

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

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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

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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.

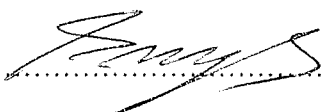
We are also responsible for:

- 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').

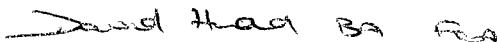
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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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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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 vergier, 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>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,735</u>	<u>-</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>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,231</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>11,622</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<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>

