid	15	-	15	2,286
Open Plate:				
All Services	9,433	-	9,433	5,037
Sundry Donations	7,114	-	7,114	17,630
Grants	-	3,160	3,160	24,984
Legacies	<u>(35,949)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,949)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>41,754</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>44,914</u>	<u>119,912</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £119,912 of which £84,928 was unrestricted and £34,984 was restricted.

The negative amount in respect of legacies is as a result of the restatement of the realisable value of a legacy notified to the Church in 2017. At the time, the Church were advised of the probable value by the solicitors acting for the estate. Subsequently, the Church has been receiving funds as the assets of the estate have been realised. The Church was notified in August 2022 of the remaining value of the legacy and as a result has reduced the amount recoverable accordingly.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2(b) Charitable Activities				
Church hall lettings	27,070	-	27,070	12,398
Magazine sales	634	-	634	1,087
Weddings/Funerals	<u>5,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,547</u>	<u>9,095</u>
	<u>33,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,251</u>	<u>22,580</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £22,580 which was all unrestricted.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
2(c) Other Activities				
Bookstall	130	-	130	75
Magazine advertising	978	-	978	1,073
Summer and Christmas fayres	1,652	-	1,652	-
Other	2,888	-	2,888	1,824
St Mary's House Rent	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>7,800</u>
	<u>13,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,448</u>	<u>10,772</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
2(d) Investments				
Dividends & interest	<u>1,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,441</u>

The income from investments last year relates to unrestricted funds.

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds				
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>

All raising funds expenditure last year relates to unrestricted funds.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3(b) Church Activities				
Missionary Societies	12,500	-	12,500	12,500
Parish share	60,694	-	60,694	60,913
Salaries/wages	24,459	-	24,459	21,485
Clergy expenses	-	2,619	2,619	1,817
St Mary's house	2,931	-	2,931	1,721
Vicarage costs	4,381	-	4,381	4,191
Church costs	33,666	-	33,666	37,939
Depreciation	9,984	2,500	12,484	11,622
Church repairs	20,437	-	20,437	82,659
Choir	82	-	82	525
St Paul's Garden Project	-	5,437	5,437	-
Telephones	2,739	-	2,739	3,011
Meeting room costs	4,817	-	4,817	6,557
Printing, stationery & postage	5,592	-	5,592	4,879
Bank charges	518	-	518	514
Accountancy	3,834	-	3,834	3,753
Institute costs	28	-	28	33
Community outreach	901	-	901	452
	<u>187,563</u>	<u>10,556</u>	<u>198,119</u>	<u>254,571</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £254,571 of which £199,504 was unrestricted and £55,067 was restricted. Accountancy includes £3,000 (2021 - £3,000) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

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	2022 £	2021 £
4. Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	<u>24,459</u>	<u>21,485</u>

During the year the PCC employed a verger, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and a Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2021 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The PCC supported the Clergy by paying Council Tax for the Vicarage of £2,817 in 2022. Contributions maintaining the vicarage gardens totalled £512 (total costs in 2021 were £4,191), whilst £2,176 (2021 - 1,817) was paid towards the costs of travel, phone and hospitality.

There were no other payments to trustees or to people related to trustees.

5. Fixed Assets

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2022	50,000	55,000	256,602	49,820	8,497	419,919
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>

Depreciation

At 1 January 2022	-	-	-	13,435	8,468	21,903
Charge for the year	-	-	-	<u>12,455</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>12,484</u>
At 31 December 2022	-	-	-	<u>25,890</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>34,387</u>

Net Book Value

At 31 December 2022	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>23,930</u>	-	<u>385,532</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>36,385</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>398,016</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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	2022	2021
	£	£
6. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	12,068	12,068
Legacies due	13,000	108,949
Trade debtors	<u>842</u>	<u>379</u>
	<u>25,910</u>	<u>121,396</u>
	2022	2021
	£	£
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	4,346	5,413
Mission Giving	12,500	13,250
Social security	572	544
Accruals	<u>6,766</u>	<u>13,080</u>
	<u>24,184</u>	<u>32,287</u>
8. Unrestricted Funds	2022	2021
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	232,000	222,000
Bell Ringers	295	295
Choir Fund	2,148	792
Flower Fund	-	237
Church Guiding Group	<u>146</u>	<u>90</u>
	234,589	223,414
Funds not designated	<u>327,292</u>	<u>435,914</u>
	<u>561,881</u>	<u>659,328</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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	Balance at 01.01.22 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure & Transfers £	Balance at 31.12.22 £
9. Restricted Funds				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Church Clock fund	-	500	(500)	-
Clergy Costs	-	2,660	(2,660)	-
St Paul's AV System	7,500	-	(2,500)	5,000
St Paul's Garden Project	<u>- 5,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,437)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,779</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>(11,097)</u>	<u>9,842</u>

10. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	380,532	5,000	385,532
Current Assets	205,533	4,842	210,375
Current Liabilities	<u>(24,184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,184)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>561,881</u>	<u>9,842</u>	<u>571,723</u>

11. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

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**APPENDIX TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants		
Missionary societies:		
Church Mission Society	2,800	3,300
Bible Society	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>4,050</u>
Relief & Development:		
DEC Ukraine	1,000	1,000
Huyton Deanery Global Partnership Challenge	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,600</u>
Home Missions – Church Societies:		
Children’s Society	1,600	1,600
Church Army	600	600
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	350	350
Church Urban Fund	350	350
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,450</u>
Other:		
Mildmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	750	750
Samaritans	200	200
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	200	200
The Refugee Council	600	600
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	300	200
Yates Court	300	200
Olivia	100	-
The Adam Ellison Foundation	200	100
SHARE Knowsley	<u>700</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,400</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>

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**APPENDIX TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church Costs:		
Heat and light – St Mary’s	8,680	12,391
Heat and light – St Paul’s	4,102	5,179
Insurance – St Mary’s	8,386	7,865
Insurance – St Paul’s	2,240	2,057
Maintenance – St Mary’s	5,895	6,425
Maintenance – St Paul’s	1,223	515
Altar Requisites	401	-
Waste collections	1,328	1,333
Choir and organ costs	1,379	1,961
Faith Kids	-	86
Flowers	<u>32</u>	<u>127</u>
	<u>33,666</u>	<u>37,939</u>
 Church Repairs:		
ST MARY		
Tower and Spire Project	-	(5,365)
Roof repairs	-	29,309
East Window	-	29,190
Gutter maintenance	2,031	-
Boiler / boiler house	3,058	3,678
Car park barrier	1,884	-
Organ repairs	4,596	722
Clock	-	401
Electrical wiring	7,000	14,100
Pipework repairs	-	2,172
Stained glass window repair	-	7,022
Other (less than £500)	-	1,403
Vestry safe lock repairs	<u>624</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>19,193</u>	<u>82,659</u>
 ST PAUL		
Replacement intruder alarm	1,164	-
Other (less than £500)	<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,246</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL	<u>20,437</u>	<u>82,659</u>

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**APPENDIX TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Meeting Room Costs:		
Heating	1,040	1,347
Lighting	1,604	1,131
Water	470	559
Maintenance	835	638
Repairs:		
General repairs	448	218
Lighting repairs	420	-
Water boiler & oven	-	465
Electrical Inspection	-	400
Security light	-	285
Remote for space heater	-	270
Gutters and Fascia boards	<u>-</u>	<u>1,244</u>
	<u>4,817</u>	<u>6,557</u>

Accounts

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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Introduction

This report and the annual accounts are presented in a format agreed by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England and the Charity Commissioners in order to comply with the Charities Act 1993. It paints a picture of an active parish, as we seek to share the love and light of Jesus here in Prescott, in word and in action.

The report, therefore, aims to frame our financial statements within the wider life of the church. It reviews the past year, the resources used and shared, and looks to the future, as we pray, alongside the Diocese of Liverpool, for a bigger church which will make a bigger difference, with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.

Administrative Information

Parish Details

Addresses

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Charitable Status

The Parochial Church Council received charitable status on 5 May 2010.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC has registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All Church members are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

The PCC ensures that the church lives out its vision statement: *'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action'*. It ensures that statutory requirements with regards to safeguarding and risk assessment are met and/or exceeded. The PCC also ensures compliance with statutory requirements in regard to employment, data protection (GDPR), access and health and safety. The PCC addresses issues such as long-term financial planning; Quinquennial report and capital spend plans; ministry issues; project development; links with other bodies; charitable giving; and the management of policies.

As the accountable body, PCC members are trustees and are bound by a strict code of conduct. Each has the right to scrutinise any aspect of the workings of the church, although some personal information may be withheld with regard to its sensitivity and data protection. The Standing Committee is the executive leadership team of the PCC and its membership comprises the Wardens, treasurer, two PCC members, the PCC secretary, and the Vicar. This committee feeds into PCC agendas and has the authority to make (urgent) interim decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Parochial Church Council Members

During the year, members of the PCC included the following office holders:

Vicar to February 2021	Rev'd John A Taylor
Vicar from September 2021	Rev'd Kimberley Mannings
Curate to September 2021	Rev'd Kimberley Mannings
Churchwardens	Marian Piert
	Val Sugden
	David Friar (deceased)
	Steven Martin
Dep. Churchwarden	Sue Priestley
PCC Secretary	Christine Thomas
Treasurer	Keith Porter
Representatives on Huyton Deanery Synod:	Sue Priestley
	Geoffrey Appleton
	Dyane Basinger

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Elected PCC Members

Until 2022 APCM:

Alan Ellington
Diana Crompton
Alan Williams
Diane Hornby

Until APCM 2023:

Claire Portsmouth
Kath Pye
Susan Ellington
Lesley Porter

Until APCM 2024:

Norine Jones
David Kernick
Ray Mercer
Mary Oldfield

Health and Safety and Safeguarding Officers

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Steven Martin.
Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Norma Garvey
Deputy Safeguarding Officer and Lead Recruiter: Steven Martin
Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator: Ann Capewell
Fire Marshall: Steven Martin

Verge: Norine Jones

Sidespersons

Changes to the Church Representation Rules mean that sidespersons are no longer elected at the APCM but, instead, by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting following the APCM.

Membership

The Electoral Roll is the official membership list of local Church of England congregations. Signing the roll means that you want to belong and shows a sign of your commitment to this church. Only those on this list may stand as a member of the Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council (PCC). Membership also allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You need to be 16 years or over and be baptised as a member of the Church of England, living within the Parish of Prescott. If you live outside the parish but fulfil these requirements, and have habitually attended worship for six months, then you may also join. The number on the electoral roll on 31st December 2021 was 171.

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Committees

Standing Committee:

Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer; and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & two PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Stewardship Committee:

Vicar, Keith Porter (Church Treasurer), Dyane Basinger (Giving Officer and Gift Aid Secretary), Jean Atkinson (Recorder), Norine Jones, Marian Piert and one churchwarden.

Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:

Keith Porter, Geoff Almond, Ann Capewell.

Meeting Room Committee:

Joyce Fairfield (Parish Centre Secretary), Keith Porter (Church Treasurer), Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Meeting Room) a PCC member, and Marian Piert (Churchwarden from 2016) or another churchwarden if Marian Piert was unavailable, the Vicar (on request).

Church School Partnership Award Team

Norine Jones, Sue Priestley

Statistics and Policies

Church Attendance

Our churchwarden, Marian Piert, has faithfully returned the quarterly parish returns, which gives a complete breakdown of church attendance, number of children attending, weddings and funerals etc. Copies of this form are forwarded to the Diocese but are also available on request. Once a year clergy/wardens also complete the 'Statistics For Mission' form, which takes into account a snapshot of the church's missional activity. These statistics are also available on request.

GDPR

The Parish Data Protection Policy is in place and available via the Parish website. No Freedom of Information requests were received during the last year.

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Safeguarding

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.

The Parish of Prescot: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 24th July, 2019. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Steven Martin as Deputy Safeguarding Officer, and Dr Ann Capewell as Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at www.liverpool.anglican.org.

Notices are also displayed in church and the parish centre and is available for download as a pdf on the church website.

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All members of the PCC should now be background checked and all members are required to undertake basic level safeguarding training (an online course, known as C0) prior to their first meeting in office following the APCM. The National Church are currently developing a new Independent Safeguarding Board which will be reviewing and implementing the safeguarding strategy and policy which this, and other Anglican churches, operate under. Further details about this are expected in 2022.

Vision: Objectives and Activities

Vision Statement

'Sharing the light and love of Christ in Prescott, through word and action' is the vision statement adopted by the PCC in 2021. As a church, all that we aim to be and do is governed by this vision.

Dreams for 2021

Within the Parish of Prescott, all that we seek to do in Jesus' name is centred around worship and prayer; learning and living the Gospel that we might develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for people living in the parish; and sharing the love of Jesus, through mission and outreach within this community.

However, each year the PCC set five achievable targets for the coming year, which should be rooted in the mission of the parish.

The goals (six, in this instance) set at the **APCM for 2021**, under 'Plans for the Future', were:

1. Celebrate Rev'd John Taylor's ministry in Prescott, on his retirement.
2. The Dedication of the East Window
3. Complete and dedicate the garden at St Paul's in memory of Barbara Mercer
4. Invite people who have joined us for the online services, who do not normally come to Church, to come and meet us.
5. Hold a service of thanksgiving for all the frontline workers and unsung heroes, who have served Prescott and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.
6. Make a concentrated effort to reduce the amount of cash handled in both churches.

At the beginning of September, once a sufficient number of restrictions had been lifted to make it possible to do so safely, the parish held a celebratory afternoon for the ministry of Rev'd John and were grateful for the opportunity to thank him for his incredible service to the people of Prescott over the past seventeen years. A beautiful buffet was served, courtesy of our talented hospitality team, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Due to lockdown restrictions lasting much longer than was hoped at the previous APCM, both the Dedication of the East Window, and the Service of Thanksgiving, were postponed, with the agreement that both services should take place once restrictions on numbers ceased to be. Both of these goals will therefore feature on this year's dreams for the parish, now that both can be made possible.

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The grant which had been applied for to renovate the land behind St Paul's was not viable for a number of reasons, and the PCC voted unanimously to disband plans in light of the complications. However, with the agreement of Ray and Barbara's family, an electronic keyboard is being purchased with the money raised in her memory, and this will be dedicated, with an engraved plaque, in her memory this year, during a service at St Paul's.

There has been an intentional push through our social media channels, for those who might be on the 'edge' of church or who have followed online during lockdown to 'come and see', and we have seen a number of people attend church services and wider groups within the parish, on the back of their online attendance. We continue to have an active online following of people who are still having to shield due to health complexities, along with the faithful community who gather for Compline, including church members and members of the wider community.

The amount of cash handled within both churches and the Parish Centre has been vastly reduced, with groups now paying via BACS. The number of congregants who have joined the Parish Giving Scheme has increased and the envelope scheme was disbanded. PCC fees (e.g. funerals, weddings, interments) are now also paid by BACS, card machine, or cheque, further reducing the need for handling cash.

Dreams for 2022

When asked what goals should be set for the parish for 2022, the PCC agreed on the following:

1. The Dedication of the East Window (transferred from 2021).
2. Hold a service of thanksgiving for all the frontline workers and unsung heroes, who have served Prescott and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic (transferred from 2021).
3. To hold a memorial service for our beloved Fr Jeff.
4. To engage with the work of the Shakespeare North Theatre as it prepares to open its doors.
5. To hold a Christmas Tree festival during Advent, which engages the town.

Achievements and Performance: Celebrating Mission and Ministry in the Parish of Prescott

'When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit'.

Prayer and Worship

2021 saw a vast amount of change in regards to the Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions. The year began with the country back in lockdown, and all churches mandated to close for public worship. Yet, by the end of 2021, all restrictions on numbers had been lifted, with public worship returning as close as possible to its original form.

However, throughout 2021, the Daily Office of Morning and Evening prayer continued to be said in parish, with churches being allowed to be open for private prayer, and Prescott Parish Church continued to adapt to church closures and to find new ways to 'be church' within the community. During the times throughout the year when churches were closed or numbers restricted, all members of the electoral roll, as well as those on the additional mailing list, were sent packs which encouraged and resourced people to worship at home.

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These included lectionaries, Daily Prayer, Holy Week at Home, Ash Wednesday at Home, and Pentecost at Home. These packs produced a sense of togetherness in worship, whether you were able to attend church in person, when permitted to do so, or self-isolating at home. A 'Prayer Journey' also took place during the 'Thy Kingdom Come' week of prayer in June, where people were given booklets with directions and locations around the town to pray for, either corporately or individually.

Nightly 'Compline' services were held throughout, led by David Kernick, and Sunday services were broadcast 'live', using the streaming system installed in 2020. This enabled people to engage in worship from home, whether held with just the clergy present or during times of in-person worship. An enormous thanks to our tech team: Keith Porter, Andy Basinger, and Thomas Ellison.

From mid-June onwards, thanks to the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine, restrictions on numbers began to be removed, and by the end of the summer the church was able to fling wide her doors again, with services taking place once more, including RSCM Sunday, the Patronal Festival, All Souls and All Saints, Armistice Day and the Civic Act of Remembrance. During this period we also celebrated the licensing and installation of our new (yet familiar!) Vicar, Kimberley Mannings, on 23rd September, by Bishop Paul Bayes and Archdeacon Pete Spiers, at a glorious service which was attended by members of the congregation and wider town, including local councillors, school representatives, and Rev'd Dr Stephen Cherry, on behalf of Kings College, Cambridge – our Patron.

During Advent and Christmas, the Church was open for in-person worship. The Advent Service of Light, Carols by Candlelight, Crib service, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day Family Service, and Eucharist on the Feast of St Stephen all took place. During this period, two new, ecumenical services took place for the first time, including a Blue Christmas service, for all who would find Christmas difficult that year, and a service of Carols around the Tree.

The Parish Newsletter, both printed and emailed, has kept many up-to-date with upcoming services and any Covid-related changes, as well as our social media and website; with thanks to Dave Kernick for sharing his wide, technical gifts, and to Norine Jones for printing. The Parish Magazine has also continued to be a rich resource, keeping the parish up-to-date with news, events and matters relating to the wider church and world; with thanks to our editor, Lesley Porter and co-ordinator, Maggie Bunting.

It was a joy to see the reintroduction of both Bible readings within services, as well as intercessions, led once again by members of the congregation, and to see the important ministry of fellowship return over post-service refreshments in the Parish Centre. With thanks, respectively, to Val Sugden and Liz Taylor. It has also been wonderful to welcome back our servers' team, led expertly by Alan Williams, including new and familiar faces. A special thanks to our team of sidespersons, arranged by Val Sugden and Marian Piert, who offer the all-important welcome to those who come through the church doors, often for the first time. They say that it is in the first seven seconds that a new person makes a judgement about a place, so the importance of this ministry cannot be emphasised enough. Thank you, too, for all of the cleaning, cushion replacing, antibacterial gel providing, and general management of people whilst numbers were still restricted, enabling people to worship in a Covid-secure environment.

Once the Central Council of Church Bellringers lifted social distancing restrictions, our wonderful team of bell ringers were able to share their talents with us once again, enriching services and making many wedding couples extremely happy. With thanks to John Barker, Lesley Davies, and the team for going above and beyond to make this possible, often recruiting bell ringers from across Merseyside.

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Throughout 2021, whether as individual cantors, quartets, or as a whole, the choir have continued to enchant us with the gift of music, which enriches our worship and helps us to lift our eyes heavenwards. Their commitment has been nothing short of exceptional, especially around demanding festivals such as Easter and Christmas. Thank you to each one of you, and to the choir team: Dave Kernick, Rob Howard and Tim Hall.

Monthly worship resumed at St Paul's at the end of 2021, led by Rev'd Christopher Perrins and assisted by Diana Crompton and Sue Priestley. We look forward to discerning what more regular worship might look like at St Paul's, and how to make worship accessible for families and individuals from across the estate.

As a parish committed to training, we were pleased to welcome Sue Snow on placement with us in November and December. Sue comes from a charismatic evangelical church and came to us to experience a different tradition within the Church of England. In the parish magazine, Sue spoke fondly of her time with us, and wish her every blessing as she continues her journey of discernment.

Pastoral Care

Due to the nature of this year's restrictions, some of our in-person pastoral care was not able to take place in the manner that it usually would. For example, hospital visiting, home communions, and services within nursing homes were all prohibited due to the risk of infection. However, the original home communion team, along with other volunteers, operating on a rota basis, have faithfully served as members of the 'Pastoral Phonecall Team', whereby members of the congregation (plus additional members of the local community) received a pastoral phone call each week. This has continued in 2021 for those who still wish to receive the calls. These phone calls have been hugely appreciated by so many, and enormous thanks is extended to the team. Clergy have, within the guidelines, still been able to offer final prayers to those who have come to the end of their time here on earth, and funeral families, as well as families in crisis, have been supported.

The Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree service was held in December, where baubles are placed on the tree in remembrance of loved ones, which has become a service held in deep affection by the community.

Pastoral Offices

Summer of 2021 saw the reintroduction of baptisms and weddings, with increasingly lower restrictions on numbers, until restrictions were removed completely. Many of our wedding couples, especially, had postponed their special day for over two years, so it was very moving to finally see them make their vows to one another.

High numbers of funerals and interments took place throughout the year.

The streaming system has once again been invaluable, as funerals, baptisms, and weddings have regularly been streamed, enabling family and friends to join in with key life events which they otherwise would have been unable to do.

Our vergers, Norine Jones, has faithfully served at each of these life events, supporting families. During early 2021, Joyce Fairfield continued the difficult task of taking wedding and baptism bookings over the phone, and from the summer the church office hour was able to resume, meaning couples were able to book in person, with both Joyce and Brenda Fay. Thank you to Joyce and Brenda for their commitment to this important administrative and pastoral work.

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Joyce Fairfield continued as Bookings Secretary and overseer of the Parish Centre, and a team of volunteers led by Joyce, assisted at baptisms.

In the summer of 2021 we welcomed back marriage preparation for couples, trialled in a new style of afternoon tea for couples, which has proved to be a success. Couples gather with clergy and the wedding team for afternoon tea, socialisation, interactive discussions around marriage, legal preliminaries, and end the day in prayer.

Children and Young People

Faith Kids weekly session packs were distributed to the children from January to when meetings resumed in September. The packs are written using material from the Roots resource and follow the church calendar. Faith Kids resumed with a short service in church and church treasure hunt followed by a belated family fun afternoon in the walled garden. With thanks to Christine Thomas, Pauline Jessup, and Angela Maloney, who lead Faith Kids in the Parish Centre on a weekly basis.

A Messy Christingle was held in the Parish Centre during Advent. This was very well-attended and largely attracted families who do not usually attend church. A number of all-age services were also held once restrictions had been lifted, including an all-age Patronal Festival, all-age Harvest Festival, all-age baptism of Peggy from Faith Kids, all-age Toy Service on the Feast of Christ the King (with gifts of toys donated to Yates Court: an inspirational supported living project in Prescott), and an all-age Christmas Day service.

Our MATT Group (Mothers and Toddlers Together), organized by Norine Jones, continued to be a popular venue for mothers and toddlers as it was able to re-open this year and offer a safe and welcoming place for all.

The church's relationship with local schools has continued to remain strong, despite being unable to meet with children in-person for much of this year. Clergy have continued to lead Collective Worship at St Mary and St Paul's CE Primary School during clergy assembly each week, via Google Meet, and Iain Parks, as Headteacher continues to supply updates for the Parish Magazine. We were also delighted to welcome year 2 for a 'Let's Explore' afternoon at St Mary's. A particular highlight was the baptism of a member of year 4, which took place in St Paul's Church in July; joined by family and classmates, and with the whole school joining in virtually with the service.

A further number of parishioners have joined the governing body of our church school this year, including our Vicar, Kim, as ex-officio governor, Keith Porter as an ex-officio assistant governor, advising on matters of finance, and Susan McHugh and Diane Hornby as foundation governors.

Social Justice and Charity

The Harvest Festival Service this year was held in church and we were joined by Darren Staunton from Christian Aid who gave a talk on Climate Justice. All tinned goods donated at this service were given to the Big Help Project for distribution across Knowsley foodbanks and Christian Aid envelopes were distributed during Christian Aid Week and Advent.

A number of adults and youth walked from Huyton to Liverpool Cathedral as part of a Christian Aid march in aid of Climate Justice, carrying the prayers of the congregation (written on paper boats) which were then to be carried to COP22.

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Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities, and the PCC was happy to continue the donations in 2021. The Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee voted to increase the amount we give, recognising the Christian call to share what we have abundantly, even in the face of losses incurred this year. A thank you to each member of the committee for your generous understanding of Christian stewardship and for holding us accountable as the body of Christ.

Willowbrook Hospice were unable to hold their annual Memorial Service in October and Lights of Love Service in December, however, led by Ann Capewell, raffle tickets were included within worship at home packs and all funds raised were given to Willowbrook. Margaret Rose continued to be responsible for the Children's Society collection boxes.

Despite not being able to run her weekly stall for a large part of 2021, Ann Capewell was still able to generate money for church funds through a combination of Tradecraft discounts, sales of plants, and home-made jams and marmalades etc.

The craft group, run by Maggie Bunting, is a church craft group, open to all, with 50% of the ladies being non-church members. Group meetings resumed late September 2021. The Mother's Union meetings resumed in September with a service in church followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. This year we thanked Marian Piert for her long-standing service as head of the Prescott Branch of MU, before she handed the baton onto Diane Hornby for this next season. Val Sugden continues to run the book and card stalls, with a new collection of books available.

Mission and Discipleship

Coffee Morning, led by Sue Priestley and her team, resumed at St Paul's in December and we welcomed back old faces and new. A number of guest speakers came along, including the Creative Director of Shakespeare North, asking Coffee Morning members how the theatre can best benefit them, and Abi from Collective Encounters, taking members through a range of creative exercises to paint a picture of life in Prescott. Conversations around faith and spirituality took place, and a number of mums have booked baptisms for their children (and themselves) this coming year, while others have joined discipleship groups to further explore the big questions of life and faith.

Unfortunately, the ecumenical Lent course did not take place this year due to Covid restrictions.

On Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Packs were distributed by church members of the governing body to every family from St Mary and St Paul's CE Primary School and to additional families and individuals around the town, thanks to a successful 'Feast of Fun' grant application to Together Liverpool. Each pack contained creative 'pancake prayers' and worship resources for families to explore the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and to be able to encourage discipleship amongst families at home. This act of service was much appreciated and many families and individuals sent in pictures of their finished pancakes.

Cathedral representative, Brenda Burgess, continued to distribute Bible Fellowship booklets throughout 2021, encouraging people to wrestle more deeply with the Scriptures.

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Music and the Arts

Although the Prescott Festival of Music and the Arts is not church-organised or church-funded, their events always play a special part in our church life. They are ongoing events organised by the founder, our own Dr Robert Howard, at venues throughout the town, many in our churches and Parish Centre, when we are always delighted to welcome people into our Grade 1 listed building and at St Paul's. This year's festival took place online with a creative range of events each day, along with some hybrid events. In Advent it was a joy to welcome back the festival's first in-person event, with restrictions lifted - the Mayor of Prescott's Charity Concert. Although it was a scaled down for safety purposes, the event was a great success.

Robert Howard and Kimberley Mannings continue to be part of the Prescott Cultural Consortium, which focuses on supporting the arts in Prescott and which works in partnership with the Shakespeare North Theatre. A major focus of the consortium, as well as the opening of the theatre, has been Knowsley as Borough of Culture in 2022, and both Rob and Kim featured in the Borough-wide video entitled '22 Voices'.

A scaled down Elizabethan Fayre was held, but the Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre were not held this year.

Heritage

The Guiding Group, led by Barbara Bradley and her team, proved to be a good service to both townsfolk and those further afield, offering guided tours and being in attendance on Heritage Days which, in spite of the present pandemic, saw a record number of visitors. With thanks to Barbara and the team for the hours and commitment given to opening our beautiful church up for all to enjoy.

Fabric Report

We continue to be indebted to Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager, and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard group, led by Lesley Porter, for their time and expertise in the maintenance of our churchyard. The 11,000 daffodil and red tulip bulbs, planted by the team in 2014, flowered once again to give a stunning display and the Remembrance poppy display was as breath-taking as ever.

A team of church members took responsibility for church cleaning, working on a weekly rota basis. Alan Williams and Norine Jones laundered the church altar linen and Georgina Cooney led the Flower Guild. We are so lucky in Prescott to have people with such talent, a keen eye for creativity, and such attention to detail. A huge thank you to you all.

In addition to our own organisations, the Parish Centre and St Paul's hall are used by outside organisations, for activities such as children's dance groups, drama groups, line dancing, fitness classes, and Prescott Historic Society, to name but a few. They are also used for children's birthday parties. Many thanks to Joyce Fairfield and Sue Priestley for managing the mammoth task of bookings and logistics for these respective buildings.

In regards to the fabric of our buildings themselves, an EICR inspection took place this year. Unfortunately, we failed the inspection and, in liaison with the electricians, set out a staged plan, beginning with the most urgent of works. All emergency work took place immediately, along with phases one and two (with phases three to five scheduled before the end of 2022).

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A Quinquennial inspection took place and the necessary work for completion over a five-year period began to take place, such as the replacement of damaged protective coverings on the South St George's window. This work was completed by Pendle Glass. A fundraising committee has been established to begin the hard work of fundraising for the repointing of stonework, as laid out in the Quinquennial report. This will be a significant task, with an initial estimate coming in at over two-hundred-thousand pounds.

In January of 2021 an A-V system was installed in St Paul's in the form of a sound system and drop-down screen, enabling the building to be used more creatively.

The boilers in both the Parish Centre and St Paul's had to be replaced.

A grant was put in by the Area Dean for a deep clean of each church building within the Deanery and each of our churches, plus our Parish Centre, benefited from this.

Deanery Synod

During the year 2021, the pandemic prevented the Deanery Synod from meeting in person in the earlier part of the year, but an online meeting took place on 4th July 2021 and an in-person meeting on 21st November at Prescott Parish Church Centre, followed by evening prayer in the Parish Church itself. Synod has undergone quite a transformation under the leadership of Malcolm as Area Dean. Two new roles have been created – a Lay Dean, our own Canon Geoffrey Almond, and a Pastoral Dean, Elaine Harrison. Both are occupied by lay officers and are part of a new structure, including a Deanery Leadership Team. As a Deanery, the main items of business this last year have been the support of churches in the pandemic (we were successful in securing over £50,000 externally to purchase PPE etc), supporting members (the Deanery set up a counselling service in partnership with Listening Ear, Merseyside), and the launch of Huyton Deanery Academy. It is so important that local voices are part of the decision making in our Deanery and Diocese, and we would encourage people to stand for election and be part of the future decision-making for Huyton Deanery.

Financial Review

Here in Prescott we are astoundingly lucky to have a treasurer who is as pro-active as our own Keith Porter. Not only does Keith have a treasure-trove of gifts in relation to finance, due to his own financial training and background, but he understands the need to look into the future, and does so with a deeply pastoral heart. We are so thankful for his creativity, his problem-solving skills, his willingness to take calculated chances in Jesus' name, his marvellously mathematical mind, and his vision for both of our churches here in Prescott.

Treasurer's Report

Income

Total Income increased from £131,665 to £154,705. In the early part of 2021, the number of Parishioners using the Parish Giving Scheme increased steadily from 64, reaching 72 by July, since which point it has remained static. The amount contributed rose to £47,478, which is 82% of all planned giving. The decline in Envelope Giving continued in 2021, with the income generated by the scheme falling further to £7,736 – 13% of the total. Sets of envelopes were issued to fifty nine parishioners for 2021, of whom twenty three made no contribution at all. In addition, Jean Atkinson had indicated she would be stepping down as Recorder at the end of October. Following a discussion at its meeting on 19/5/2021, the PCC agreed unanimously to cease the operation of an Envelope Giving Scheme at 31/10/2021 and to encourage parishioners to switch to the Parish Giving Scheme.

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In March the Standing Committee agreed to install a Contactless Payment facility in the Parish Church for a trial period of six months; the terminal went live in late April. During the rest of the year, it was used for 58 donations totalling £701, of which 6 were gift-aided. The machine also has a Chip and Pin facility, which was used on 8 occasions to make payments for funerals and weddings totalling £2,173. At the PCC meeting on 23/11/2021, it was agreed unanimously to keep the Contactless facility. The equipment is very versatile and can accommodate up to four different campaigns at any one time. In addition to Parish Funds and fee payments, the machine was used to accept payments for Heritage Open Days, Christian Aid, The Mayor of Prescott's Charity and the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Grants received in 2021 included £21,824 from Historic England towards the cost of cleaning/repair of the flat roofs and gutters/downspouts at the Parish Church. Although not strictly a Grant, we were also able to claim back just under £5,400 from the Government's Department of Culture Media & Sport's listed places of worship scheme, being the VAT we had paid on the repairs.

We were grateful that donations increased from £4,659 to £17,630, which included one very generous donation of £10,000 towards the new A/V System at St Paul's.

It was good to have fewer lockdown restrictions than in 2020, which enabled us to increase income from room hire from £5,860 to £12,398, although this was still 36% lower than 2019, which was the last full year with no restrictions.

Income generated by Weddings and Funerals also increased substantially in 2021, from £5,479 to £9,095.

The combined effects of much lower interest rates and our bank balances having been depleted in the past two years, resulted in interest received falling again, from £3,187 to £1,441. During 2021, St Paul's at Penketh repaid the final portion of the loan we had made to them at the end of 2018 and which has earned us a total of £1,229 in interest over the past three years.

Expenditure

Total Expenditure reduced from £267,453 to £254,660. Maintaining the buildings continues to be the biggest single expense we face, and although we incurred almost £50,000 less on repairs than in 2020, there were still some large items, including almost £30,000 for the final part of the East Window, £14,000 on the electrical systems at St Mary's following a poor EICR report and £7,000 for repairs to the St George window on the south elevation.

Church costs increased from £28,875 to £37,939, due mainly to increased gas and electricity. On gas, we have prices fixed until the end of 2023, but consumption at the Parish Church and also the Centre, increased by more than 60% compared with 2020. Both St Paul's Church and the Parish Centre had new heating boilers installed in 2021.

Salaries and Wages increased by £5,000 to £21,485, partly due to the need to pay for cleaning at St Mary's as many of the volunteers had retired, and partly by the need to pay for visiting clergy to cover services during the interregnum for seven months of 2021.

Work on the Garden Project at St Paul's has made no progress for over two years. Knowsley MBC has been advised that the Church does not have the personnel to carry out the work and therefore provision has been made in the 2021 Accounts in case the balance of the Grant received from the Council in 2018 has to be repaid.

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In line with our policy, we increased our donation to Home/Mission Giving from £10,000 to £12,500; a full analysis is shown in the Appendices to the Financial Statements.

Our Parish Share increased from £56,279 to £60,913 in 2021.

Deficit

The outcome for the year was a deficit of £99,955. This has been the case for three years, during which time our bank balances have fallen from £460,000 to £190,000; in fact, had it not been for some large legacies, there would also have been deficits in each of the past five years.

Reserves Policy

We are required to have a policy for any reserve funds we may hold.

The PCC have adopted the following aims:

1. To have reserves equal to 6 months' normal expenditure. In 2021 this would mean £127,000.
2. To provide sufficient additional reserves to cover Quinquennial repairs. Our current reserves excluding any restricted funds for Restoration, Bells and the East Window comprise:

Repairs to paving flags / former tombstones	£10,000
St Mary's pointing	£202,000
Final part of electrical upgrade	£10,000

We hope to be able to complete the works in the next two years.

Trustee Payments and Expenses.

The PCC supported the clergy by paying water and environmental charges amounting to £648 for the Vicarage, plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, broadband, security and gardening amounting to £3,096. In 2021 Knowsley Council again used Covid support funds to grant vicarages dispensation from Council Tax.

There were no other payments to trustees or persons related to trustees.

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Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

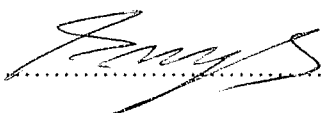
We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity of Chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

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Rev'd Kimberley Mannings (Vicar)

5 May 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 18 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

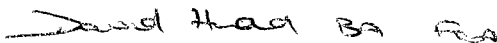
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



David Hudd BA FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 13 May 2022

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	84,928	34,984	-	119,912	104,594
Charitable activities	2(b)	22,580	-	-	22,580	12,385
Other activities	2(c)	10,772	-	-	10,772	11,499
Investment	2(d)	<u>1,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>3,187</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>119,721</u>	<u>34,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,705</u>	<u>131,665</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds	3(a)	89	-	-	89	-
Church activities	3(b)	<u>199,504</u>	<u>55,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,571</u>	<u>267,453</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>199,593</u>	<u>55,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,660</u>	<u>267,453</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(79,872)	(20,083)	-	(99,955)	(135,788)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		<u>6,765</u>	<u>(942)</u>	<u>(5,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(73,107)	(21,025)	(5,823)	(99,955)	(135,788)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021		732,435	38,804	5,823	777,062	912,850
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		<u>659,328</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>677,107</u>	<u>777,062</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	398,016	384,903
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	121,396	153,442
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>189,982</u>	<u>282,061</u>
		<u>311,378</u>	<u>435,503</u>
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(32,287)</u>	<u>(43,344)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>279,091</u>	<u>392,159</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>677,107</u>	<u>777,062</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted – General	8	659,328	732,435
Endowment	9	-	5,823
Restricted	10	<u>17,779</u>	<u>38,804</u>
		<u>677,107</u>	<u>777,062</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 5 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms Val Sugden

Val Sugden

Mrs Marian Pierr

Marian E. Pierr

The notes on pages 21 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Net cash used by Operating Activities	1	(93,520)	(109,740)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>1,441</u>	<u>3,187</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(92,079)	(106,553)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2021		<u>282,061</u>	<u>388,614</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2021		<u>189,982</u>	<u>282,061</u>
 1	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	 2021 £	 2020 £
	Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(99,955)	(135,788)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	11,622	2,595
	Investment income	(1,441)	(3,187)
	Fixed asset additions	(24,735)	(25,085)
	Decrease in debtors	32,046	17,906
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(11,057)</u>	<u>33,819</u>
	Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(93,520)</u>	<u>(109,740)</u>

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations “true and fair view” provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.4 Resources Expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2(a) Donations & Legacies					
Planned Giving	44,547	-	-	44,547	44,907
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	11,856	-	-	11,856	12,599
Non-Gift Aid	13,572	-	-	13,572	12,037
One-off Gift Aid	2,286	-	-	2,286	1,283
Open Plate:					
All Services	5,037	-	-	5,037	3,279
Sundry Donations	7,630	10,000	-	17,630	4,659
Grants	-	24,984	-	24,984	24,830
Legacies	-	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>84,928</u>	<u>34,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,912</u>	<u>104,594</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £104,594 of which £79,764 was unrestricted and £24,830 was restricted.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2(b) Charitable Activities					
Church hall lettings	12,398	-	-	12,398	5,860
Magazine sales	1,087	-	-	1,087	1,046
Weddings/Funerals	<u>9,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>5,479</u>
	<u>22,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,580</u>	<u>12,385</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £12,385 which was all unrestricted.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
2(c) Other Activities					
Bookstall	75	-	-	75	-
Magazine advertising	1,073	-	-	1,073	1,330
Church shop	-	-	-	-	50
Other	1,824	-	-	1,824	1,669
St Mary's House Rent	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>8,450</u>
	<u>10,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,772</u>	<u>11,499</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
2(d) Investments					
Dividends & interest	<u>1,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>3,187</u>

The income from investments last year was £3,187 of which £2,675 was unrestricted, £507 was restricted and £5 was endowment.

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>

All raising funds expenditure last year relates to unrestricted funds.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3(b) Church Activities					
Missionary Societies	12,500	-	-	12,500	4,750
Home Missions	-	-	-	-	3,000
Other	-	-	-	-	2,250
Parish share	60,913	-	-	60,913	56,279
Salaries/wages	21,485	-	-	21,485	15,853
Clergy expenses	-	1,817	-	1,817	3,039
St Mary's house	1,721	-	-	1,721	1,971
Vicarage costs	4,191	-	-	4,191	323
Church costs	37,939	-	-	37,939	28,875
Depreciation	9,122	2,500	-	11,622	2,595
Church repairs	31,909	50,750	-	82,659	129,914
Choir	525	-	-	525	747
Parish magazine costs	-	-	-	-	46
Telephones	3,011	-	-	3,011	3,748
Meeting room costs	6,557	-	-	6,557	4,068
Printing, stationery & postage	4,879	-	-	4,879	3,243
Bank charges	514	-	-	514	479
Accountancy	3,753	-	-	3,753	3,388
Institute costs	33	-	-	33	913
Community outreach	452	-	-	452	1,972
	<u>199,504</u>	<u>55,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,571</u>	<u>267,453</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £267,453 of which £229,558 was unrestricted and £37,895 was restricted. Accountancy includes £3,000 (2020 - £3,000) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
4. Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	<u>21,485</u>	<u>15,853</u>

During the year the PCC employed a vergers, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2020 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

5. Fixed Assets

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost						
At January 2021	50,000	55,000	256,602	25,085	8,497	395,184
Additions	—	—	—	<u>24,735</u>	—	<u>24,735</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>49,820</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>419,919</u>

Depreciation

At 1 January 2021	—	—	—	2,204	8,077	10,281
Charge for the year	—	—	—	<u>11,231</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>11,622</u>
At 31 December 2021	—	—	—	<u>13,435</u>	<u>8,468</u>	<u>21,903</u>

Net Book Value

At 31 December 2021	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>36,385</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>398,016</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>22,881</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>384,903</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
6. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	12,068	20,063
Legacies due	108,949	108,949
Trade debtors	379	-
Interest receivable on loan	-	50
Loan to St Paul's Penketh	-	15,000
Other debtors	-	9,380
	<u>121,396</u>	<u>153,442</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	5,413	6,473
Mission Giving 2021	13,250	10,000
Social security	544	451
Accruals	13,080	7,392
Advance grants	-	19,028
	<u>32,287</u>	<u>43,344</u>
8. Unrestricted Funds	2021	2020
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	222,000	49,500
Bell Ringers	295	265
Choir Fund	792	733
Flower Fund	237	364
Church Guiding Group	90	90
St Paul's Social Fund	-	18,357
Faith Kids	-	1,705
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	-	237,986
General designated funds	-	200
	<u>223,414</u>	<u>309,200</u>
Funds not designated	<u>435,914</u>	<u>423,235</u>
	<u>659,328</u>	<u>732,435</u>

The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund consisted of gifts/legacies given to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens. During the year this fund has been designated for major repairs at St Marys Church.

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	2021	2020
	£	£
9. Endowment Funds		
The closing balances of Endowment Funds are: -		
St Paul's Curacy Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>5,823</u>

St Paul's Curacy Fund provided funds for the ministry at St Paul's Church.

	Balance at 01.01.21	Incoming Resources	Expenditure & Transfers	Balance at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
10. Restricted Funds				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Roof repairs fund	-	21,824	(21,824)	-
East Window	25,872	-	(25,872)	-
Church Clock fund	-	500	(500)	-
Clergy Costs	-	2,660	(2,660)	-
St Paul's AV System	-	10,000	(2,500)	7,500
St Paul's Garden Project	<u>8,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,653)</u>	<u>5,437</u>
	<u>38,804</u>	<u>34,984</u>	<u>(56,009)</u>	<u>17,779</u>

11. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	390,516	7,500	398,016
Current Assets	301,099	10,279	311,378
Current Liabilities	<u>(32,287)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,287)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>659,328</u>	<u>17,779</u>	<u>677,107</u>

12. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

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	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants		
Missionary societies:		
Church Mission Society	3,300	2,500
Bible Society	750	700
CMS Sponsorship	<u>-</u>	<u>1,550</u>
	<u>4,050</u>	<u>4,750</u>
Relief & Development:		
Dec Ukraine	1,000	-
Huyton Deanery Global Partnership Challenge	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Home Missions – Church Societies:		
Children's Society	1,600	1,400
Church Army	600	500
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	350	300
Church Urban Fund	350	300
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>250</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Other:		
Mildmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	750	400
Samaritans	200	150
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	200	150
The Refugee Council	600	400
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	200	
Yates Court	200	
The Whitechapel Centre		100
The Adam Ellison Foundation	100	100
SHARE Knowsley	<u>600</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>3,400</u>	<u>2,250</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>12,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church Costs:		
Heat and light – St Mary's	12,391	5,348
Heat and light – St Paul's	5,179	3,509
Insurance – St Mary's	7,865	7,644
Insurance – St Paul's	2,057	2,411
Maintenance – St Mary's	6,425	4,266
Maintenance – St Paul's	515	2,951
Altar Requisites	-	67
Waste collections	1,333	578
Organ tuning	1,961	1,964
Faith Kids	86	41
Flowers	<u>127</u>	<u>96</u>
	<u>37,939</u>	<u>28,875</u>
 Church Repairs:		
ST MARY		
Tower and Spire Project	(5,365)	6,705
Roof repairs	29,309	-
East Window	29,190	19,151
Grant application docs	-	2,880
Boiler / boiler house	3,678	38,268
Vestry & vestry roof	-	3,895
Organ chamber roof	722	-
Clock	401	500
Electrical wiring	14,100	-
Pipework repairs	2,172	-
Stained glass window repair	7,022	-
Other (less than £500)	1,403	252
Desk	<u>-</u>	<u>878</u>
	<u>82,659</u>	<u>72,529</u>
 ST PAUL		
CCTV System	-	740
Other (less than £500)	-	1,404
Asbestos survey	-	528
Decoration	-	12,954
Downspouts	-	5,190
Flooring	-	11,134
Front wall	-	625
Roofing	<u>-</u>	<u>24,810</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>57,385</u>
	<u>82,659</u>	<u>129,914</u>

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	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Meeting Room Costs:		
Heating	1,347	544
Lighting	1,131	979
Water	559	443
Maintenance	638	438
Repairs:		
General repairs	218	324
Plumbing	-	336
Water boiler & oven	465	1,004
Electrical Inspection	400	-
Security light	285	-
Remote for space heater	270	-
Gutters and Fascia boards	<u>1,244</u>	<u>4,068</u>
	<u>6,557</u>	<u>4,068</u>

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Council Members 2020

Revd. John A Taylor	Vicar
Revd. Kimberley Mannings	Curate
Revd. Peter Cowley	Associate Priest (Retired November 2020)
Revd. Jeff Engel	Retired Priest with permission to Officiate
Mr Geoffrey Appleton	From APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mrs Gill Cartwright	To APCM 2020
Mr Robert Cartwright	To APCM 2020
Mrs Diana Crompton	From APCM 2020 to APCM 2022
Mr Alan Ellington	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2022
Mrs Susan Ellington	To APCM 2020 re-elected to 2023
Mrs Cynthia Finney	To APCM 2020
Mr David Friar	Churchwarden from APCM 2020
Mrs Norma Garvey	Ex- Officio as Safeguarding Officer
Mr John Hotchkiss	To APCM 2020
Mrs Diane Hornby	To APCM 2020 re-elected to 2022
Ms Val Sugden	Churchwarden from APCM 2019
Mr David Kernick	To APCM 2020 re-elected to APCM 2021
Mr Steve Martin	To APCM 2020, elected Churchwarden 2020
Mr Brian Mason	Churchwarden to APCM 2020
Mrs Mary Oldfield	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mr Eric Orme	To August 2020
Ms Joanne Peers	To APCM 2020
Mrs Marian Piert	Churchwarden from APCM 2016
Mrs Lesley Porter	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mr Keith Porter	Ex-Officio Treasurer
Mrs Claire Portsmouth	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mrs Kath Pye	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mrs Gwen Rigby	To APCM 2020
Mrs Janet Smith	To APCM 2020
Mrs Liz Taylor	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mr Alan Williams	Churchwarden to APCM 2020, re-elected to PCC to APCM 2022
Canon Geoff Almond	Diocesan Synod appointed by the Diocese
Mrs Ann Capewell	Deanery Synod (First Term) From APCM 2018
Mrs Sue Priestley	Deanery Synod (Third Term) From APCM 2020
Mrs Dyane Basinger	Deanery Synod (First Term) From APCM 2020

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Merseyside
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Architect

Miss Rebecca Grimshaw
of Anthony Grimshaw & Associates, Wigan.

Charitable Status.

The Parochial Church Council received
charitable status on 5 May 2010

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Administrative Information

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to enter on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates five sub committees.

The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members or acted as non-voting secretary of the PCC.

Vicar	Revd. John A Taylor
Curate	Revd. Kimberley Mannings
Priest	Revd. Peter Cowley, Associate Priest
Retired Priest with Permission to Officiate	Revd. Jeff Engel
Churchwardens	Mr Brian Mason to APCM 2020 Mr Alan Williams to APCM 2020 Mrs Marian Piert from APCM 2016 Ms Val Sugden from APCM 2019 Mr David Friar from APCM 2020 Mr Steven Martin from APCM 2020
PCC Secretary	Mrs Christine Thomas (non-voting secretary from May 2012)
Treasurer	Mr Keith Porter (ex officio) from APCM 2019

Directly Elected Members Who Have Served During 2020:

Elected to serve in 2017 to APCM 2020	Ms Val Sugden (elected as church warden at APCM 2019), Mr John Hotchkiss, Mr Robert Cartwright, Mrs Gwen Rigby, Mrs Cynthia Finney.
Elected to serve in 2018 to APCM 2021	Mrs Susan Ellington, Mr David Kernick, Mrs Lesley Porter, Mrs Kath Pye, Mrs Janet Smith, Mr Alan Williams (elected as church warden at APCM 2019).
Elected to serve in 2019 To APCM 2022	Mrs Gill Cartwright, Mrs Diane Hornby, Mr Steve Martin, Ms Joanne Peers, Mrs Claire Portsmouth, Mr Eric Orme (passed away 19 th July 2020).

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In 2020, the PCC was dis-banded and eligible members elected/re-elected to form a new Parochial Church Council based on the Electoral roll numbers.

Elected to serve in 2020-2021 Mrs Liz Taylor, Mr David Kernick, Mrs Mary Oldfield,
Mr Geoffrey Appleton
Elected to serve in 2020-2022 Mr Alan Ellington, Miss Diana Crompton, Mr Alan Williams,
Mrs Diane Hornby
Elected to serve in 2020-2023 Mrs Claire Portsmouth, Mrs Kath Pye, Mrs Susan Ellington,
Mrs Lesley Porter,

According to a resolution of the 2007 Annual Meeting, the stand down time changed from three to two years. Therefore, those who retired in 2019 and before are eligible to stand for election at the 2021 meeting.

PCC Ex Officio Members

Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer as previous page and Mrs Norma Garvey as Safeguarding Officer.

Diocesan Synod Members: Canon Geoff Almond Appointed by the Diocese

Deanery Synod Members: **From APCM 2014**
Mrs Sue Priestley Re-elected 2020 (3rd Term)
From APCM 2018
Mrs Ann Capewell Elected 2018 (1st Term)
From APCM 2020
Mrs Dyane Basinger Elected 2020 (1st Term)

Structure, Management and Governance.

Committees:

Standing Committee:

Vicar, Churchwardens, and Treasurer and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & 2 PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Stewardship Giving Committee:

Vicar, Mr Keith Porter (Church Treasurer), Mrs Dyane Basinger (Giving Officer and Gift Aid Secretary), Mrs Jean Atkinson (Recorder), Mrs Norine Jones, Mrs Marian Piert and 1 churchwarden.

Shared Ministry Team:

The Shared Ministry Team was disbanded in 2016.

Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:

Mr Eric Orme (to July 2020), Mr Keith Porter, Canon Geoff Almond, Mrs Ann Capewell.

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Meeting Room Committee:

A new Committee was formed in May 2012: Mrs Joyce Fairfield (Meeting Room Secretary), Mr Keith Porter, Church Treasurer, Mr Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Mrs Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Meeting Room) a PCC member, and Mrs Marian Piert (Churchwarden from 2016) or another churchwarden if Mrs Marian Piert was unavailable, the Vicar (on request).

Health and Safety Officer, Safeguarding and Recorder:

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Mr Brian Mason to APCM 2020

Health and Safety Co-ordinator Mr Steven Martin from November 2020.

Safeguarding Leader/Recruiter and Child Protection Officer: Revd Captain Peter Cowley to November 2020

Safeguarding Leader/Recruiter and Child Protection Officer: Mr Steven Martin from November 2020

Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Mrs Norma Garvey

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Officer: Mrs Ann Capewell

Fire Marshall: Mr Steven Martin

Recorder for DBS Checks: Mrs Lesley Porter

Church School Partnership Award Team:

Norine Jones, Sue Priestley

Objectives and Activities

Our Mission Statement is "To seek to discern God's will for all the work and worship of our Parish. We pledge ourselves to make our Church a place where people of every age and stage of faith can find acceptance, the discovery of God's presence and real help in their life's journey."

The PCC Powers Measure, 1956, states that the PCC must co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This report will outline how we have complied with the spirit of the measure.

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.

The Parish of Prescott: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH 01.08.18 v1

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2019. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

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The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Date: 24 July 2019.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at www.liverpool.anglican.org.

Notices are also displayed in church and the meeting room.

Implementation / Progress of Objectives and Activities

Our performance on (a): Worship and Prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.

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

(a)

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

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And

(b)

The six specific objectives for 2020 which were set out under "Plans for the Future" in the 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting as follows:

1. The installation of the new East Window.
2. Participating in the Ecumenical Lent Groups, based on the film "I Daniel Blake"
3. Attending the Week of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church
4. Holding a 5-6 week nurture course, similar to 2019
5. The redecoration of St Paul's Church and some at the Parish Church
6. Encouraging more people to join the Parish Giving Scheme.

Church attendance and services:

On 31st December 2020, there were 170 on the Electoral Roll.

The number on the Electoral Roll is used to determine the number to be elected to the PCC and the Synods.

April 2020 saw the Church Building closed or with restrictions on the numbers allowed to attend services due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For this reason, attendance figures are split into three groups:-

January – March 2020

Average attendance at Sunday Worship for the Parish was 87 adults and 12 under 16 years of age. The average attendance for the Parish Church Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.a.m. was 23.

April – June 20

The Church building was closed during lock-down and services were online only.

July – December 20

Average attendance at Sunday Worship for the Parish, when the numbers attending were restricted by the Government and Church of England guidelines was 56 adults and 3 under 16 years of age. The Church was open for private prayer only on Wednesdays.

There were 11 baptisms, 6 under 1 year, 3 between the ages of 1 – 12 years, and 2 aged 13+. There were 0 weddings and 0 services of prayer and dedication (after civil marriage). There were 0 confirmees under 16 years, and 0 over 16 years.

There were 22 funerals, in Church, plus 21 funerals with a full service at the Crematorium.

The PCC acted as an agency for other people in connection with occasional services. In 2020 the number of services was largely curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the total amount involved falling from £1,900 to £413.

Morning and Evening prayers were said daily, and the Eucharist celebrated on major Saints' Days, whenever possible.

In mid- March 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic struck public worship was put on hold and Churches were closed for Sunday services and mid-week gatherings.

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Prescot Parish Church adapted to Church closures and for the times throughout the year when the building could not be open for services or private prayer by sending out packs which covered Worship at Home detailing worship and prayer resources, Mothering Sunday Service sheet, Holy Week at home booklet, Holy Week to Pentecost, Pentecost at home, Pentecost to September, Christingle and Christmas at Home. These packs enabled everyone, whether able to attend Church in person, when permitted to do so, whether they were self-isolating at home or preferred to stay at home for their own safety, to share in what would have been a more traditional way of worship.

Between March and July pre-recorded services were uploaded to the Church Facebook site.

Starting in July 2020, services were broadcast 'live', initially using mobile phone technology but soon after an Audio/Visual system was installed. This enabled people to watch the services, whether held with just the clergy present or during times of in person worship to join in the services from the safety of their own homes. The video system also meant that other services, Funerals for example, which were limited in the numbers able to attend could be watched from anywhere, simply by using the Church Facebook site.

The Advent Service of Light could not be held as normal due to lockdown, instead, a virtual Service of Light entitled "Light in the Darkness" was held. The service contained a range of faces and voices, music from the parish choir, and liturgy set around different places in our town – asking God to shine the light of His presence on Prescot, even in the dark and difficult times we were facing. The service was uploaded to the Church Facebook site.

During Advent the Church was open for in person worship, with numbers limited to 60. The Festival of Lessons & Carols was held in the Parish Church. The choir sang but there was no congregational singing. The Christmas Eve Crib service did not take place this year due to restrictive numbers in church. A Lockdown Nativity – the Christmas story as you've never seen it before was published online instead. The nativity was acted out by adults with the scenes set at various places around Prescot.

The First Eucharist of Christmas was held at an earlier time of 6.30pm in place of Midnight Mass. The 10.a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist was held at the Parish Church. Holy Communion was celebrated on the Feast of St Stephen, St John the Apostle and the Naming of Jesus.

This year a Click & Collect Christingle was arranged, and 100 Christingle packs were collected on 13th December after the Sunday service and during the afternoon. The packs contained everything required to make a Christingle and also a Christingle service sheet. Donations were in aid of The Children's Society.

Our Patronal Festival was cancelled this year due to lockdown.

The Lent course based on the film "I Daniel Blake" held two sessions before lockdown.

Following on from the 2019 "Nurture" course, one session was held before lockdown.

The Parish Magazine was published monthly with the exception of May, June and July.

The Service of the Word was held during January & February. Due to the pandemic there have been no services held at St Paul's since March 2020. The Harvest Festival Service this year was held at a time when the Church was closed. Gifts of fruit and vegetables donated by the families of St Mary & St Pauls school were displayed and afterwards donated to the Big Help Project for distribution.

Nightly 'Compline' services were held throughout, led by David Kernick.

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Implementation / Progress of Objectives and Activities

Worship and Prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (continued)

We were unable to join our Methodist friends in the Methodist Centre for the Annual Ecumenical Service, this year.

On the Feast of Christ the King, the Church was closed to the congregation, but donations of toys were taken to the Church the previous week and following the on-line service were donated to Yates Court, an inspirational supported living project in Prescott.

The Willowbrook Hospice were unable to hold their annual Memorial Service in October and Lights of Love Service in December. The Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree was dedicated by the Vicar, but the usual short service could not be held. Donations this year went to Willowbrook Hospice.

Provision of Pastoral Care for those Living in the Parish

Due to the nature of this year's restrictions, most of our in-person pastoral care was not able to take place in the manner that it usually would. For example, hospital visiting, home communions, and services within nursing homes were all prohibited due to the risk of infection. However, the original home communion team, along with other volunteers, operating on a rota basis, set up a pastoral phone call scheme, whereby members of the congregation (plus additional members of the local community) received a pastoral phone call each week. These phone calls have been hugely appreciated by so many. Clergy have, within the guidelines, still been able to offer final prayers to those who have come to the end of their time here on earth, and funeral families have been supported.

We held two All Souls services of remembrance in November, for families who had lost loved ones over the past year. A requiem for All Saints was held during the main service on the Feast of All Saints, when in-person worship, with limited numbers, was possible. This service was also streamed via the Parish Facebook for those who were unable to attend in person.

Missionary and Outreach Work

Missionary: Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities and the PCC was happy to continue the donations in 2020. The Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee earmarked £10,000, with a full list included as part of the Appendix to the Financial Statements on Page 28.

Christian Aid envelopes were distributed during Christian Aid Week and Advent.

Mrs Margaret Rose continued to be responsible for the Children's Society collection boxes.

Despite not being able to run her weekly stall Mrs Ann Capewell was still able to generate almost £400 for church funds through a combination of Traidcraft discounts and sales of plants and home-made jams & marmalades etc.

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Outreach: In addition to details given below part of our outreach is covered in other categories.

The Church Guided Tour Group was again led by Mrs Betty Brown and her team proved to be a good service to both townsfolk and those further afield, offering guided tours and being in attendance on Heritage Days, which in spite of the present pandemic saw a record number of visitors.

The Parish Magazine, co-ordinated by Mrs Maggie Bunting, assisted by Mrs Lesley Porter and Mrs Norma Garvey continued to be produced monthly except for May, June & July 2020 and is regarded as an informative publicity tool and a parish amenity. It has a circulation of 190 throughout the Parish.

Church Shops were not held in 2020.

Our MATT Group (Mothers and Toddlers Together), organized by Mrs Norine Jones, continued to be a popular venue for mothers and toddlers. Membership is open to the general public and it continues to be an outreach project. The group temporarily closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The craft group, run by Mrs Mary Price, is a non-church (outreach) group, open to all, with 50% of the ladies being non-church members. Group meetings were suspended in 2020.

Although the Prescott Festival and Arts in Prescott is not church organised or church funded, their events always play a special part in our church life. They are on-going events organised by the founder, our own Dr Robert Howard, at venues throughout the town, many in our churches and Meeting Room, when we are always delighted to welcome the general public into our grade 1 listed building and at St Paul's. The Festival is now in its 16th year but sadly this year most events were cancelled.

In line with the rest of the Merseyside region, there was no Civic Service. A Requiem for the Fallen was held at the 10am Eucharist.

We continue to be indebted to Mr Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager for his help in the maintenance of our churchyard and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard. The 11,000 daffodil and red tulip bulbs, planted by the team in 2014, flowered once again to give a stunning display. The addition of benches and clearance of paths has further enhanced the grounds.

The Mayor of Prescott's Charity Concert was not unfortunately able to be held this year.

St Paul's church work hard on their outreach. They served a monthly luncheon and weekly coffee mornings until the pandemic struck.

Our performance on (b) is given below.

1. The installation of the new East Window.

The installation of the East Window was completed four days before Christmas.

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The main figures in the window are the four evangelists, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John as that is how the original Victorian window had been designed. The effect of the colours in the window change depending on light conditions.

Most of the cost of the window was met by the estate of the late Anne Price-Roberts.

A service of Dedication of the Window is planned for 2021.

2. Participating in the Ecumenical Lent Groups, based on the film "I Daniel Blake"

Two sessions were held before lockdown in March 2020

3. Attending the Week of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church

Due to the pandemic this was cancelled

4. Holding a 5-6 week nurture course, similar to 2019

One session was held before lockdown in March 2020.

5. The redecoration of St Paul's Church and some at the Parish Church

The following redecoration was completed at St Paul's Church

Preparation and painting of the Main room, Toilets, Kitchen, Office, Utility, Anti-space, Disabled toilet, Church room, Entrance and the ceiling was sprayed in the main hall.

The following redecoration was completed at St Marys:

Painting of both Vestry ceiling walls and woodwork, painting of wall in church as required.

6. Encouraging more people to join the Parish Giving Scheme.

During 2020 the number of parishioners using the Parish Giving Scheme increased from 45 to 64, overtaking those giving by Envelope of Standing Order.

Information on how to join the scheme is printed in the church magazine each month under the parish collection information and is also featured from time to time in the Weekly Newsletter.

**Further Objectives and Activities, Achievement and Performance
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General Church Activities:

Mrs Brenda Fay and Mrs Joyce Fairfield ran the **Church Office**, taking bookings for weddings and baptisms, producing service sheets and undertaking other administrative work.

Mrs Brenda Fay dealt with the bookings from the congregation who wished to attend the 'In person' services.

The Elizabethan Fayre, Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre were not held this year.

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The popular **Book Reading Club** was not able to meet under the guidance and hospitality of the Revd. Jeff Engel at St Mary's House. Mrs Sue Davies continued as our **Cathedral Representative** and Mrs Brenda Burgess continued to distribute **Bible Fellowship** booklets.

A team of Church Members, organized by Mrs Betty Brown, took responsibility for **church cleaning** working on a weekly rota basis, and the church was sanitized by a team following 'In person' worship. Mrs Dorothy Webster, Mrs Jean Atkinson and Mr Alan Williams laundered the **church altar linen** and Mrs Georgina Cooney led the **Flower Guild**. A team of **Servers** was led by Mr Alan Williams. A group of parishioners handled the reading of **lessons and intercessions** and teams of **sidesmen and sideswomen** operated on a rota basis. The **church clock** continues to be maintained by Mr Philip Irvine. Mr Ron Preston continued as **Ringin Master**. Bells were rung on Sundays and on special occasions and for some weddings.

Mr Tim Hall continued as organist, but the **Annual Organ Recital** was not held this year.

Mrs Joyce Fairfield continued as Bookings Secretary and overseer of the Meeting Room and a small team led by Mrs Fairfield assisted at **Baptisms**.

The Mother's Union meetings were suspended in March 2020.

The parish continued to support the Knowsley food bank and the Knowsley Refugees with donations of clothing.

Val Sugden continues to run the **bookstall**.

Mr David Kernick is the **Webmaster**. The main website is

<http://prescotparish.org.uk/> and Mr Kernick runs and updates two further websites for the Diocese of Oxford which can be accessed – <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/prescot-st-mary/> and for St Paul's <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/prescot-st-paul/>

The church is also on Facebook, [facebook.com/prescotparish church](https://www.facebook.com/prescotparishchurch).

Choir, Youth and Children's work

Choir

The choir have continued to enchant us with their singing, either from their own homes in pre-recorded videos or in limited numbers during services.

Sadly, this year the choir lost a dedicated member when Eric Orme passed away on 19th July 2020.

Youth

Our Youth Ministry "Rooted" ran during the summer months over Zoom, and once permitted, with a final, in-person session (once restrictions allowed) in the walled garden.

Faith Kids

Weekly session packs were distributed to the children from the beginning of the pandemic. The packs are written using material from the Roots resource and follow the church calendar.

It was very encouraging to see every member collect a Christingle Pack.

MATT Group

Mrs Norine Jones, assisted by Mrs Jean Evans, coped splendidly with this group. It continued to be a very popular weekly event for mothers and toddlers. The children (and mothers) had a lot of fun until the temporary closure enforced on everyone but will be looking forward to the days when the doors are open again.

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St Mary and St Paul's Primary School.

Mr Iain Parks, as Headmaster, continues to supply updates for the Parish Magazine. Our school now enjoy a good OFSTED rating and improvements continued to be made to the building. The School attend worship in St Paul's Church each term and this year their donations of food for Harvest Festival were displayed in the Parish Church before being donated to The Big Help Project.

St Pauls's.

The Church was represented by a Churchwarden, three elected PCC members and one Deanery Synod member.

Meeting Room.

Mrs Joyce Fairfield is in charge of the bookings and the running of the building. Prior to the suspension of the use of the meeting room in March 2020 in addition to our own organisations, the building is used by outside organisations, an Art Class, Children's Dance Group, Line Dancing, Zumba classes, Support & Drop-in advice, Prescott Historic Society, Willowbrook Hospice, Arts in Prescott, Prescott Festival and the Craft Class to name but a few. It is also used for children's birthday parties.

Performance of Investments, Financial Reserves, Fundraising, Church Building Reserves

Reserves Policy:

We are required to have a policy for any reserve funds we may hold.

The PCC have adopted the following aims:-

1. To have a reserve equal to 6 months' normal expenditure - in 2020 this would mean £134,000.
2. To provide sufficient additional reserves to cover Quinquennial repairs.

Our current reserves, excluding any Restricted Funds for Restoration, Bells and the East Window comprise: -

Emergency roof repairs	£24,000
Access/Scaffolding re above	£7,500
Upgrading St Mary's Electrical systems to meet EIRC	£8,000
Repairs to paving flags/former tombstones	£10,000

Thanks to the large legacy, we should be able to complete the work in the next two years.

Overall.

There was a deficit this year of £135,788 compared to £131,987 in the previous year.

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Income:

Contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme more than doubled in 2020 to £41,439, accounting for 70% of all Planned Giving. This was especially welcome during the pandemic when we were unable to hold services for much of the year, and it was a great relief to be able to depend on that level of regular income. By contrast, Envelope Giving fell by 60%, with 51% of envelopes not being returned.

Grants include £22,830 from National Heritage for the Tower project, £1,500 from King's College Cambridge towards clergy costs and £500 from Prescott Town Council towards the upkeep of the church clock.

Wedding and Funeral Fees fell by £1,028.

Investment Income fell by £433.

Expenditure:

Our Missions and Away Giving rose from £9,450 in 2019 to £10,000 in 2020. A full listing can be found within the Appendices to the financial statements on Page 28.

Church repairs included £29,190 on the East window, £35,772 on St Mary's boiler house, £24,810 on St Paul's roof, £11,134 on St Paul's floor tiles, £5,190 on St Paul's downspouts repair and £12,954 on St Paul's redecoration.

Risk Management.

Mr Brian Mason reviewed the various risks and challenges associated with the church and 'Risk Assessments' were carried out on our three buildings. Certificates are available to users of our premises. The PCC regularly reviews its obligations.

Plans for the Future.

In 2021 we look forward to:

- Celebrating Revd. John Taylor's ministry in Prescott, on his retirement
- The Dedication of the East Window
- Complete and dedicate the garden at St Paul's in memory of Barbara Mercer
- Inviting people who have joined us for the online services, who do not normally come to Church, to come and meet us
- Hold a service of thanksgiving for all the frontline workers and unsung heroes, who have served Prescott and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic
- To make a concentrated effort to reduce the amount of cash handled in both churches

Staffing.

We were indeed fortunate in our staff. – Revd. John Taylor, (Vicar) and Honorary Chaplain to HM the Queen, Revd. Kimberley Manning (Curate), Revd. Captain Peter Cowley and Revd. Jeff Engel, (Diocesan Mothers Union Chaplain Emeritus). We were also grateful for the assistance that Revd. Christopher Perrins was able to offer.

Congratulations to Revd. John Taylor who became the first Freeman of the town of Prescott, in recognition of his outstanding work in the community.

Revd. John Taylor announced that he will retire early 2021.

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Rev. Peter Cowley retired in November 2020. Peter first came to Prescott in 1997 as a Church Army Evangelist and has been an integral part of the ministry team. We owe him a huge thank you for the work he has done in and around the parish and wish him a long and relaxed retirement. A presentation on behalf of the parish will be made at the beginning of January 2021.

Staff Costs.

The PCC pays a Verger, Organist, Joint Choirmasters, Church Cleaner (St Paul's) and a Caretaker (for the meeting room).

Trustee Payments and Expenses.

The PCC supported the clergy by paying water and environmental charges amounting to £796 for the Vicarage, plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, broadband, security and gardening amounting to £6,007. The Vicarage Council Tax fell from £3,020 to £325 as a result of Knowsley Council's decision to use Covid support funds to grant vicarages dispensation from April.

There were no other payments to trustees or persons related to trustees.

Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity of Vice-chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

.....*Marian E. Piert*.....

Mrs Marian E Piert (Vice-chair)

Date: 21.4.2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 17 to 27.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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Date: *22 April 2021*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	79,764	24,830	-	104,594	113,189
Charitable activities	2(b)	12,385	-	-	12,385	7,793
Other activities	2(c)	11,499	-	-	11,499	43,201
Investment	2(d)	<u>2,675</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>106,323</u>	<u>25,337</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>131,665</u>	<u>167,803</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-	450
Church activities	3(b)	<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,340</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,790</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(123,235)	(12,558)	5	(135,788)	(131,987)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		<u>16,125</u>	<u>(16,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(107,110)	(28,683)	5	(135,788)	(131,987)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020		<u>839,545</u>	<u>67,487</u>	<u>5,818</u>	<u>912,850</u>	<u>1,044,837</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		<u>732,435</u>	<u>38,804</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	<u>384,903</u>	<u>362,413</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	153,442	171,348
Short term deposits		282,061	382,796
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>-</u>	<u>5,818</u>
		<u>435,503</u>	<u>559,962</u>
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(43,344)</u>	<u>(9,525)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>392,159</u>	<u>550,437</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted – General	8	732,435	839,545
Endowment	9	5,823	5,818
Restricted	10	<u>38,804</u>	<u>67,487</u>
		<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms Val Sugden *E.V. Sugden*

Mr Steve Martin *S. Martin*

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash (used by)/provided by Operating Activities	1	(109,740)	(76,630)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(106,553)	(73,010)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020		<u>388,614</u>	<u>461,624</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020		<u>282,061</u>	<u>388,614</u>

1	Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/ income to net cash flow from operating activities	2020 £	2019 £
	Net (expenditure)/ income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(135,788)	(131,987)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	2,595	391
	Investment income	(3,187)	(3,620)
	Fixed asset additions	(25,085)	-
	Decrease in stocks	-	409
	Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	17,906	55,003
	Increase in creditors	<u>33,819</u>	<u>3,174</u>
	Net cash (used by)/provided by operating activities	<u>(109,740)</u>	<u>(76,630)</u>

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.

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1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.4 Resources Expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

1.5 Fixed Assets

Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Motor vehicles	-	4 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance Church of England Funds or at the bank.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(a) Donations & Legacies					
Planned Giving	44,907	-	-	44,907	49,024
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	12,599	-	-	12,599	18,805
Non-Gift Aid	12,037	-	-	12,037	16,342
One-off Gift Aid	1,283	-	-	1,283	5,806
Open Plate:					
All Services	3,279	-	-	3,279	9,087
Sundry Donations	4,659	-	-	4,659	8,125
Grants	-	24,830	-	24,830	2,000
Legacies	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>79,764</u>	<u>24,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,594</u>	<u>113,189</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £113,189 of which £111,189 was unrestricted and £2,000 was restricted.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(b) Charitable Activities					
Church hall lettings	5,860	-	-	5,860	-
Magazine sales	1,046	-	-	1,046	1,286
Weddings/Funerals	<u>5,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,479</u>	<u>6,507</u>
	<u>12,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,385</u>	<u>7,793</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £7,793 which was all unrestricted.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(c) Other Activities					
Bookstall	-	-	-	-	260
Magazine advertising	1,330	-	-	1,330	1,105
Hall lettings	-	-	-	-	19,380
Church shop	50	-	-	50	593
Summer fayre	-	-	-	-	845
Christmas fayre	-	-	-	-	1,679
Other	1,669	-	-	1,669	8,002
St Mary's House Rent	8,450	-	-	8,450	5,257
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	6,080
	<u>11,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,499</u>	<u>43,201</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(d) Investments					
Dividends & interest	<u>2,675</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>

The income from investments last year was £3,620 of which £3,107 was unrestricted, £494 was restricted and £19 was endowment.

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3(a) Raising funds					
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>

All raising funds expenditure last year relates to unrestricted funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3(b) Church Activities					
Missionary Societies	4,750	-	-	4,750	3,950
Home Missions	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,360
Other	2,250	-	-	2,250	2,140
Parish share	56,279	-	-	56,279	52,846
Salaries/wages	15,853	-	-	15,853	15,275
Clergy expenses	1,539	1,500	-	3,039	4,506
St Mary's house	1,971	-	-	1,971	2,803
Vicarage costs	323	-	-	323	4,639
Church costs	28,875	-	-	28,875	32,756
Depreciation	2,595	-	-	2,595	391
Church repairs	93,519	36,395	-	129,914	145,810
Choir	747	-	-	747	4,514
St Paul's garden project	-	-	-	-	6,910
Parish magazine costs	46	-	-	46	1,624
Telephones	3,748	-	-	3,748	2,569
Meeting room costs	4,068	-	-	4,068	4,705
Printing, stationery & postage	3,243	-	-	3,243	1,717
Bank charges	479	-	-	479	503
Accountancy	3,388	-	-	3,388	3,903
Institute costs	913	-	-	913	3,699
Community outreach	<u>1,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,972</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,340</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £299,340 of which £215,077 was unrestricted, £84,223 was restricted and £40 was endowment. Accountancy includes £3,000 (2019 - £3,000) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

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	2020	2019
	£	£
4. Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	<u>15,853</u>	<u>15,275</u>

During the year the PCC employed a verger, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2019 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

5. Fixed Assets

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost						
At January 2020	50,000	55,000	256,602	-	8,497	370,099
Additions	-	-	-	25,085	-	25,085
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>25,085</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>395,184</u>

Depreciation

At 1 January 2020	-	-	-	-	7,686	7,686
Charge for the year	-	-	-	2,204	391	2,595
On disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>8,077</u>	<u>10,281</u>

Net Book Value

At 31 December 2020	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>22,881</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>384,903</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>362,413</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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	2020	2019
	£	£
6. Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	20,063	31,232
Legacies due	108,949	108,949
VAT refunds	-	1,117
Interest receivable on loan	50	50
Loan to St Paul's Penketh	15,000	15,000
Other debtors	<u>9,380</u>	<u>-</u>
	153,442	156,348
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Loan to St Paul's Penketh	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>153,442</u>	<u>171,348</u>
	2020	2019
	£	£
7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade creditors	6,473	1,035
Mission Giving 2021	10,000	-
Social security	451	271
Accruals	7,392	8,219
Advance grants	<u>19,028</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>43,344</u>	<u>9,525</u>
8. Unrestricted Funds	2020	2019
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	49,500	73,500
Bell Ringers	265	275
Choir Fund	733	1,409
Flower Fund	364	369
Church Guiding Group	90	90
Parish Church Institute	-	-
St Paul's Social Fund	18,357	18,357
Sunday Schools	1,705	1,738
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	237,986	237,986
General designated funds	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>
	309,200	333,724
Funds not designated	<u>423,235</u>	<u>505,821</u>
	<u>732,435</u>	<u>839,545</u>

The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund consists of gifts/legacies given to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens.

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	2020	2019
	£	£

9. Endowment Funds

The closing balances of Endowment Funds are: -

St Paul's Curacy Fund	<u>5,823</u>	<u>5,818</u>
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St Paul's Curacy Fund provides funds for the ministry at St Paul's Church. The Hawarden Charity provides funds for the poor.

	Balance at 01.01.20	Incoming Resources	Expenditure & Transfers	Balance at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
10. Restricted Funds				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Tower & Spire fund	-	22,830	22,830	-
East Window	54,555	507	29,190	25,872
Church Clock fund	-	500	500	-
Clergy Costs	-	1,500	1,500	-
St Paul's Social	<u>8,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,090</u>
	<u>67,487</u>	<u>25,337</u>	<u>54,020</u>	<u>38,804</u>

11. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	384,903	-	-	384,903
Current Assets	390,876	38,804	5,823	435,503
Current Liabilities	<u>(43,344)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,344)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>732,435</u>	<u>38,804</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>777,062</u>

12. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

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	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants		
Missionary societies:		
Church Mission Society	2,500	3,200
Bible Society	700	750
CMS Sponsorship	<u>1,550</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>3,950</u>
Home Missions – Church Societies:		
Children's Society	1,400	1,560
Church Army	500	600
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	300	350
Church Urban Fund	300	350
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,360</u>
Other:		
Midmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	400	90
Samaritans	150	200
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	150	150
The Refugee Council	400	450
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	150	150
The Whitechapel Centre	100	100
The Adam Ellison Foundation	100	100
SHARE Knowsley	<u>250</u>	<u>350</u>
	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,140</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,450</u>

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	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Church Costs:		
Heat and light – St Mary's	5,348	9,991
Heat and light – St Paul's	3,509	4,477
Insurance – St Mary's	7,644	3,269
Insurance – St Paul's	2,411	34
Maintenance – St Mary's	4,266	11,077
Maintenance – St Paul's	2,951	815
Altar Requisites	67	2,196
Waste collections	578	-
Organ tuning	1,964	-
Sunday School	41	115
Flowers	96	782
Courses and conferences	-	-
	<u>28,875</u>	<u>32,756</u>
Church Repairs:		
ST MARY		
Tower and Spire Project	6,705	94,504
Organ chamber roof	-	28,148
East Window	19,151	1,200
Grant application docs	2,880	-
Boiler / boiler house	38,268	-
Vestry & vestry roof	3,895	8,216
Clock	500	-
Organ repair	-	6,330
Other (less than £500)	252	378
Desk	878	-
	<u>72,529</u>	<u>138,776</u>
ST PAUL		
Rewiring	-	1,310
CCTV System	740	1,914
Replacement front door	-	3,690
Other (less than £500)	1,404	120
Asbestos survey	528	-
Decoration	12,954	-
Downspouts	5,190	-
Flooring	11,134	-
Front wall	625	-
Roofing	24,810	-
	<u>57,385</u>	<u>7,034</u>
	<u>129,914</u>	<u>145,810</u>

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	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Meeting Room Costs:		
Heating	544	775
Lighting	979	1,731
Water	443	416
Maintenance	438	796
Repairs:		
General repairs	324	307
Plumbing	336	-
Water boiler & oven	1,004	413
Mains feed to toilet	-	267
	<u>4,068</u>	<u>4,705</u>