

The Parish of Saint Paul Grange-over-Sands

England & Wales · Charity number 1136108

Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SAINT PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, The Parish of Saint Paul Grange-over-Sands with Lindale, PCC OF ST. PAUL'S, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-05-25
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: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for toddlers and other groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£64,687	£70,116	-	-
2024-12-31	£65,261	£68,118	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,736	£74,719	-	-
2022-12-31	£52,753	£48,759	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,511	£57,067	-	-
2020-12-31	£61,730	£79,554	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian John McCann		2017-04-26
COLIN EDWARD MILNER		
John Graham MILLICAN		2021-04-25
Judith Ann Mitchell		2020-10-11
MICHAEL BUTLER HILL		
PAULINE ANNE RAMSBOTTOM		2023-04-19
Penelope Ann Ward		2022-04-27
ROSEMARY ANNE HOYLE		
Rev Annette Miller		2024-05-01
Rev David Mark Baty Wilmot		2024-05-01
Susan Eleanor Fleetwood		2015-04-22

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
BENEFICE OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS AND FIELD BROUGHTON WITH LINDALE
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In September, we held a PCC Away Day at the Parish Rooms in Field Broughton with our new Vicar, to look at where we are now as a parish and how we see ourselves going forwards. We intend to continue to hold annual PCC Away Days, to enable PCC members to devote more time to enhancing and enabling our ministry in the community. As a result of our 2024 PCC Away Day, we have revised our Mission Statement: 'To Proclaim the Good News of God and to draw others into a life-changing encounter with Jesus.'

St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, when we re-appointed Brian McCann as our Churchwarden. It would be good if we could have two Churchwardens, or a Deputy Churchwarden. However, we are fortunate to have an excellent team of sides-persons, who have taken on additional duties to alleviate pressure on the Churchwarden at services and other church events, and many willing volunteers who carry out many tasks to keep our church clean and tidy and running efficiently, and we thank them for their time and willingness to help.

Lay-led services have continued, normally on the third Sunday of the month, with a small group of people from St Paul's leading the worship, and our Vicar giving the sermon, as we feel that it is an excellent way to progress our own Christian journey. These services have been well received by our congregation.

St Paul's Church has very strong links with the Church-aided Primary School, with regular visits to the school by our Vicar and volunteers from the Church who run a weekly lunch-time club, and several people who go into school to assist the pupils with their reading. We have recently started holding a 'Fun and Friendship' event in School, once a term. The school children visit St Paul's Church to learn about the church and its work and also hold services at both St Paul's and the Methodist Church in Grange. We have three members of our congregation who are Foundation Governors at the school.

We have two representatives from St Paul's on the committee of Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together. This group meets regularly and organises events during the year, involving all the churches in Grange.

A small group of five people has been formed, and St Paul's has been registered with A-Rocha – Eco Church for their awards. It is hoped that we can at least reach the Bronze standard. St Paul's has also joined our local group, PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together).

St Paul's held its annual Spring Fair and Christmas Fair in 2024, both raising a good amount towards the upkeep of our Church buildings, and in particular this year, the replacement of our gas

central heating boilers. These events are also good social occasions, that welcome the local community into our Church.

The main fabric projects to maintain and enhance the fabric of our two churches are covered in the Fabric Report on page 13 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2024 document, which also gives details of works carried out at our daughter church, The Fell Church. Our main concern this year has been the replacement of our two central heating boilers at St Paul's.

The PCC has trialled the use of a QR code in St Paul's Church for 12 months and has decided to discontinue this and instal a contactless-giving machine in its place. The PCC is now using online banking, which saves the church a significant amount of money which would otherwise be incurred through bank charges. Our Church Treasurer, John Millican, is in regular contact with the Diocesan Finance Officer, Ric Jaques and John Thompson, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer. A Stewardship Campaign took place in 2024.

We are so grateful to Charles Edmondson, our organist, for continuing to organise concerts in St Paul's Church, which normally attract an audience of around 50. These concerts have been very well received, though they have now come to an end. Charles continues to play for our services and looks after our Church Choir, which now has ten members.

As well as our series of concerts in the church, we have also held many other social events throughout the year, including a concert given by the Bay Community Singers, one by Burneside Brass, local walks, regular 'Cake and Cuppa' meetings in Church, a painting on silk workshop, a quiz night and we celebrated our 11th anniversary of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's, which raised £1,575.24 which was shared between The Food Bank and St Paul's replacement heating boilers.

The sub-committees of the PCC continue to meet regularly throughout the year and work very well by discussing matters which need attention in greater detail and putting forward recommendations to the PCC. The two sub-committees are the Worship sub-committee and the Social sub-committee.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In addition, our Safeguarding officer, Judith Mitchell, has ensured that all safeguarding training is up to date and the DBS certificates are current.

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 – so far £661.20 has been received.

I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings during the year.

Charitable Collections 2024

Leprosy Mission	£ 130.00
Christian Aid	£ 213.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 117.26
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 146.44
Sub total	£ 606.70

Charitable Giving 2024

Children's Events	£ 102.09
Grange & District First Responders	£ 100.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Burneside Brass Band	£ 150.00
Friends of the Holy Land	£ 278.00
Barrow Foodbank	£ 688.82
Sub total	£1,348.91

Secular Collections 2024

None in 2024	<u>Sub total</u>	Nil
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TOTAL **£ 1,955.61**

Financial Review

General Fund

The total receipts for the year were £65,260.79 and the payments out were £68,118.02 plus charitable giving of £1,348.91, giving an in-year deficit of £4,206.14.

The above expenditure included Building Maintenance Items as below. Some items attracted Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) grants whereby VAT is refunded, in which cases the net costs after receipt of the LPOW grant are shown. The items are for St Paul's except where stated otherwise:-

- Maintenance of Old Gas Heating Boilers - £960.00
- Speaker in Lady Chapel - £294.88
- Organ Maintenance - £602.50
- Lightning Conductor Test - £250.00
- Piano Tuning - £95.00
- Fire Alarm Service - £110.39
- 5-Yearly Electrical Test of Church - £1,910.27
- Clean of Church - £420.00
- Fire Extinguisher Service at St Paul's and at Fell Church - £168.30
- Stock of Light Bulbs - £175
- Faculty Fee for New Gas Heating Boilers - £220.00
- Materials for New Gas Heating Boilers - £740.00
- Maintenance & Improvements at Fell Church - £1,253.35
- Mow Lawn at Fell Church - £380.00
- Miscellaneous - £36.86
- **Total - £7,616.55**

NOTE: £123.33 in VAT is to be claimed back in 2025 under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for the above £740 spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers.

Designated Building Fund

£16,060.00 was spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers. This gives a reduction in the fund of £16,060.00 leaving a year end balance of £0.47.

NOTE: £2,676.67 in VAT is to be claimed back in 2025 under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for the above £16,060.00 spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers.

Restricted Heating Fund

The fund was started on 30th November 2024 and the year-end balance is £1,133.48. This balance was raised by donations at St Paul's Church at the card stall at the Christmas Fair, at the Christmas Tree Festival and at a concert.

At the end of 2024, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£57,293.49
Building	£0.47
Restricted Heating	£1,133.48
Total	£58,427.44

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands. A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 1 March 2026

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
Grange over Sands**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands , Parochial Church Council.

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

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 - or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave not been met; or
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Receipts and payments account

General Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2024	Year ended 31 December 2023 *
Receipts	£	£
Stewardship	35,533.31	37,331.43
Collections & Offertory	2,416.93	2,650.07
Tax Refunds	9,244.26	9,436.23
Legacy and Donations	2369.45	3,498.54
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>		
Fees from weddings and funerals	1420.00	2,196.33
Parish Magazine Sales	775.82	902.34
Printing and Advertising	1108.48	694.30
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,530.00	1,525.00
Refreshments	1037.89	954.79
Flowers	0.00	6.47
Fund Raising Event	6404.35	7,311.40
Sundry Receipts	44.50	720.00
Interest	3375.80	2699.36
Total Receipts	65,260.79	69,926.16
Payments		
Parish Offer	24,000.00	22,000.00
Parish Payments	0.00	0.00
Deanery Levy	50.00	372.50
Wages	12,689.63	11,891.00
Utilities	9469.74	4,054.92
Insurance	4325.60	3,925.12
Clergy Expenses	776.85	7.91
Building Maintenance	7,616.55	3,819.28
Services/Altar/Books/Music	896.15	4,315.76
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	5399.13	4,746.23
Refreshments	555.50	235.10
Flowers	261.00	383.00
Fundraising Expenses	1131.41	1518.18
Independent examiner fee	270.00	270.00
Sundry	676.46	1120.39
Total Payments	68,118.02	56,659.39
Excess receipts of payments	-2857.23	11,266.77
Charitable Giving	-1348.91	-2,849.98
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	-4206.14	8,416.79
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	61499.63	53082.84
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	57269.55	61499.63
Cash In Flower Fund 31 December	23.94	
Total Fund Balance 31 December	57293.49	

Receipts and payments account – Designated Building Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2024		Year Ended 31 December 2023	
	Building Fund £		Building Fund £	
Receipts				
LPOW Grant			350.00	
Donations				
Gift Aid				
			350.00	
			-	
Payments				
Albion Glass			2100.00	
Oncore Specialist Heating Ltd	16060.00			
	16,060.00		2100.00	
Excess of receipts over payments	(16,060.0)		(1750.00)	
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	(1,6060.0)		(1750.00)	
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	16,060.47		17,810.47	
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	0.47		16,060.47	

Receipts and payments account – Restricted Heating Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2024		Year Ended 31 December 2023	
	Heating Fund £		Heating Fund £	
Receipts				
Card Sales	23.00			
Christmas Tree Festival	688.82			
Concert	200.56			
GASDS	221.10			
	1133.48			
Payments				
	0.00			
	0.00			
Excess of receipts over payments	1133.48			
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	1133.48			
Attributable bank balance at 1 January				
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	1133.48			

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2024

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	Restricted Heating	Holding Account	Total
	£	£		£	£
CCLA	52,427.42	0.47		-	52,427.89
Lloyds	4,842.13	0.00	1133.48	100.00	6,075.61
Cash In Flower Float	23.94				23.94
	57,293.49	0.47	1133.48	100.00	58,527.44

As at 31 December 2023

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	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£
CCLA	51,791.62	16,060.47	-	67,852.09
Lloyds	9,708.01		100.00	9,801.01
	61,499.63	16,060.47	100.00	77,660.10

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions for donations at 31 December 2024.
3. There is no record of the historical cost of any other non-monetary assets.

St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

Trust Fund Accounts 2024

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Interest	592.90	523.32
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	0.00	806.71
Excess of receipts over payments	592.90	(283.39)
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	11,948.56	12,231.95
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	12,541.46	11,948.56
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83281266	583.33	344.27
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
+ CCLA A/c CB3038489	7,226.89	6873.05
	12,541.46	11,948.56

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	975.98	880.20
Donations		
Payments		
	1200.00	75.00
	1200.00	805.20
Excess of receipts over payments	(224.02)	805.20
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	20,157.55	19,352.35
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	19,933.53	20157.55
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83289569	175.14	175.14
CDBF Ac D 1942	17,630.31	16,767.10
CCLA A/c CB3039786	2128.08	3,215.31
	19,933.53	20,157.55

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In September, we held a PCC Away Day at the Parish Rooms in Field Broughton with our new Vicar, to look at where we are now as a parish and how we see ourselves going forwards. We intend to continue to hold annual PCC Away Days, to enable PCC members to devote more time to enhancing and enabling our ministry in the community. As a result of our 2024 PCC Away Day, we have revised our Mission Statement: 'To Proclaim the Good News of God and to draw others into a life-changing encounter with Jesus.'

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We have two representatives from St Paul's on the committee of Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together. This group meets regularly and organises events during the year, involving all the churches in Grange.

A small group of five people has been formed, and St Paul's has been registered with A-Rocha – Eco Church for their awards. It is hoped that we can at least reach the Bronze standard. St Paul's has also joined our local group, PEAT (Peninsula Environment Action Together).

St Paul's held its annual Spring Fair and Christmas Fair in 2024, both raising a good amount towards the upkeep of our Church buildings, and in particular this year, the replacement of our gas

central heating boilers. These events are also good social occasions, that welcome the local community into our Church.

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As well as our series of concerts in the church, we have also held many other social events throughout the year, including a concert given by the Bay Community Singers, one by Burneside Brass, local walks, regular 'Cake and Cuppa' meetings in Church, a painting on silk workshop, a quiz night and we celebrated our 11th anniversary of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's, which raised £1,575.24 which was shared between The Food Bank and St Paul's replacement heating boilers.

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I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings during the year.

Charitable Collections 2024

Leprosy Mission	£ 130.00
Christian Aid	£ 213.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 117.26
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 146.44
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>£ 606.70</u>

Charitable Giving 2024

Children's Events	£ 102.09
Grange & District First Responders	£ 100.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Burneside Brass Band	£ 150.00
Friends of the Holy Land	£ 278.00
Barrow Foodbank	£ 688.82
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>£1,348.91</u>

Secular Collections 2024

None in 2024	<u>Sub total</u>	Nil
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TOTAL **£ 1,955.61**

Financial Review

General Fund

The total receipts for the year were £65,260.79 and the payments out were £68,118.02 plus charitable giving of £1,348.91, giving an in-year deficit of £4,206.14.

The above expenditure included Building Maintenance Items as below. Some items attracted Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) grants whereby VAT is refunded, in which cases the net costs after receipt of the LPOW grant are shown. The items are for St Paul's except where stated otherwise:-

- Maintenance of Old Gas Heating Boilers - £960.00
- Speaker in Lady Chapel - £294.88
- Organ Maintenance - £602.50
- Lightning Conductor Test - £250.00
- Piano Tuning - £95.00
- Fire Alarm Service - £110.39
- 5-Yearly Electrical Test of Church - £1,910.27
- Clean of Church - £420.00
- Fire Extinguisher Service at St Paul's and at Fell Church - £168.30
- Stock of Light Bulbs - £175
- Faculty Fee for New Gas Heating Boilers - £220.00
- Materials for New Gas Heating Boilers - £740.00
- Maintenance & Improvements at Fell Church - £1,253.35
- Mow Lawn at Fell Church - £380.00
- Miscellaneous - £36.86
- **Total - £7,616.55**

NOTE: £123.33 in VAT is to be claimed back in 2025 under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for the above £740 spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers.

Designated Building Fund

£16,060.00 was spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers. This gives a reduction in the fund of £16,060.00 leaving a year end balance of £0.47.

NOTE: £2,676.67 in VAT is to be claimed back in 2025 under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme for the above £16,060.00 spent on materials for the new gas heating boilers.

Restricted Heating Fund

The fund was started on 30th November 2024 and the year-end balance is £1,133.48. This balance was raised by donations at St Paul's Church at the card stall at the Christmas Fair, at the Christmas Tree Festival and at a concert.

At the end of 2024, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£57,293.49
Building	£0.47
Restricted Heating	£1,133.48
Total	£58,427.44

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands. A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 23 February 2024

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
Grange over Sands**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands , Parochial Church Council.

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As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

- which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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 - or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave not been met; or
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**Year ended
31 December
2024**

**Year ended
31 December
2023 ***

Receipts	£	£
Stewardship	35,533.31	37,331.43
Collections & Offertory	2,416.93	2,650.07
Tax Refunds	9,244.26	9,436.23
Legacy and Donations	2369.45	3,498.54
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>		
Fees from weddings and funerals	1420.00	2,196.33
Parish Magazine Sales	775.82	902.34
Printing and Advertising	1108.48	694.30
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,530.00	1,525.00
Refreshments	1037.89	954.79
Flowers	0.00	6.47
Fund Raising Event	6404.35	7,311.40
Sundry Receipts	44.50	720.00
Interest	3375.80	2699.36
Total Receipts	65,260.79	69,926.16
Payments		
Parish Offer	24,000.00	22,000.00
Parish Payments	0.00	0.00
Deanery Levy	50.00	372.50
Wages	12,689.63	11,891.00
Utilities	9469.74	4,054.92
Insurance	4325.60	3,925.12
Clergy Expenses	776.85	7.91
Building Maintenance	7,616.55	3,819.28
Services/Altar/Books/Music	896.15	4,315.76
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	5399.13	4,746.23
Refreshments	555.50	235.10
Flowers	261.00	383.00
Fundraising Expenses	1131.41	1518.18
Independent examiner fee	270.00	270.00
Sundry	676.46	1120.39
Total Payments	68,118.02	56,659.39
Excess receipts of payments	-2857.23	11,266.77
Charitable Giving	-1348.91	-2,849.98
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	-4206.14	8,416.79
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	61499.63	53082.84
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	57269.55	61499.63
Cash In Flower Fund 31 December	23.94	
Total Fund Balance 31 December	57293.49	

Receipts and payments account – Designated Building Fund

Year ended
31 December 2024

Year Ended
31 December 2023

	Building Fund £		Building Fund £	
Receipts				
LPOW Grant			350.00	
Donations				
Gift Aid				
			350.00	
			-	
Payments				
Albion Glass			2100.00	
Oncore Specialist Heating Ltd	16060.00			
	16,060.00		2100.00	
Excess of receipts over payments	(16,060.0)		(1750.00)	
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	(1,6060.0)		(1750.00)	
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	16,060.47		17,810.47	
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	0.47		16,060.47	

Receipts and payments account – Restricted Heating Fund

Year ended
31 December 2024

Year Ended
31 December 2023

	Heating Fund £		Heating Fund £	
Receipts				
Card Sales	23.00			
Christmas Tree Festival	688.82			
Concert	200.56			
GASDS	221.10			
	1133.48			
Payments				
	0.00			
	0.00			
Excess of receipts over payments	1133.48			
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
	1133.48			
Surplus / deficit for the period				
Attributable bank balance at 1 January				
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	1133.48			

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2024

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	Restricted Heating	Holding Account	Total
	£	£		£	£
CCLA	52,427.42	0.47		-	52,427.89
Lloyds	4,842.13	0.00	1133.48	100.00	6,075.61
Cash In Flower Float	23.94				23.94
	57,293.49	0.47	1133.48	100.00	58,527.44

As at 31 December 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£
CCLA	51,791.62	16,060.47	-	67,852.09
Lloyds	9,708.01		100.00	9,801.01
	61,499.63	16,060.47	100.00	77,660.10

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions for donations at 31 December 2024.
3. There is no record of the historical cost of any other non-monetary assets.

St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

Trust Fund Accounts 2024

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Interest	592.90	523.32
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	0.00	806.71
Excess of receipts over payments	592.90	(283.39)
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	11,948.56	12,231.95
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	12,541.46	11,948.56
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83281266	583.33	344.27
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
+ CCLA A/c CB3038489	7,226.89	6873.05
	12,541.46	11,948.56

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	975.98	880.20
Donations		
Payments		
	1200.00	75.00
	1200.00	805.20
Excess of receipts over payments	(224.02)	805.20
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	20,157.55	19,352.35
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	19,933.53	20157.55
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83289569	175.14	175.14
CDBF Ac D 1942	17,630.31	16,767.10
CCLA A/c CB3039786	2128.08	3,215.31
	19,933.53	20,157.55

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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Administrative Information

St Paul's Church is situated on Church Hill, Grange-over-Sands LA11 6BD. It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England and part of the Windermere Deanery. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Registered Charity registered with the Charity Commission, No: 1136108.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Associate Priest: Revd Jonathan Brewster Moved August 2023

Associate Priest: Revd Annette Miller (from October 2022)

Reader Emeritus: Joyce Leach

Warden: Brian McCann

Deputy Warden: Vacant

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: May 2023 to May 2026

Brian McCann

Mike Hill

Elected Members: Rosemary Hoyle Secretary APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

John Millican Treasurer APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Colin Milner From APCM 2023 to APCM 2026

Brian McCann From APCM 2023 to APCM 2026

Judith Mitchell From APCM 2023 to APCM 2026

Audrey Gorman From APCM 2022 to APCM 2025

Sue Fleetwood From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Susan Jones-Darlington From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Margaret Ratcliffe From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Penny Ward From APCM 2022 to APCM 2025

Pauline Ramsbottom From APCM 2023 to APCM 2026

Doug Ratcliffe From APCM 2023 to APCM 2026

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Objectives and Activities

Within the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry, St. Paul's Grange-over-Sands PCC has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church in sharing the love of God pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility of maintaining fabric, buildings and grounds of St. Paul's Church and the Fell Church.

Church Attendance

There were 110 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2023.

Average Sunday attendance in both churches was 68, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances "spiked". Attendances during the month of October 2022, was 69, compared with 70 in 2022.

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

Review of the Year

The PCC met eight times during 2023. There are 15 PCC members, which includes our Associate Priest, Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster, who moved on to become Dean of Carlisle Cathedral in September. We have not had an incumbent designated to the parish for seven years, though there is hope that interviews for a new Team Vicar will take place in the near future. We were very pleased that Revd Annette Miller's Licence was renewed to the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry for a further year.

The Standing Committee met in the alternate months to the PCC, to discuss items delegated by the PCC and prepare the Agenda for future meetings.

Throughout the year, the PCC continued to work towards dissolving the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry and forming new benefices, along with the other parishes involved, along with our Archdeacon. The new proposal put forward in 2022 which, going forward from the dissolution of the current Team, would form four new benefices: (1) Cartmel, (2) Grange-over-Sands and Field Broughton with Lindale, (3) Allithwaite and Flookburgh and (4) the three Leven Valley parishes (Finsthwaite, Haverthwaite and Staveley), continues to go through the formal process.

As we await the arrival of a new Team Vicar our annual PCC Away Day has been put on hold until that person has settled into their new role, and we hope to be able to hold this later in 2023.

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Lay-led services have continued, normally on the third Sunday of the month, with a small group of people from St Paul's leading the worship, and a speaker, utilising both our own congregation and also inviting people from outside the Church, such as Jane Walmsley from Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Anita Peat a Reader from Kendal Parish Church, Revd Annie Grey from Anna Chaplaincy, Ruth Briddock who has previously served as churchwarden in an Anglican church when she worked in Turkey, near to the site of the recent earthquakes; Canon Dr Alison Fleetwood, the Diocesan Healing Adviser, Revd Roy Rutter – dementia-friendly churches, Pam Martin – Eco-Church and Michael Hardie from the Leprosy Mission.

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The main fabric projects to maintain and enhance the fabric of our two churches were as follows:

- A defibrillator has been installed in St Paul's Church and training in its use will take place early in 2023.
- Works to renovate the hopper windows in St Paul's to enable them to be easily opened.

Further details on fabric can be found in the Fabric Report presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – page 13 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2023 document.

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As well as our series of concerts in the church, we have also held many other social events throughout the year, including a concert given by the Bay Community Singers, several local walks, regular 'Cake and Cuppa' meetings in Church, monthly craft afternoon sessions, with special thanks to Pip Woon for organising these, and we celebrated our 10th anniversary of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's, which raised £1,575.24 and was shared between St Mary's Hospice (for a cuddle bed, in memory of Sue Wymer) and Bay Search and Rescue.

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DEC Turkey Syria Earthquake	£ 20.00
Christian Aid	£ 239.88
British Red Cross Libya Morocco Appeal	£ 73.00
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	£ 117.00
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 461.25
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 73.10
WaterAid	£ 405.00

Sub total £1,430.04

Charitable Giving 2023

DEC Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal	£ 500.00
Christian Aid	£ 130.83
Tear Fund	£ 172.50
Rossall School (School Concert Proceeds)	£ 76.84
Prayers For Children - For Baptism Babies	£ 21.57
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	£ 33.00
British Red Cross Morocco Libya Appeal	£ 60.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Burneside Brass Band	£ 150.00
Leprosy Mission	£ 100.00
Bay Search & Rescue	£ 787.62
St Mary's Hospice Sue Wymer Cuddle Bed Appeal	£ 787.62
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>£ 2,849.98</u>

Secular Collections 2023

None in 2023 Sub total Nil

TOTAL **£ 4,280.02**

Financial Review

General Fund

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The above expenditure included items listed below. Some items attracted Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) grants whereby VAT is refunded, in which cases the total costs and the net costs after receipt of the LPOW grant are shown. The items are for St Paul's except where stated otherwise :-

- Defibrillator in cabinet and pads - £2,571
- Quinquennial Inspection Fee - £912
- Organ maintenance - £811.20 or £676 net of LPOW grant
- Boiler Service for St Paul's - £549.60 or £458 net of a LPOW grant
- Loudspeaker in the choir area - £361.30
- Fire Alarm - £354.30 or £335.91 net of a LPOW grant. Another LPOW grant will be claimed for this work because some of it was carried out after the latest grant application was made
- Lawnmowers for the Fell Church and for St Paul's, costing £253.99 and £94.98 respectively, total £348.97.
- Front Door Lock - £258.80 or £215.67 net of a LPOW grant.
- Robinsons Electric - Electrical work including lighting repairs - £218 or £198.83 - net of a LPOW grant. Another LPOW grant will be claimed for this work because some of it was carried out after the latest grant application was made.

- Fire Extinguisher service at St Paul's and at the Fell Church - £153.60 or £135 net of a LPOW grant. The grant applies to St Paul's but not to the Fell Church.
- Shelves in choir robing cupboard - £45.04.

Designated Building Fund

£2,100.00 was spent on repairs to leaded lights and hopper sections of windows in St Paul's Church. This was offset by a Listed Places of Worship grant of £350.00 giving a nett cost of £1750.00. This gives a reduction in the fund of £1,750.00.

At the end of 2023, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£61,499.63
Building	£16,060.47
Total	£77,560.10

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands. A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 3 March 2024

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
Grange over Sands**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands , Parochial Church Council.

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

- which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act;
 - or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Receipts and payments account

General Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022 *
Receipts	£	£
Stewardship	37,331.43	38,792.78
Collections & Offertory	2,650.07	2,238.10
Tax Refunds	9,436.23	9,777.10
Legacy and Donations	3,498.54	1,945.10
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>		
Fees from weddings and funerals	2,196.33	3,178.27
Parish Magazine Sales	902.24	842.30
Printing and Advertising	694.30	960.24
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,525.00	1,820.00
Refreshments	954.79	1,037.13
Flowers	6.47	14.70
Fund Raising Event	7,311.40	6,145.15
Sundry Receipts	720.00	345.00
Interest	2,699.36	521.03
Total Receipts	69,926.16	67,617.50
Payments		
Parish Offer	22,000.00	20,000.00
Parish Payments	0.00	0.00
Deanery Levy	372.50	50.00
Wages	11,891.00	8,446.70
Utilities	4,054.92	3,742.34
Insurance	3,925.12	3,666.42
Clergy Expenses	7.91	1,119.50
Building Maintenance	3,819.28	3,502.51
Services/Altar/Books/Music	4,315.76	1,395.75
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	4,746.23	4,526.83
Refreshments	235.10	101.29
Flowers	383.00	304.25
Fundraising Expenses	1,518.18	532.28
Independent examiner fee	270.00	576.00
Sundry	1,120.39	795.33
Total Payments	58,659.39	48,759.20
Excess receipts of payments	11,266.77	18,858.30
Charitable Giving	-2,849.98	-2,007.94
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	8,416.79	16,850.36
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	-
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	53,082.84	36,232.48
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	61,499.63	53,082.84

Receipts and payments account – Designated Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2023		Year Ended 31 December 2022	
	Building Fund £		Building Fund £	
Receipts				
LPOW Grant	350.00		1,238.00	
Donations			1,605.00	
Gift Aid			400.00	
	350.00		3,243.00	
			-	
Payments				
Albion Glass	2,100.00			
Border Floor			5,571.00	
	2,100.00		5,571.00	
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,750.00)		(2328.00)	
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	(1,750.00)		(2,328.00)	
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	17,810.47		20,138.47	
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	16,060.47		17,810.47	

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	CPTM	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	51,791.62	16,060.47	-	-	67,852.09
Lloyds	9,708.01	-	-	100.00	9,808.01
	61,499.63	16,060.47	0.00	100.00	77,660.10

As at 31 December 2022

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund Building	CPTM	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	38,980.26	16,172.47	-	-	55,152.73
Lloyds	14,102.58	1,638.00	1,779.00	100.00	17,772.31
	53,082.84	17,810.47	1,779.00	100.00	72,772.31

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions for donations at 31 December 2023.
3. There is no record of the historical cost of any other non-monetary assets.

St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

Trust Fund Accounts 2023

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts		
Interest	523.32	156.85
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	806.71	740.00
Excess of receipts over payments	(283.39)	(583.15)
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	12,231.95	12,815.10
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	11,948.56	12,231.95
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83281266	344.27	237.48
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
+ CCLA A/c CB3038489	6,873.05	7,263.23
	11,948.56	12,231.95

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	880.20	249.93
Donations		
Payments		
	75.00	0.00
	805.20	249.93
Excess of receipts over payments	805.20	249.93
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	19,352.35	19,102.42
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	20,157.55	19,352.35
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83289569	175.14	100.14
CDBF Ac D 1942	16,767.10	16,031.43
CCLA A/c CB3039786	3,215.31	3,220.78
	20,157.55	19,352.35

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**The Church of St Paul,
Grange-over-Sands**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council
year ended 31st December 2022**

Associate Priest:
The Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster

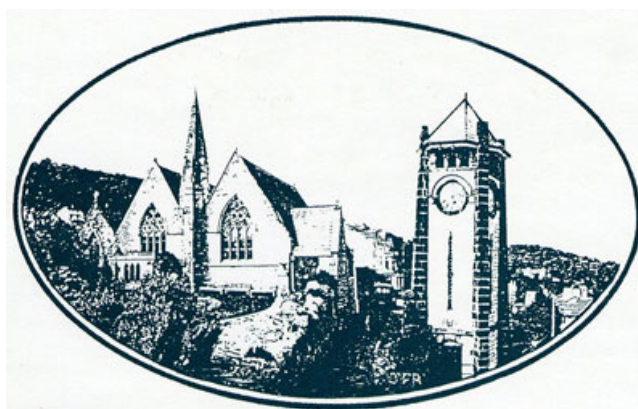
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**PARISH CHURCH OF ST PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (VESTRY MEETING) HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30pm AT FELL CHURCH**

There were 19 parishioners present at the meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Revd Jonathan Brewster, Chairman of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from: Kath Bush, Fiona Whalley, Mollie Bell, Jose Baguley, Margaret Bargh, Susan Jones-Darlington, Doug Ratcliffe, Bill Jackson and Helen Hill.

2. **Minutes of the Last Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2021**
These had been included in the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021, which had been available for parishioners in advance of this meeting. The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of that meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of Churchwarden**
There were vacancies for two Churchwardens; however, only one nomination had been received:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Brian McCann	Margaret Ratcliffe	Judith Mitchell

There being no further nominations, Brian McCann was duly, unanimously, elected by those present at this meeting, for a term of one year. Brian will be officially admitted as Churchwarden by the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, Venerable Vernon Ross, at a service to be held on 28 July 2022 in Cartmel Priory.

This will be Brian's first year as Churchwarden, and Mike Hill expressed his willingness to assist Brian, acting as Deputy Churchwarden. We will all need to help Brian as much as possible as he learns his new role. We are all very grateful that he has offered to take on this responsible task and wish him well.

Jonathan thanked Mike for all his work over many years. Mike has been totally reliable and has worked over and above his call of duty. There will be a presentation to Mike at the following Sunday service, to publicly thank him for his service.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022 FOLLOWING THE VESTRY MEETING, AT FELL
CHURCH**

There were 19 parishioners present at the meeting.

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3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Reports**

All the following reports had been included in the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021, which had been available for parishioners in advance of this meeting.

a) Secretary – Rosemary Hoyle – pages 7-11 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Rosemary reported that she had made two minor amendments to her report post printing of the document: namely:

- On page 7 – Church Attendance, first sentence – the figure should be 116 parishioners.
- On page 10, after the first paragraph – a new paragraph had been added, as this is a legal requirement of the Report of the PCC, and was omitted in the original document:

‘The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).’

Parishioners were happy to accept the two amendments

Thanks were expressed to Rosemary for producing this document and for the many other tasks that she undertakes throughout the year.

b) Treasurer – John Millican – pages 23-31 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021. There were no questions regarding the accounts and John was thanked for taking on the role of Church Treasurer. Mike informed the meeting that the different sources of income and conduit money (from funerals, etc) have been made clearer, especially our charitable giving.

c) Electoral Roll – Susan Jackson – page 14 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Susan reported as follows:

A new roll was produced in April 2019 and 124 names were registered.

The 1st revision was completed on 30 March 2020, there had been 9 additions and 8 removals (7 deceased, 1 moved) ie 125 names registered.

The 2nd revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2021 APCM. There had been a further 9 removals (6 deceased, 3 moved). The number on the 2nd revision of Electoral Roll in April 2021 was 116.

The 3rd revision was completed for this APCM, there had been 3 additions and a further 6 removals (3 deceased, 3 moved). The names registered now being 113.

It was noted that in 2007 there were 180 on the Electoral Roll, so we have seen a significant drop in our numbers. Our average weekly Sunday attendance figure is 57, which is one of the highest figures in the Diocese.

Susan was thanked for her work as Electoral Roll Officer.

d) Fabric – Colin Milner – page 13 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

A request was made that Colin include the wi-fi system in his Fabric report in future years. Recent improvements to the sound system in St Paul's appear to be working well. The PCC will discuss the possibility of acquiring a booster for our wi-fi signal, so that it is available to anyone visiting the Church; presently the signal is too weak to work outside the Parish Office.

Many thanks to Colin for all his work on fabric – he is doing a brilliant job.

This meeting also wished to record their grateful thanks to Trevor Brockbank, for all the work he does to keep the Fell Church grounds looking so good, and for looking after the Fell Church clock.

e) Deanery Synod – Rosemary Hoyle – pages 14-16 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Thanks were expressed to Rosemary for producing this report. The three representatives of St Paul's and the Fell Church are: Rosemary Hoyle, Mike Hill and Nevil Newman, who all have one more year to serve.

All the above reports were unanimously accepted by those present at this meeting.

5. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

After some discussion as to whether we might wish to change our Independent Examiner, as we had used the same firm for many years, it was unanimously agreed that we would once more appoint Bryan Redhead. The company are independent of any of our churches in the Team and are paid a fee for their services. The PCC Secretary will send a letter of appointment to Bryan Redhead.

A question was asked as to whether we are able to see other churches' within the Cartmel Peninsula Team accounts. There is no reason why this cannot happen, and indeed, once we are working closer together as a Mission Community, we will all need to have discussions on how best, as a unit, we can decide on our Parish Offer. At present we are still a Team, in process of being dissolved, prior to becoming three separate benefices, and looking forwards from there, to becoming a Mission Community. Jonathan was asked if it would be possible for someone to either write an article about, or come to a meeting to tell us about Mission Communities – what they are and how they work. We are fortunate to have Revd Jane Maycock currently in our team, who has been involved in providing training to Mission Communities. Jonathan was asked if he could invite her, or someone else to speak initially to PCC members, and following that, perhaps hold an open meeting for all churches in the peninsula and our ecumenical partners. Jonathan will ask Revd Jane Maycock if she will speak to the July PCC meeting.

6. **Elections**

- a) PCC Members – up to 5 for 3 years
Three nominations had been received:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Audrey Gorman	Pat Brown	Sue Fleetwood
Mike Hill	Rosemary Hoyle	Penny Ward
Penny Ward	Audrey Gorman	Mike Hill

There being no further nominations, the above three persons were unanimously appointed for a term of three years.

- b) Sides-persons

The following were unanimously elected as sides-persons for the year 2022/2023:

Margaret Ratcliffe	Audrey Gorman	Judith Mitchell
Margaret Caseley	Susan Jones-Darlington	Fiona Whalley
Sue Fleetwood	Penny Ward	Eileen Burke
Carol Calveley	Pat Brown	Chris Brown
Mike Hill	Kath Bush	Alan Wheatley
Bill Jackson	Tony Simpson	

Mike wished to record that the sides-persons had done a tremendous job over the past twelve months, taking on extra duties to assist him, as the only Churchwarden for St Paul's, and hoped that this would continue during the next year, to support Brian.

7. **Any Other Business**

- As mentioned in the Vestry Meeting minutes, Mike Hill is willing to stand as Deputy Churchwarden, to assist Brian in his first year in office. This will be particularly helpful to Brian, who will relinquish his role as Head of Governors at Grange Church of England Primary School in July. In the past, the Diocese has held Churchwardens' training days, and it is hoped that these will resume now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. There are also several books available, and Jonathan is happy to lend these to Brian.
- A question was raised about meeting costs for the running of the Parish Office, as it had been noted from the Annual Report that St Paul's is now solely meeting these costs. It was explained that negotiations are currently underway for other parishes to resume their contributions towards our Team Administrator's salary.
- Several people asked that Jonathan give more time to Grange C of E Primary School. Jonathan explained that as his role covered six churches, plus 25% of his time is designated to working towards a Mission Community, plus all the other tasks that his role demands, he is just not able to spend as much time as he would like in the schools within the parishes that he is responsible for. He agreed to keep in contact with Phillippa Summers and to lead at least one assembly. We need to make known our current situation with one Priest for five parishes (six churches) to our community, to manage people's expectations; perhaps with an article in Grange Now.

- It would be good to encourage more members of our congregations to attend the school services that take place in St Paul's at end of term, and other occasions.
- Phillipa Summers is to speak at one of our lay-led services and is hoping to invite children from school and their parents to attend this service. It was hoped that we could do something to encourage them on this visit, for example, provide drinks.

Thanks were expressed to Jonathan – it is lovely to have him and his family with us and we are grateful for all that he does. Jonathan responded that he is very hopeful for the future and encouraged us all to keep pressing forward. The Lent course had given us all something to be thankful for and at the Easter Evening Vigil, Revd Nick Devenish had been very grateful that people from some of the other parishes had gone to Cartmel Priory for the service, with their Pascal candles. All that we do needs to be done with the help of God and Jonathan encouraged us all to continue to work as we have been doing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm by saying together 'The Grace'.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

Administrative Information

St Paul's Church is situated on Church Hill, Grange-over-Sands LA11 6BD. It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England and part of the Windermere Deanery.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Registered Charity registered with the Charity Commission, No: 1136108.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Associate Priest: Revd Jonathan Brewster

Associate Priest: Revd Annette Miller (from October 2022)

Reader Emeritus: Joyce Leach

Warden: Brian McCann

Deputy Warden: Mike Hill

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: May 2020 to May 2023

Rosemary Hoyle

Mike Hill

Nevil Newman

Elected Members: Rosemary Hoyle

John Millican

Colin Milner

Nevil Newman

Brian McCann

Judith Mitchell

Audrey Gorman

Sue Fleetwood

Susan Jones-Darlington

Margaret Ratcliffe

Penny Ward

Secretary APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Treasurer APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

From APCM 2022 to APCM 2025

From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

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From APCM 2022 to APCM 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Objectives and Activities

Within the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry, St. Paul's Grange-over-Sands PCC has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church in sharing the love of God pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility of maintaining fabric, buildings and grounds of St. Paul's Church and the Fell Church.

Church Attendance

There were 119 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2022. There were 113 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2023.

Average Sunday attendance in both churches was 70, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances "spiked". Attendances during the month of October 2022, was 77, compared with 68 in 2021.

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

Review of the Year

The PCC met seven times during 2022, There are 15 PCC members, which includes our Associate Priest, Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster. We welcomed Revd Annette Miller as an Associate Priest to the Cartmel Peninsula Team in October. We have not had an incumbent designated to the parish for six years, and as we are in the process of re-organisation of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry into four separate benefices, the clergy situation will remain in this 'temporary' situation for some time.

The Standing Committee met in the alternate months, to discuss items delegated by the PCC and prepare the Agenda for future meetings.

Throughout the year, the PCC continued to work towards dissolving the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry and forming new benefices, along with the other parishes involved, our Associate Priest and Archdeacon. During the year, a new proposal was put forward which, going forward from the dissolution of the current Team, would form four new benefices: (1) Cartmel, (2) Grange-over-Sands and Field Broughton with Lindale, (3) Allithwaite and Flookburgh and (4) the three Leven Valley parishes (Finsthwaite, Haverthwaite and Staveley). This proposal awaits formal approval by all PCCs concerned and will then be forwarded to the Archdeacon, Ven Vernon Ross, to start the formal process.

The PCC held their annual Away Day on Saturday 5 March 2022 at Rydal Hall, the Diocesan-owned Hotel/Conference Centre, where the main topic was looking at a way forward for our Team, to enable us to work together in an ecumenical Mission Community.

St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022, when we appointed Brian McCann as our new Churchwarden, with Mike Hill, our previous Churchwarden for many years, stepping back to the position of Deputy Churchwarden.

Lay-led services have continued, normally on the third Sunday of the month, with a small group of people from St Paul's leading the worship, and a speaker, utilising both our own congregation and also inviting people from outside the Church, such as our local MP, Tim Farron; our Primary School Headteacher, Phillipa Summers; Revd Canon Amiel Osmaston, speaking about an orphanage she is trustee of in Kenya; Joyce Hallam speaking about environmental issues and Eco Church. These services have been well received by our congregation and are an excellent way to encourage those leading the service on their own spiritual journey.

St Paul's Church has very strong links with the Church-aided Primary School, with regular visits to the school by volunteers from the Church who run a lunch-time club, and several people who go into school to assist the pupils with their reading. We have three members of our congregation who are Foundation Governors at the school.

We have two representatives from St Paul's on the committee of Churches Together in Grange and District. This group meets regularly and organises events during the year, involving all the churches in Grange.

St Paul's held its annual Spring Fair and Christmas Fair in 2022, both raising a good amount towards the upkeep of our Church buildings. These are also good social occasions, which welcome the local community into our Church.

The main fabric projects to maintain and enhance the fabric of our two churches were as follows:

- Improvement to the floor, not covered in the creation of the new social area.
- Replacement of light bulbs in St Paul's
- Boosting of our Wi-Fi signal in church and the provision of two Bose speakers.
- Looking into the possibility of installing audio-visual equipment in church
- Looking into the possibility of having a defibrillator in St Paul's

A small group are intending to meet to discuss a long-term 5-10 year plan for fabric issues that need to be addressed in St Paul's.

Further details on fabric can be found in the Fabric Report presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – page 13 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2022 document.

The PCC is currently looking into the use of Contactless Giving and is hoping to go forward with this when the right system for us has been decided upon. The PCC is also intending to use online banking in future and is in the process of setting this up. John Thompson, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, came to the PCC's December meeting, and he was able to give much useful information on the way forward with both the above proposals.

We celebrated The Queen's platinum jubilee in June, with an ecumenical service in St Paul's, and sadly, in September, held a Memorial Service to Her Late Majesty.

We are so grateful to Charles Edmondson, one of our organists, for continuing to organise concerts in St Paul's Church, which normally attract an audience of around 50. These concerts are very well received. Charles continues to play for our services, together with Ian Thompson and they have kindly agreed to take on the second Sunday of the month between them, since the retirement of Joan Oliver as one of our organists. Our Church Choir has grown during the year, and we now have eleven members.

As well as our series of concerts in the church, we have also held many other social events throughout the year, including an illustrated talk on her visit to India by Judith Mitchell, a concert given by the Bay Community Singers, several local walks, regular 'Cake and Cuppa' meetings in Church, a Jigsaw Festival, Holiday Club for children, Christmas Tree Festival etc. Members of St Paul's were also involved in the 'Commonwealth Games' involving all primary schools in the peninsula, which was very successful.

The sub-committees of the PCC continue to meet regularly throughout the year and work very well by discussing matters which need attention in greater detail and putting forward recommendations to the PCC. During the year, the Communications sub-committee and Events sub-committee merged to form the Social sub-committee.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In addition, our Safeguarding officer, Judith Mitchell, has ensured that all safeguarding training is up to date and the DBS

certificates are current. Judith has also attended a training course 'Train the Trainers' which qualifies her to lead safeguarding training in the south of the Carlisle Diocese, along with Bidy Hibbert from the neighbouring church of St Peter, Field Broughton with Lindale.

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 - so far £580.32 has been received.

I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings, during the year.

Charitable Collections 2022

DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	£ 726.00
Christian Aid	£ 253.33
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 261.36
Julius & Dora Children's Centre	£ 280.00
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	£ 129.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 136.45
Cash Collected For Barrow Foodbank	£ 315.88

Sub total £2,102.52

Charitable Giving 2022

Christian Aid	£ 154.82
Badges Grange C of E School Leavers	£ 45.30
Churches Together In Grange And District	£ 145.60
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	£ 395.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland	£ 50.00
Rookhow Quaker Meeting House	£ 100.00
Barrow Foodbank	£ 286.72
British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal	£ 400.00
British Red Cross Pakistan Appeal	£ 400.00
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>£ 2,007.94</u>

Secular Collections 2022

None in 2022 Sub total Nil

TOTAL £ 4,110.46

Financial Review

General Fund

The total receipts for the year were £67,617.50 and the payments out were £48,759.20 plus charitable giving of £2,007.94, giving an in-year surplus of £16,850.36. Of the above expenditure £1027.22 was spent from the general fund on electrical repairs and lighting, £565.00 on extending the St Paul's Wi - Fi to the west of the nave, £826.40 on organ maintenance, £409.00 on a new dishwasher, £300 servicing the lightning conductor, £180 servicing the boiler, £164.49 servicing the fire extinguishers and £140.83 on a Bose Speaker.

Financial Review

Designated Building Fund

£5571.00 was spent on lacquering the floors and pews in St Paul's Church. This was offset by £1605.00 of donations, £400.00 of associated gift aid and £1238.00 of a Listed Places Of Worship grant. This gives a reduction in the fund of £2328.00.

At the end of 2022, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£53,082.84
Building	£17,810.47
Total	£70,893.31

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands with Lindale and after

March 2021 in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands . A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 26 February 2023

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST, REVD CANON JONATHAN BREWSTER

The year started with a joint Lent course about reconciliation at High Newton Village Hall. The Difference Course was well attended by all Anglican Churches across the Peninsula. Over a meal we strengthened fellowship between our parish communities and were given tools to cross divides and build relationships. Revd Jane Maycock, Revd Nick Devenish and I have continued meeting throughout the year to discuss individual concerns and how we can move our parishes forward together. We have also met regularly with our Ecumenical Colleagues where relationships have been strengthened resulting in joint ventures including an Ecumenical celebration at Pentecost at Grange on the Platinum Jubilee of the late Her Majesty the Queen.

It has been a delight getting to know the villages, town, parishes, farms and school communities that make up the Cartmel Peninsula and spending time with people at the heart of each community. The mission potential in the area is significant but, as is the case in many rural contexts, our congregations are getting older and retired clergy support is diminishing. We were delighted to welcome Revd Annette Miller to the Benefice in October 2022. Annette brings much pastoral and ministerial experience and has been active across the Benefice on Sundays. We are also grateful for the support of Dianne Maguire from the Priory Church and our Archdeacon Vernon Ross. Across our Peninsula schools we are represented on every governing body and engage in many other ways including school services and events, taking part in regular collective worship and we enjoyed taking part in the Priory Day at Cartmel. We are grateful for our Network Youth Leader Chris Mason and also to Helen Hoyle who retired from her role this year.

The proposed pastoral scheme to disband the Cartmel Peninsula Team and bring about new benefices has been an ongoing conversation with individual parish churches and the Archdeacon resulting in an agreed way forward which is now with the Archdeacon and Mission and Pastoral Committee for approval. In the meantime, there has been discussion about how we can move forwards together as a Mission Community. In February Jane Maycock and I led a Moving Forwards Together event at which we had participants from every parish to consider what shape it might become. Recently the Bishops 'toured' the Diocese re-articulating the God for All vision using Garden and Jazz metaphors emphasising the importance of 'time-honoured' (traditional) church working alongside pioneer ministries as part of a wider Mission Community.

The year was punctuated by many weddings and funerals and no less baptisms. Candidates are currently being prepared for confirmation using the Hope Explored material. I want to pay tribute to each of our Church Wardens and PCC's who work tirelessly to ensure that our parish churches and their worship and ministry are in good order and, if I may, especially thank Mike Hill for his many years of service and to Brian McCann for stepping up so willingly as the new Church Warden at Grange. The Haverthwaite lunches re-started this year and have proved very popular with participation from across our Peninsula Churches along with the regular walks that are open to all.

Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster

ST PAUL'S CHURCH FABRIC REPORT - 2022

(Quinquennial Inspection process of the St Paul's building took place in March 2021.)

At the end of 2022, St Paul's Church is, on the whole, in a very good state fabric wise, with the exception of the west wall and the flower room which have had problems with damp, flaking plaster and water ingress for many years now. There is no evidence that these are dangerous or even getting dramatically worse.

There have been comments made throughout the year as to the building being cold in winter and issues raised by those in the choir that they cannot always hear what is being said through the P.A.system's loudspeakers.

Alex Linney (sound specialist and contractor for audio equipment) is commissioned to visit in early 2023 in attempt to rectify the loudspeaker problems.

With respect to raising the temperature in the church, the PCC has drawn up a long term fabric plan for the building and its priority will be to see what can be done to improve things.

Throughout the year of 2022 the following aspects connected with the church fabric have been completed;-

- In February two new credence tables were gifted and installed into the church in memory of Rev'd Peter Nock and his wife Vicky. In April the PCC commissioned "Border Floors" of Carlisle to re-sand and then varnish the entire wooden floors of the church at a cost of £7,428 less £1,238 (reclaimed VAT) = £6,190 (less £2,005 in donations and gifts) making a net cost to the PCC of £4,185
- New LED-light-bulbs have been purchased and will slowly replace the older "low energy lamps". The Chancel Arch has shown some water ingress and the roof is to have a thorough inspection next year, in an attempt to remedy this issue. I.T technician John Parry fitted a wi-fi router and associated system into the building so all areas now have internet coverage (cost to PCC £475).
- In August we had a bat inspection of both buildings with the outcome that no such small animals were in residence in either, St Paul's or the Fell Church.
- In order to provide more space for readers at the lectern a new wooden platform has been built and placed by the existing stone step to enhance safety of those who stand there.
- The inspection manhole carrying sewage pipes became blocked and was released free of charge by "United Utilities".
- Safety white lines on all internal steps were repainted to enhance the visual aspects.
- A "Bose speaker" has been bought by the church which can be used by The Bay Community Singers, the primary school when they come into the building, as well as those leading services in Church.
- At the end of the year a new external notice board had been purchased to show visitors where the main entrance to the building is from the car park. This will be erected in early 2023.

Church gardens

During 2022 these were maintained by a very small number of congregation members, on an individual basis, as opposed to organizing boon days. Jon Millar continued to cut the lawn throughout the season, despite a slow recovery from serious illness. Contractors looked after the portion of the church garden that was re-planted in memory of Derek Jones-Darlington.

Fell Church fabric and grounds (2022)

One of the overhead heaters in the building was "buzzing" loudly and this is being examined by Robinsons Electric. The second allotment adjacent to Trevor Brockbank's one has had bushes, shrubs and weeds removed along with a lot of raised beds and compost heaps and has now been put back to a level grassy area in

which Trevor has agreed to mow this on a regular basis. A pear tree in memory of Geoffrey Baguley has been left in situ.

Colin Milner

ELECTORAL ROLL

A new roll was produced in April 2019 and 124 names were registered.

The 1st revision was completed on 30th March 2020, there had been 9 additions and 8 removals. However due to lockdown rules the April APCM was cancelled and following diocesan guidance the roll was updated for the APCM held in October 2020. From April 2020 to October 2020 there had been a further 6 removals. The number on the updated 1st revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll on October 11th 2020 was 119.

The 2nd revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2021 APCM.

From October 2020 to April 2021 there had been a further 3 removals, all sadly deceased. The number on the 2nd revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll in April 2021 was 116.

The 3rd revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2022 APCM, there had been 6 removals (3 deceased and 3 moved) and 3 additions.

The number on the 3rd revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll in April 2022 was 113.

Susan Jackson

Electoral Roll officer

FROM THE REGISTERS

There were 119 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2022. There were 113 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2023.

Average Sunday attendance in both churches was 70, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances “spiked”. Attendances during the month of October 2022, was 77, compared with 68 in 2021.

During 2022 there were 9 funerals at St Paul’s and 2 funerals at Fell Church; 2 weddings at St Paul’s and 5 Baptisms at St Paul’s.

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

Brian McCann

Churchwarden

WINDERMERE DEANERY SYNOD

At the February meeting we heard a report from the Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee. (Meeting on 21st November 2021) given by David Thornton. There was a long discussion regarding finances. Many comments on the lingering effects of Covid-19. 28 Stipendiary Clergy in the Archdeaconry – possible that we might lose 2 more. Time for a consultation across the Archdeaconry about a way forward.

Ministry Strategy: Central Lakes - A Passion Play for Easter is in the Planning. Pilgrimage Walks have been created- Details available on the website. Looking for funding to advertise in the TIC.

South Lakes - Shanthi Thompson is now in Kendal. Her replacement is to be appointed. The South lakes is now a Team as of 1st November 2021.

Cartmel Peninsula - Welcome to Jonathan Brewster – Minister on the Peninsula. `The Difference` Course (about reconciliation) will be held over five weeks in Lent. The Proposed Pastoral Measure for the Peninsula Team. Grange PCC is minded to reject it on the grounds that there is no provision for the Rectory.

Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason

The last couple of years have been challenging but there are positive signs on the Cartmel Peninsula (Friday evenings Allithwaite/Haverthwaite). After School activities in Grange over Sands. Central Lakes: work at Ambleside continues. Pray for schools work to resume. Collaborating with Furness Deanery. Chris is happy to visit Churches to speak.

Jayne Potts. “Church Buildings: Blessing or Burden?”

- Covid has accelerated a discussion we have been avoiding for some time.
- Do we need all of our buildings?
- How do we encourage local communities to engage in `ownership` of their church building?
- We have long been in need of some kind of strategy, but no one has been willing to grasp the nettle.
- A huge percentage of church buildings are heritage assets; with many of them `listed` as very significant indeed.
- There are examples of many creative things being done: the hallmark being a church community`s willingness to engage with its community.
- What are the possibilities for Community Trusts to assume ownership of our buildings?
- What has happened to the Diocesan Buildings Strategy?
- Could we establish a `letting` company responsible for utilising our churches in creative/profitable ways.
- Changes to the Pastoral Measure might make creative alternatives possible/easier.
- Learning to think of our buildings as `assets`.
- We are continually frustrated by a range of planning and other regulations and historic amenity societies.

At the July Meeting:

Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities:

Central Lakes - Beverley Lock reported. A Passion Play was held in Ambleside & Hawkshead on Good Friday. A moving dramatic presentation. Five Pilgrimage Walks have been created and were walked over successive weekends in April/May.

South Lakes - James Richards reported. A Team was established from November 2022. Ecumenical have experienced great change and a new appointment as Team Vicar is soon to be announced. It is hoped to follow up the Moving Forward process begun in 2019.

Peninsula - Jane Maycock reported (on behalf of Jonathan Brewster) The Difference Course has been held. Bishop James spoke throughout Holy Week in different Churches. The clergy meet regularly; lunches re-started. Much potential but no formal changes in the Mission Community process as yet.

Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason

Thanks for prayers and support for Chris`s work. Schools work is resuming; a `transition` event was held in Allithwaite recently (Year 6); also in Ambleside. Encouraging to have a tea of people working together. Re-engaging with Cartmel School teaching about prayer. Small groups are being re-established across the Deanery. Still not re-entered the Lakes School as yet. A good relationship with Ambleside School. A group at Allithwaite Church on Friday evenings. A drop-in at Grange didn`t work as hoped. Possibility of setting one up at Flookburgh.

Guest Speaker. Revd Nicky Smith, Director of Ministry Development: Discipleship and the new Lay Ministry Course. `The Discipleship Project`.

Nicky Introduced herself. Her primary work is training and development in the Diocese. The fundamental point is the whole people of God joining together in mission and service.

Nicky gave several different examples of people who have found themselves taking steps forward in their vocational journey.

Open to everyone. The Course is a safe space for people to explore how God may be calling them. A year-long course, of six sessions, designed to stimulate vocational growth. Built around the context in which people are set. Around this Core Module are a series of others which may be most suited to them. The course members will be a community that journey with one another. The cost is £15 per Module. Attending all of the modules would cost £75. Teachers and Contributors will be drawn from groups such as Emmanuel Theological College, our various ecumenical partners and others.

Full details are on the website. <https://godforall.org.uk/the-discipleship-project/>

Nicky kindly answered a range of questions from the floor. Her Power-point is to be added to the Minutes of this meeting.

At the September meeting:

Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities

Central Lakes - The Synod welcomed Jane Nattrass. New Baptist Minister at Hawkshead Hill

New Pilgrimage Project is online at St. Mary`s Ambleside

South Lakes - Sunday 17th October Mission Community Vision Refresh Event to be held Shanthi Thompson is moving to Kendal. Her replacement is to be appointed. A single Team is to be created.

Cartmel Peninsula - Two Interim Ministers have been appointed One Full Time to Grange & Villages. One half-time Allithwaite & Flookburgh.

Community and Youth Leader for Peninsula. Helen Hoyle (our Lay Chair) has been appointed, working alongside Chris Mason. She described some of her work.

Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason

Chris reported on his recent work. The hallmark is `deep relationships with low numbers of children`. He welcomed Helen`s appointment. There is a Pizza Event on the 8<sup>th</sup> October on the Peninsula. A drop-in at St. Mary`s Windermere is due to start on Wednesdays at 3.00pm. A small group is meeting on Mondays in Ambleside.

Archdeacon Vernon Ross spoke about `What the Church will look like in 2030.

At the November meeting:

A report by David Thornton from the South Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee:

The Revd Lawrence Basham has been appointed to the South Lakes Mission Community- his house preparations having been delayed. Many parishes across the Archdeaconry are being reorganised. It appears that Vacancies are being filled. A

review into the number of Archdeaconries (and Archdeacons) is currently being conducted. We hope to provide members with an internet link.

Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities

Central Lakes - Mission Community Choir has been leading worship at Rydal and Hawkshead. Pilgrim Walks have been continuing. A project to hold Choral Evensong with good quality Choirs is being organised. Rydal Hall is becoming a regular meeting place for Mission Community Events.

South Lakes. - Revd. Lawrence Basham appointed as Team Vicar

Peninsula - Four new Benefices proposed. Revd Annette Miller was licensed on 2nd October. A Priory Day for schools at Cartmel went very well. The Priory also received the schools' Labyrinth. A lot of weddings (10 at Field Broughton alone).

All the Churches marked the death of Her Late Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II.

Deanery Network Youth Ministry - Chris Mason

Chris` Thanked everyone their support. Post-Covid it`s very pleasing to be able to go back into schools. Year six transition events went well. Very keen to collaborate with all the churches across the Deanery. Partnership remains a priority. A Friday evening group is going well. Numbers remain small but good relationships are made. Possibly resume the `Drop-in` at St. Mary`s Windermere.

Pioneer Ministry and Fresh Expressions

The Synod received a presentation from Mr. Richard Passmore: "The Mixed Ecology of Church"

A `Mission and Innovation Cumbria` Day will be held in Penrith on 19th November.

FELL CHURCH

We had 27 services in the Fell Church in 2022; there were 12 lay-led Mattins, 13 Holy Communion, one funeral and one memorial service. We hosted some joint communion services with St Paul's, which boosted our congregation, and the lay-led services continue to be supported by a smaller but consistent number. Most of us stay after this service, for the coffee and biscuits initiated by the Andersons last year, which has been much appreciated. We are delighted that we have a small number of new members who are joining us regularly. The church was most beautifully decorated in October, by Barbara Ramsden, for the service to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We are very grateful to Andrew Little, who continues to provide us each Sunday, with our 'organ' accompaniment; to Trevor Brockbank, who keeps our outside clock wound and we are pleased that one of our members, Pauline Ramsbottom, has joined the PCC, which keeps us up-to-date with the wider Parish news. Emma Bennie continues to produce a 3-monthly spreadsheet of all our duties and tells me that she loves reading our Parish magazine each month. We lost one of our most devoted members just before Christmas, Peter Black, just six months before his 100th Birthday. As ever, we continue to be deeply appreciative of the clergy who come to us each month and to the team at St Paul's who keep us supplied with pew-sheets, notices, candles, wafers and wine.

Anne Peat

GRANGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school continues to thrive, and we are proud to be associated with such a special school. The governing body benefits from several governors from church who have a wide range of expertise and experience between them. Brian McCann, Gill Webster Judith Mitchell are all governors. The school follow the Christian vision reflecting their motto Achieve, Believe, Care and through the values of Love, Hope and Trust.

Governors & church members continued to give support at school via hearing readers, library duty, working on the school grounds & generally helping the school. The school is also financially supported via a church trust where money is used to assist with residential costs for families with low incomes.

Sue Wymer, Benefice Schools Minister continues to present Collective worship where possible on a weekly basis, which has really supported the Head Teacher Mrs P Summers, staff and the children and continues to add to the Christian ethos of the school. In addition, Colin Milner ex Head Teacher of Grange school gives assemblies with a nature and Christian theme as a parishioner. I attend Collective Worship on a regular basis at the school as part of governor monitoring. The school has also created displays for church based on the Christian values of Hope and Love.

Our church has strong links through school assemblies and lunchtime clubs. The school services all continue in church again with the whole school Easter service, the Leavers service in July, the whole school Harvest service in October, school participation in the Civic Remembrance service and the end of term Christmas service. The lunchtime club continues to thrive led by Audrey Gorman & Margaret Radcliffe with good levels of attendance (16) in KS1. A morning holiday club was held in the church in July led by Helen Hoyle local youth church leader supported by parishioners on the theme of Noah's Ark and was attended by 10 children.

The school also entered 2 trees in the Christmas Tree Festival and all the children were invited to the annual Christmas Eve Christingle service, with donations for the Children's Society. A new initiative this year was the Pancake Party led by Sarah Brewster for Grange & Lindale schools.

All 7 local Church of England schools attended the Year 5/6 Priory Day at Cartmel Priory which is an annual event, in September with assistance from parishioners.

The school are awaiting an Ofsted inspection in 2023 and Governors will support the school via monitoring & practical advice.

Judith Mitchell - Foundation Governor 2023

LUNCH-TIME CLUB

Margaret Ratcliffe and I have continued with the weekly Lunch-time Club, called 'Church Club' by the children, at Grange Church of England Primary School over the past year and have continued to get a good response.

We have been told that it is the most popular school club and we consistently get up to 20 children attending.

The club runs from September through to easter and we are supported by a small group of helpers from church who sign up to do a session with us. Our thanks go to them.

Starting in September, Margaret will be scaling back on her involvement with the club and on behalf of everyone, I would like to thank her for her efforts in keeping the club up and running.

Audrey Gorman

LAY READERS

There is one Reader Emeritus in the parish, Joyce Leach with permission to officiate Joyce supports the mission and ministry of the team by supporting and encouraging others and occasionally helping with services, continuing pastoral work and being involved with the life of the church .

Joyce Leach

PASTORAL TEAM

The members of the Pastoral Team try to keep in touch with all parishioners, to notice when someone has been absent for some time, but we are very much dependent on being kept informed wherever there is a need for prayer and/or a visit. The prayer tree is always available for prayer requests and is used regularly in our intercessions during services. We continue to provide home communion each month to those who cannot get to church. During the past year we have lost some of our 'regulars', for a variety of reasons.

The introduction of our 'Cuppa and Cake' on the first Wednesday of the month has proved popular, attracting around 18-20 people each time, and this has now become a regular feature in our church calendar. There are invitations at the back of St Paul's – please take some and give to anyone you know who would welcome the opportunity to meet and chat. There is no cost. We have appreciated offers of help in providing the cakes – always a choice of at least three!

The weekly emailing of the pew-sheet with readings continues to be sent out, and is much appreciated, not least by former members of our congregation who have moved away! Please let us know of any changes to email addresses or of anyone who you think might appreciate our news.

We see pastoral care as a most important part of parish life. If there is anyone who feels called to this ministry, then please contact one of the team.

Penny Ward

HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT 2022

Covid

All covid restrictions progressively relaxed during the year. No restrictions currently in place.

Risk Assessments

Historic:

I have compiled a spreadsheet listing paper documents and those on a CD. It details title, author and date of issue. Any not in the spreadsheet, whether in the parish office or with PCC members which are not included in the database need adding. Once done, the list needs review and any requiring update need identifying and prioritizing.

2022 Activity

Remembrance Sunday Church Service Risk assessment generated.

Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival assessments reviewed and updated.

Steven Parkinson

Health & Safety Officer

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

During 2022 we continued to follow the Diocesan Policy for Safeguarding, covering everything that each Parish must comply with.

We are committed to provide for the safety, wellbeing and proper development of children and vulnerable adults. Over the year safeguarding updating and new checks were carried out for PCC & school volunteers as required using the new Thirty-one-eight online facility. The PCC and Pastoral Team have included safeguarding in their meetings.

The Parish DBS database and Training database continue to be updated and details sent to the Diocesan office. The updated Church of England Safeguarding policy 'Promoting a safer church' is adopted by the PCC and we follow the safeguarding checklist.

No safeguarding cases were reported in 2022.

Training courses, where required, have been completed and a face-to-face Basic & Foundation training course was held at The Fell Church Grange in January 2023 for PCC members and local churches. This joint course was presented by Bidy Hibbert from St Peter's Field Broughton with Lindale and myself, who are both accredited Carlisle Diocesan trainers, as we have completed the Carlisle Diocese 'Train the Trainer' course.

Hand sanitising also continues to be maintained in 2022 as part of COVID management.

Judith Mitchell

Parish Safeguarding Officer

STEWARDSHIP 2022 (FIGURES FOR 2021 IN BRACKETS)

Total giving to the Church through the weekly envelope scheme and by Bank Standing Order was £37,512.28 (£36,286.18).

Gift Aid tax recovery brought in another £10,173.81 (£9,365.13), giving a total of £47,686.09 (£45,651.31). (The Gift Aid figure is boosted by £760.60 (£427.14) from claims made on gifts outside of the stewardship scheme).

As last year, 10 people give regularly to the Church using the weekly envelope scheme, and 64 people by Bank Standing Order (a drop of 2).

I will continue the envelope scheme for those people who do not wish, or are unable to use the Standing Order facility, but if you feel that contributing to the Church by Standing Order may be for you, I would encourage you to proceed, and if you require any assistance, I will be more than happy to help. (I have forms to set up Standing Orders for those who are unable to do it online through their internet banking.) Also, if you are a U.K. Tax Payer, and haven't filled out a Gift Aid Declaration Certificate, again forms are available from me.

On behalf of Saint Paul's may I thank you all for your continued and greatly appreciated support.

Chris Brown

Stewardship Secretary

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRANGE AND DISTRICT

After Russia's invasion of Ukraine a short vigil was held at the Peace Pavement and this was repeated 12 months later.

We held a Big Picnic Garden Party in St Charles' field to celebrate both Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A bouncy castle ensured that this event was well supported and we hope to do something similar this year. There were also services celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and sadly, for the Queen's death. Both of these were held in St Paul's Church and were well attended. Jonathan reported that the services held in the outlying churches were also well supported.

Once again Praise on the Prom attracted passers-by with about 20-30 people each time.

Helen Hoyle supported 2 holiday activity days, one at St Paul's and a week-long one at St. Mary's Allithwaite. The one at St. Paul's was based on Noah and the Ark. The children were very enthusiastic and produced a lovely wall display.

Once again in September the Priory Day for all the area's primary school children in Years 5 and 6 (127 children) was able to take place with 55 adult helpers on hand to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The Methodist Church and PEAT together have organised 2 Repair Cafes with volunteers acting as repairers and stewards. Anything that these people cannot repair is pointed in the direction of an expert who may be able to.

The Warm Spaces initiative was not particularly well attended but the Methodists hold weekly Coffee Mornings which are there for anyone to attend and St. Pauls hold monthly Coffee and Cake afternoons, both of which provide a warm space and fellowship.

Once again, the Remembrance Services took place at the War Memorial and at St Pauls. The latter with representatives of all the local organisations present.

The Advent Carol Service was able to take place at Boarbank, with face masks optional. Sadly, not enough interest was shown for Nativity on the Move, so this was shelved for another year.

During Advent Revd Sue Nichol led a Quiet Morning. People agreed that this was a special occasion and hoped to repeat it.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity different Churches held prayers and served coffee afterwards.

During Lent the Friday Lent Lunches were able to go ahead.

Margaret Ratcliffe

PARISH MAGAZINE

The monthly magazine is a source of communication around the parish, and over 100 copies are regularly produced. We have continued with 12 issues rather than 10. At £1 a copy we feel it is good value and hope that it provides interesting reading. It is available for collection from St Paul's and also from the station bookstall – for which we are grateful to Gillian and Geoff Benson. We rely on our advertisers to subsidise the cost of its production. While the use of colour enhances its appearance, this comes at a cost, and we are always open to suggestions of new advertisers.

The regular series of 'Colin's Country Churches' proved popular, so much so that a booklet was produced which is still available at the back of St Paul's for £5. A parish outing was organised to one of the churches described – St Paul's at Rusland, coupled with a visit to the Quaker Meeting House at Rookhow. Although very much enjoyed by those who went, the numbers were fewer than we had hoped for, mainly because of the weather. We are looking to arrange an outing in Spring to another of the country

churches, this time the little church at Rydal, coupled with a visit to the tea room at the Diocesan Centre at Rydal Hall.

We have now started a new series, this time '*How we came to Grange*'. With so many people moving or retiring to the town, it is interesting to read about their background. Please think about whether you could offer a contribution.

We are, of course, always open to offers of interesting material!

The magazine is also available on the web site <https://www.grangepcc.co.uk/>

Penny Ward



EASYFUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 – so far St Paul's Church has received £580.32.

Rosemary Hoyle

CAR PARKING 2022

This year a total of 47 permits, (including complimentary permits for Clergy), were issued for parking at St. Paul's, generating a total of £1,575.

Costing £45 for a full 12 months of convenient parking in the centre of town, this represents great value for the permit holder and provides a most welcome additional income stream for the church.

Please remember to display your permit when parking and enjoy the convenience of this ideal location.

Chris Brown

ST PAUL'S CHURCH CHOIR

During the year, we said goodbye to one of our organists, Joan Oliver, who has been with us for three years. Joan has now retired and was presented with a card and flowers at her last service in December 2022. We are very grateful for her contribution to our worship. In addition, Jane Dutton, who played the piano at our lay-led services and also assisted with the choir, has moved away to Leeds. Many thanks to Jane for all her help, and we wish her well in her new job.

We are also very grateful to Charles Edmondson and Ian Thompson, who are now covering our services.

Our choir members are: Rosemary Hoyle, Sylvia Otway, Joyce Leach, Susan Simpson, Christine Parkinson, Margaret Wilson, Pauline Wheatley, Helen Hill, Heather Morgan,

Margaret Lang and Christine McCann. We look forward to Jill Wigfall joining us in January 2023.

We were saddened by the death of Barbara Wainwright during the year. Barbara joined the choir after the Covid-19 pandemic and she was a much-valued member. We are still affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and this enables us to join in any of their events, as well as receiving a regular magazine and a booklet listing suitable hymns for each Sunday service throughout the year (very useful to Rosemary who produces the service rota for St Paul's church. Charles chooses the hymns for the services at which he is playing).

Being a member of the Church Choir is a big commitment – we are expected to be there every Sunday and also at other services throughout the year, such as additional services at Easter, Christmas, Ascension Day, etc and not forgetting weddings and funerals. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Church Choir for their loyal and dedicated service throughout the year.

Rosemary Hoyle

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

We are very fortunate to have a team of 15 people who give at least one hour per month to keep our church looking clean and tidy. The congregation and visitors to the church are very grateful to these people for their dedication and commitment. Those involved, as well as myself, are:

Barbara Pettit	Margaret & Allan Wilson	Christine Bassinder
Margaret Turner	Audrey Gorman	Carol Calveley
Susan Jones-Darlington	Eileen Burke	Pat & Chris Brown
Margaret Ratcliffe	Fiona Whalley	Sandra Barton

Rosemary Hoyle – Cleaning Team Co-ordinator

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

St Paul's returned to normality in 2022 with many social events for parishioners. We had an Indian Railway Talk, walks with Sarah Brewster through the year, a Jubilee Tea, a Jigsaw Festival in July, and in October a visit to Rusland to Rookhow, the Quaker Meeting House, and to St Paul's Parish Church.

Once again, Charles Edmondson organised a series of wonderful organ and piano concerts during the spring, summer and autumn, and The Bay Community Singers returned to perform in November. All these events were well attended.

In May and November, the church fairs were held again with many stalls – bric-a-brac, books, cakes, tombola, plants, flowers, scarves, etc - and the café, raising over £2,000 for church funds, including of course our famous Raffle!

In December the Christmas Tree festival organised by Margaret Ratcliffe, Gill Webster and Christine Parkinson opened with a concert. There were 30 trees decorated by organisations across the community, with a special tree from the Ukraine Support Group, and all were displayed in church for over 3 weeks. This event raised well over £1,000 for the British Red Cross in Ukraine and Pakistan and the Barrow Food Bank. Thank you also to all who provided refreshments and food at our social events through the year.

In September the Events, Catering and Communications sub-committees merged to become the Social sub-committee. Articles continue to appear in Grange Now every month, with our events advertised on our Facebook page, Website, and on *A Church Near You*.

Judith Mitchell

Chair of the Social sub-committee

SOCIAL MEDIA

Web site - <https://www.grangepcc.co.uk/>

Our web site is regularly updated with reports and photographs of all our events, with an on-line diary and link to the community. The What's On page includes our weekly pew-sheet and the monthly rotas for services both in the parish and across the 'benefice'. If you have not already accessed it, can I recommend that you do so and see the amount of information that is available. A number of useful queries have come in from outside the parish via the contact page.

We are very grateful to Margaret Turner and to Colin Milner for supplying photographs. If you notice any mistakes or omissions, please let Penny know.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/>

We also have a Facebook account, with regular posts. If you take any photographs of church events, please pass them to Rosemary so she can use them.

Penny Ward

TREASURER'S REPORT

Background

The church finances are made up of four funds, each of which must be covered separately in the accounts. These are as follows:

- **The general fund** – this fund is for the 'normal' everyday receipts and payments of the church.
- **The designated building fund** – This is for larger repairs to the fabric of the churches of St Paul and the Fell Church.
- The ring-fenced **Cartmel Team Peninsula Ministry (CPTM) designated fund** which is used only for the running costs of the CPTM. It is run by the CPTM churchwardens assisted by the PCC of the Parish of St Paul. It was moved with the agreement of the CPTM churchwardens into the St Paul's Lloyds Bank account on 13th October 2022 from its former account with Barclays Bank. This was because Barclays Bank needed documentation such as minutes of CPTM meetings and future budgetary details to permit normal operation of the account to continue. Because of the low level of activity in the CPTM it was impossible to provide these documents and it was decided to move the fund into the Lloyds Bank account.
- **The holding fund** – This contains £100 of deposits for wedding fees.
- **Restricted funds** – These are funds which can only be used for a purpose which was specified such as when a donation was made. There are no restricted funds.

The church funds are held in two separate bank accounts, Lloyds and CCLA. The Lloyds current account is the most used one and is used for the many routine transactions. The majority of the funds are held in the CCLA deposit account to maximise interest.

GENERAL FUND

Income in 2022 was 16.7% higher than in 2021. This compares with the reductions of 4% from 2020 to 2021 and 18% from 2019 to 2020. In 2020 the church was closed for six months and likewise for three months in 2021.

Approximately 75% of St Paul's income in 2022 was derived from stewardship giving, church collections and the related gift aid compared with 83% in 2021. Approximately 19.5% came from fundraising events, car park and church lettings, one-off legacies and donations, and fees from funerals and weddings compared with 13% in 2021. Approximately 5.5% came from printing and advertising, magazine sales, refreshments, flowers, sundries and interest compared with 4% in 2021.

Fee income increased in 2022. There were three weddings compared with none in 2020 and 2021. There were twelve funerals and one thanksgiving service in 2022 compared with six funerals in 2021.

Income from regular stewardship, collections and offertory, gift aid and GASDS, legacies and donations, fundraising, car parking and church lettings, refreshments, printing and advertising, parish magazine sales and interest increased. A significant portion of the Parish's income is used in paying the parish offer. This was £20,000 in 2022 and in 2021 compared with £36,294 in 2020. Expressed as a proportion of total income this represented 29.8% in 2022 compared with 35% in 2021 and 60% in 2020.

During the year £2,007.94 was donated to various charities and £2,102.52 was also collected on behalf of and paid to specific causes as detailed in the PCC report

Wages including organists' fees were higher because there were more services in 2022 than in 2021 and also because of lower contributions from the CPTM to the Parish Office than in 2021.

In 2022 there were no parish payments. These were made in previous years towards the CPTM running costs such as for clergy expenses. In 2022 clergy expenses were paid by St Paul's but were offset by contributions from the parishes of Finsthwaite, Staveley in Cartmel, Haverthwaite and Field Broughton.

On June 30th the Fell Church electricity supply contract with EON.Next ended and a new two year contract with Octopus Energy started. The cost is approximately 26% higher than with the old contract but this was cheaper than EON.Next's variable tariff which was 98% higher.

On 24th August the Parish of St Paul changed its contract with BT to a new one which was also with BT but was 15% cheaper.

On 5th December the PCC started making most payments by bank transfer.

At the end of 2022 the general fund balance was £53,082.84 compared with £36,232.48 at the end of 2021.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Building Fund

£5,571 was spent in April 2022 on lacquering the floor and pews in St Paul's Church. This cost was offset by donations of £1,605, £400 of associated gift aid and £1,238 of a Listed Places Of Worship grant. The fund value was £20,138.47 at the start of the year and £17,810.47 at the year end. This gives a reduction over the year of £2,328. This fund is reserved by the PCC for any necessary building or work required to the fabric of both churches in the parish.

Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry (CPTM) Fund

The starting balance of this fund on 13th October 2022 was £2,879.00. Included in this total were contributions totalling £1,100 which were made by the PCC of Allithwaite Parish but these were made after all the other CPTM parishes had stopped contributing. After consultation with the churchwardens of the CPTM parishes these payments were refunded to the PCC of Allithwaite. This leaves a fund balance of £1,779.00

RESTRICTED FUNDS

There are no restricted funds.

HOLDING FUND

The holding fund comprises a wedding deposit of £100.

Bank Balances

The total amount in the banks across all of the funds is £72,772.31 at the end of 2022 compared with £56,570.95 at the end of 2021.

The full annual accounts compiled to satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act and subject to Independent Examination are displayed on the church notice board.

John Millican
Treasurer

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
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Independent Examiner's report to the Members of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands, Parochial Church Council

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Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Redhead Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Accountants
2 Market Street
Broughton-in-Furness
Cumbria
LA20 6HP



31 March 2023

Receipts and payments account

General Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2022	Year ended 31 December 2021 *
Receipts	£	£
Stewardship	38,792.78	37,175.73
Collections & Offertory	2,238.10	1,518.35
Tax Refunds	9,777.10	9,222.65
Legacy and Donations	1,945.10	1,416.11
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>		
Fees from weddings and funerals	3,178.27	1,205.00
Parish Magazine Sales	842.30	719.90
Printing and Advertising	960.24	825.99
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,820.00	1,610.00
Refreshments	1,037.13	314.15
Flowers	14.70	200.00
Fund Raising Event	6,145.15	3,449.67
Sundry Receipts	345.00	289.45
Interest	521.03	21.52
Total Receipts	67,617.50	57,968.52
Payments		
Parish Offer	20,000.00	20,000.00
Parish Payments	0.00	1,428.00
Deanery Levy	50.00	300.00
Wages	8,446.70	6,602.25
Utilities	3,742.34	4,517.16
Insurance	3,666.42	3,511.66
Clergy Expenses	1,119.50	0.00
Building Maintenance	3,502.51	6,039.71
Services/Altar/Books/Music	1,395.75	1,057.46
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	4,526.83	3,874.40
Refreshments	101.29	70.49
Flowers	304.25	63.00
Fundraising Expenses	532.28	126.15
Independent examiner fee	576.00	576.00
Sundry	795.33	826.15
Total Payments	48,759.20	48,992.43
Excess receipts of payments	18,858.30	8,976.09
Charitable Giving	-2,007.94	-3,179.46
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	16,850.36	5,796.63
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	-
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	36,232.48	30,435.85
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	53,082.84	36,232.48

Receipts and payments account - Designated Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2022		Year Ended 31 December 2021	
	Buildin g Fund £		Buildin g Fund £	
Receipts				
Grant	1,238.00		-	
Donations	1605.00		1,000.00	
Gift Aid	400.00		250.00	
	<u>3,243.00</u>		<u>1,250.00</u>	
			-	
Payments				
Credence Tables			262.55	
Border Floor	<u>5,571.00</u>		<u>262.55</u>	
	5,571.00		262.55	
Excess of receipts over payments	(2,328.00)		987.45	
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	<u>(2,328.00)</u>		987.45	
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	20,138.47		19,151.02	
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	<u>17,810.47</u>		<u>20,138.47</u>	

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Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2022

MONETARY ASSETS

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	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	38,980.26	16,172.47	-	-	55,152.73
Lloyds	14,102.58	1,638.00	1,779.0	100.00	17,619.58
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St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

Trust Fund Accounts 2022

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Interest	156.85	9.25
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	740.00	-
Excess of receipts over payments	(583.15)	9.25
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	12,815.10	12,805.85
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	12,231.95	12,815.10
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83281266	237.48	175.52
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
+ CCLA A/c 771523001D	7,263.23	7,908.34
	12,231.95	12,815.10

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	249.93	10.04
Donations		<u>10.00</u>
		<u>20.04</u>
Payments		
		375.00
	249.93	375.00
Excess of receipts over payments	249.93	(354.96)
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	19,102.42	19,457.38

**Attributable bank balance at 31
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SAINT PAUL'S GRANGE-OVER-SANDS WITH LINDALE AND FELL CHURCH 2020 - 2022 MISSION ACTION PLAN

FOCUS AREA	ACTIONS	WHO (report back to PCC)
A - Prayer and Worship	1. Keep range and type of services under review in accordance with church and secular calendar. Constantly review ways to make services and events more comfortable and welcoming to all groups. Involve laity in services as far as possible and in line with skills and interests.	Worship committee
B - Maturity in Faith	1. Encourage generosity in giving by church; ensure all are aware of causes and organisations supported. Encourage generosity in giving by congregation; develop new ways of giving (Standing Orders, electronic cards, etc); campaign to make a step leap in levels of giving towards national average; try to make year-on-year giving at least keep up with inflation.	Treasurer/PCC
C - Quality of Relationships	1. Support and work co-operatively with Team Parishes and ecumenical partners in move towards Mission Community/ies. Work enthusiastically with other churches in CTiG and CPTM; publicise and attend joint services and events wherever possible. 2. Use key events to engage our own congregation and to attract others, eg Christmas Tree Festival, Concerts, Remembrance Service.	PCC/CTiG reps Communications committee/ CTiG reps/All Worship committee/ Communications committee/All
D - Community Service	1. Increase the number of people in pastoral group and give full support to their activities with Home Communion, visiting sick, etc; seek to extend the scope of this work. Proactively seek out the lonely and distressed and offer our healing hands 2. Keep major social issues within Grange and Lindale under review to identify opportunities.	Pastoral Group/PCC/All Clergy/Standing committee
E - Evangelism	1. Keep work at school actively under review to increase engagement, continuing with Lunch Time Bible Club. Support schools with church members on governing bodies, work inside schools where possible and in church; enable end-of-term services and encourage congregation to attend. 2. Explore ways to facilitate the use of Fell Church by schools and social groups.	PCC and All Worship committee
OTHER	1. Review buildings to maintain and improve where appropriate	PCC/CW/Colin Milner

	(West wall, sound system, St Paul's heating, draught exclusion).	
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31 March 2023

Accounts

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Associate Priest: Revd Jonathan Brewster (from 14 October 2021)

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Warden: Mike Hill

Deputy Warden: Vacant

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: May 2020 to May 2023

Rosemary Hoyle

Mike Hill

Nevil Newman

Elected Members: Rosemary Hoyle

Secretary APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

John Millican

Treasurer APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Colin Milner

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

Nevil Newman

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

Brian McCann

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

Judith Mitchell

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

Emma Bennie

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023 (moved away)

Audrey Gorman

From APCM 2019 to APCM 2022

Sue Fleetwood

From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

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From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

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From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

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Church Attendance

There were 116 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2021.

Covid-related lockdowns prohibited Sunday worship during the first quarter of 2021 and many of our congregation were reluctant to attend church when worship was resumed. Average Sunday attendance in both churches from April onwards was 57, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances "spiked". This compares with 48 in 2020 when attendances were similarly affected, again on a reduced number of Sundays, and 71 in 2019 before the pandemic affected our usual worshipping habits.

Attendances during the month of October 2021, on a weekly basis (and eliminating the "double counting" of friends who attended more than once in a week) were:-

3 October	76
10 October	56 (excludes those attending Licensing service)
17 October	84 (includes baptism held on 17 th)
24 October	56

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

Review of the Year

The PCC met six times during 2021, with the first four meetings being held via video conferencing (Zoom) due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. From September 2021, we were able to meet face-to-face in Church. We started the year with 16 PCC members, plus our Transitional Team Rector Revd Dr Jim Bruce, until his retirement in June 2021. Sadly, we lost one of our members, Mike Hornung, early in the year, after many years of dedicated service to the Church. Also, Emma Bennie moved away to a new area part-way through the year, which left our current number of 14 members on St Paul's PCC, which includes our new Associate Priest, Revd Jonathan Brewster, who was appointed in October for an initial period of one year. We have not had an incumbent designated to St Paul's for five years, and as we are in the process of re-organisation of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry into three separate benefices, the clergy situation will remain in this 'temporary' situation for some time.

The Standing Committee met in the alternate months, to discuss items delegated by the PCC and prepare the Agenda for future meetings.

The PCC was not able to hold its annual PCC Away Day during 2021. A date had been planned for October 2021, but in view of the imminent appointment of our new Associate Priest, the PCC agreed that they would postpone the Away Day until early 2022.

St Paul's Annual Parochial Meeting was held on Sunday 25 April, 2021, immediately after the main Sunday service, in church.

The process to dissolve the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry and replace it with three new benefices has been a major topic of discussion for our PCC during the year. We now have a scheme that has been agreed, in principle, by all PCCs, with one outstanding issue: that of housing the proposed Priest of the benefice covering Grange, Field Broughton and the three Leven Valley parishes, in Haverthwaite. PCC members felt strongly that the priest should reside in the town with the largest population, that is Grange-over-Sands, so that he can be seen and known there. It is where the majority of businesses and shops in the area are, and where our ecumenical partner leaders work. Despite these misgivings the proposal is moving forward in the initial stages. It is this PCC's intention to raise our issue when the appropriate consultation phase takes place.

During 2021, a group of nine people formed a lay-led service group and have been leading Sunday morning worship once a month. The services have been well received and we have received excellent comments about how well these services are going from a retired Bishop and retired Archdeacon in our regular congregation.

Also, during 2021 the (now closed) parish of Lindale, including the churchyard, was transferred to the Parish of St Peter Field Broughton. PCC members, in particular our Churchwarden, Mike Hill and Lead on Fabric matters, Colin Milner, had put many hours into ensuring that the recommendations which South Lakeland District Council had asked to be remedied prior to the closure of a large part of the churchyard were completed as far as was possible, before the transfer to Field Broughton. The transfer has now been legally completed with our parish reverting to its title 'Parish of St Paul Grange-over-Sands'.

St Paul's Church has very strong links with the Church-aided Primary School, with regular visits to the school by volunteers from the Church who run a lunch-time club, though obviously the lunch-

time club has not been able to take place during the pandemic restrictions. We particularly felt the absence of a Priest-in-Charge where our school is concerned, and although retired clergy and other volunteers carry on our commitment to our primary school, we acknowledge that we have not been able to provide the clergy presence in the school that we would wish to during 2021. At our November PCC meeting, members appointed Gill Webster for a further four-year term as Foundation Governor at Grange Church of England Primary School. Three members of St Paul's Church are Governors at the school, including Brian McCann, who is Chair of Governors.

At our March PCC meeting, members agreed to approve their inclusion in the Covenant Partnership in an Extended Area (CPEA) for the next five years, until 2026. The CPEA enables those parishes who wish, to work ecumenically with a legal agreement in place that enables the Anglican, Methodist and URC ministers to carry out baptisms and Holy Communion services in each other's churches.

At our Annual Parochial Meeting in April, our Treasurer, Maureen Chadwick, stepped down from her position after several years' service. We are very grateful to Maureen for taking on this role and for the excellent work she has done. We were pleased to welcome our new Treasurer, John Millican, who has previously been Church Treasurer in his former parish.

In July PCC members spent time considering the conditions we would need to meet to re-open the church to regular worshipers and visitors and what events we would be able to hold during the remainder of the year. We had hoped to hold our annual Christmas Fair on 27 November, but unfortunately, there was a major power cut which lasted almost four days, which seriously affected our Fair.

The main projects which took place in church to maintain and enhance the fabric of our two churches were as follows:

- The Quinquennial Inspection Report due in 2020, but postponed until 2021, due to Covid-19 was carried out and the recommendations of necessary works to be carried out has been received from our Church Architect, Paul Grout.
- A small portion of the rear pews immediately in front of the organ console have been removed to ease access to the organ.
- New kitchen and other improvement work at Fell Church
- External painting at St Paul's
- New Credence tables to enable Holy Communion to take place at the Chancel steps were purchased with funds donated in memory of Revd Peter Nock and his wife Vicky.

Our former Director of Music, Charles Edmondson gave four concerts in church during the year; we are so grateful that Charles continues to be involved with the church and choir at St Paul's. Charles retired as Director of Music at the end of 2020, and his position was filled, but unfortunately, the new appointee had to resign in January 2021, which left us without a full-time organist and choir master. Charles kindly agreed to play for two services a month and we were very fortunate to be able to acquire the services of Joan Oliver for one Sunday a month, Jane Dutton, a member of our congregation offered to play the piano at our lay-led services, and later in the year, Ian Thompson, a retired musician who had recently moved into the area, agreed to assist on fifth Sundays and other occasions as required. A small sub-committee has recently looked at the possibility of advertising for a new Director of Music and this will carry forward into 2022.

Throughout the year our Worship sub-committee has continued to meet either by Zoom or in person, once everyone was able to do this.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

St Paul's continues to support Churches Together Youth Trust with an annual donation.

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 – so far St Paul's Church has received £546.71.

I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings, during the year.

Charitable Collections 2021

Bishop's Harvest Appeal	£ 293.00
Bishop's Harvest Appeal - raised by Grange C of E Primary School	£ 96.33
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 289.14
Licensing Service	£ 302.60
Vaccinaid	£ 510.00
Christian Aid	£ 471.89
Water Aid	£ 16.00
Sub total	£1,978.96

Charitable Giving 2021

CTiG Youth Trust	£ 500.00
Christian Aid	£ 79.09
University Of Manchester	£ 234.84
Unicef	£ 234.84
Red Cross (Afghanistan)	£1,053.02
Red Cross (Coronavirus Appeal)	£ 310.51
Light Up Lives	£ 310.51
Growing Well	£ 310.51
Cumbria County Council - Grange C of E School - Bibles	£ 59.50
Baptism Children - Bibles & Prayer Books	£ 56.64
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Sub total	£ 3,179.46

Secular Collections 2021

None in 2021	Sub total	Nil
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TOTAL **£ 5,158.42**

Financial Review

The total receipts for the year were £57,968.52 and the payments out were £48,992.43, plus charitable giving of £3,179.46, giving an in-year surplus of £5,796.63. Of the above expenditure £3,422.00 was spent from the general fund on painting the outside of St Pauls, £1,857 on a deposit paid to Border Floor Ltd who will be working on the floors of St Paul's in 2022 and £432 on an electrical inspection for the Fell Church. £1,268 was spent on two credence tables using £262.55 from the designated building fund and the entire restricted reordering fund of £1,005.45. The entire £3,626.64 Lindale Designated Building Fund was sent to Field Broughton PCC in March 2021.

At the end of 2021, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£36,232.48
Building	£20,138.47
Total	£56,370.95

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands with Lindale and after March 2021 in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands. A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

*Approved by the PCC on 27 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by
Revd Jonathan Brewster (Chairman of the PCC)*

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
Grange over Sands**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands , Parochial Church Council.

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Date:

Receipts and payments account

General Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2021	Year ended 31 December 2020 *
	£	£
Receipts		
<i>Regular Giving</i>		
Stewardship	37,175.73	36,102.22
Collections & Offertory	1,518.35	1,386.92
Tax Refunds	9,222.65	9,815.92
Legacy and Donations	1,416.11	5,510.25
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>		
Fees from weddings and funerals	1,205.00	2,000.06
Parish Magazine Sales	719.90	967.02
Printing and Advertising	825.99	947.87
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,610.00	1,320.00
Refreshments	314.15	295.28
Flowers	200.00	23.70
Sundry Receipts	289.45	0.00
Fundraising events	3,449.67	1,859.89
Interest	21.52	208.46
Total Receipts	57,968.52	60,437.59
Payments		
Parish Offer	20,000.00	36,294.00
Parish Payments	1,428.00	2,856.00
Deanery Levy	300.00	50.00
Wages	6,602.25	5,676.75
Utilities	4,517.16	3,610.47
Insurance	3,511.66	3,452.56
Building Maintenance	6,039.71	4,869.38
Services/Altar/Books/Music	1,057.46	1,014.43
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	3,874.40	3,812.61
Refreshments	70.49	242.20
Flowers	63.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses	126.15	20.00
Independent examiner fee	576.00	576.00
Sundry	826.15	945.00
Total Payments	48,992.43	63,419.40
Excess receipts of payments	8,976.09	(2,981.81)
Charitable Giving	-3,179.46	4,475.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	5,796.63	(7,456.81)
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	-
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	30,435.85	37,892.66
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	36,232.48	30,435.85

Receipts and payments account – Designated Funds

	Year ended 31 December 2021		Year Ended 31 December 2020	
	Building Fund £	Lindale £	Building Fund £	Lindale £
Receipts				
Lettings Income	-	292.00	-	292.00
Grant	-	-	-	1,000.00
Donation	1,000.00	-	-	-
Gift Aid	250.00	-	-	-
	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>292.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,292.00</u>
Payments				
Credence Tables	262.55	-		
Decorating Fell Church		-	2,546.00	
Decorating Porch		-	1,158.00	-
Organ Restoration		-	2,056.00	
PA System		-	327.60	
Churchyard		-	-	5,468.00
Accounting		-	-	100.00
Sundries		-	-	4.45
Transfer To Field Broughton		3,626.64	-	-
	<u>262.55</u>	<u>3,626.64</u>	<u>6,087.60</u>	<u>5,572.45</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	987.45	(3,334.64)	(6,087.60)	(4,280.45)
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
Surplus / deficit for the period	<u>987.45</u>	<u>(3,334.64)</u>	<u>(6,087.60)</u>	<u>(4,280.45)</u>
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	19,151.02	3,334.64	25,238.62	7,615.09
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	<u>20,138.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,151.02</u>	<u>3,334.64</u>

Receipts and payments account – Restricted Funds

	Year ended 31 December 2021	Year ended 31 December 2020
	Re-ordering £	Re-ordering £
Receipts	-	-
	-	-
Payments		
Credence Tables	1,005.45	-
	1,005.45	-
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,005.45)	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
Surplus / deficit for the year	(1,005.45)	-
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	1,005.45	1,005.45
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	0.00	1,005.45

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2021

Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2021

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Funds Building	Lindale	Restricted Fund Re-ordering	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	15,480.68	19,151.02	-	-	-	34,631.70
Lloyds	20,751.80	987.45	-	-	200.00	21,939.25
	36,232.48	20,138.47	0.00	0.00	200.00	56,570.95

As at 31 December 2020

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Funds Building	Lindale	Restricted Fund Re-ordering	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	25,459.16	19,151.02	-	-	-	44,610.18
Lloyds	4,976.69	-	3,334.64	1,005.45	200.00	9,516.78
	30,435.85	19,151.02	3,334.64	1,005.45	200.00	54,126.96

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions for donations at 31 December 2021.
3. There is no record of the historical cost of any other non-monetary assets.

St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

Trust Fund Accounts 2021

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts		
Interest	9.25	59.75
Payments		
	-	-
Excess of receipts over payments	9.25	59.75
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	12,805.85	12,746.10
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	12,815.10	12,805.85
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83681266	175.52	170.39
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
CCLA A/c 771523001D	7,908.34	7,904.22
	12,815.10	12,805.85

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	10.04	199.38
Donations	10.00	
	20.04	
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	375.00	125.00
	375.00	125.00
Excess of receipts over payments	(354.96)	74.38
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	19,457.38	19,383.00
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	19,102.42	19,457.38
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83289569	100.14	90.14
CDBF Ac D 1942	15,823.31	15,815.07
CCLA A/c 776127001D	3,178.97	3,552.17
	19,102.42	19,457.38

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Date: 04/04/2022

Accounts

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS WITH LINDALE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Mike Hill

Nevil Newman

Elected Members: Rosemary Hoyle Secretary APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

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Nevil Newman From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

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Audrey Gorman From APCM 2019 to APCM 2022

Sue Fleetwood From APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

Susan Jones-Darlington From APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

Doug Ratcliffe From APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

Margaret Ratcliffe From APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

Christine Parkinson From APCM 2018 to APCM 2021

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Church Attendance

There were 125 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll as of 31 March 2020 (2019 – 124). A further update was made before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in October 2020 when the number on the roll was 119.

The numbers for the usual Sunday attendance during the year have been split into two parts. During the period January to mid-March (when the first national coronavirus lockdown was introduced) the figure for our two churches combined was 69 on each regular Sunday; in the period from mid-September to end-December (when the churches were open for regular worship, but under appropriate regulations in respect of social distancing etc) the usual Sunday attendance

was 48 (this is the figure for our two churches combined on a 'usual' Sunday which excludes Sundays of major festivals and other Sundays where the figures are unduly influenced by other factors (eg Baptisms, exceptionally heavy snow etc).

We are asked to provide details of our attendances during the month of October, covering all services during the first four weeks of the month; we are asked to exclude (where we can estimate this) anyone attending more than one service during the week. Our figures for 2020 were:-

4 October	58
11 October	52
18 October	41
25 October	42

Sunday, 4 October was our Harvest Festival: a service was held in each of our churches on that day. There were no services held mid-week during October.

In addition to the above numbers, Home Communion was taken on a regular basis each month during the first part of the year to approximately 17 persons who were unable to attend church.

Review of the Year

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have only met physically three times, once in January and twice in March. There are currently 17 members on St Paul's PCC, including our Transitional Team Rector. We have not had an incumbent designated to St Paul's for four years, and there appears to be no prospect of this situation changing in the short term. The Standing Committee met in February. For any essential Church business, the PCC have been consulted by email and telephone and a record made of votes received for the items presented to the PCC. Items approved by the PCC in this manner were:

24 August	Parish Offer 2021 Fell Church Works
7 September	Re-starting Sunday Services Purchase of A-Frame for Grand Piano
17 October	Transfer of Lindale Parish to Field Broughton
9 November	Fees and Wages for 2021
24 November	Appointment of new Director of Music: Stephen Wood
25 November	Approval to hold Christmas Tree Festival for a reduced amount of time in 2020
3 December	Appointment of Judith Mitchell for a further term as Foundation Governor at Grange CofE Primary School

The PCC was able to hold its annual PCC Away Day in Kendal, at the end of February, with the leadership of our Transitional Team Rector, Revd Dr Jim Bruce, but unfortunately, due to the short timescale available until Covid-19 restrictions commenced, we were unable to take forward our plans for the year.

Once again, due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Annual Parochial Church Meeting had to be postponed until 11 October 2020. We were then able to hold the meeting immediately after our Sunday morning service and complete the necessary business.

St Paul's Church has very strong links with the Church-aided Primary School, with regular visits to the school by volunteers from the Church who run a lunch-time club, though obviously the lunch-time club has not been able to take place since mid-March. We particularly feel the absence of a Priest-in-Charge where our school is concerned, and although retired clergy and other volunteers carry on our commitment to our primary school, we acknowledge that we cannot provide the clergy presence in the school that we would wish to.

During 2020 we have undertaken necessary works at St Paul's Lindale churchyard, as request by the local council, South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). The intention is close the majority of the churchyard and transfer the upkeep to the local council. We are currently in negotiation with

SLDC regarding additional works that they have requested before they take over the maintenance of the churchyard. We are also awaiting the transfer of St Paul's Lindale from St Paul's Grange-over-Sands to the parish of Field Broughton, who made a request to us to take over St Paul's Lindale.

Due to the restrictions that Covid-19 placed upon the Church, we were closed to the public, with no services taking place from the end of March until restrictions were lifted and we felt it was safe to re-open in September. Whilst the church was closed a group met outside in a local park, which helped to maintain contact with parishioners. Our Pastoral Team set up a 'Telephone Tree' which involved ten people 'phoning ten people every Sunday that the church was in lockdown to ensure that they were safe and well and to maintain contact. This has been very much appreciated by those receiving the calls. Upon re-opening in September we re-commenced holding one lay-led service per month and the PCC is very grateful to those people who have volunteered to lead our Sunday morning services, which have been very well received.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the majority of the church's social and fund-raising events have had to be cancelled; though we were able to hold four concerts, given by our Director of Music, Charles Edmondson and our Christmas Tree Festival, with reduced opening hours and at a shorter length of days. Despite this reduction, we were able to send £1,000 to the local food bank in Barrow, plus three car-loads of food.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Director of Music, Charles Edmondson at the end of December on his retirement. Charles has been a very dedicated organist and choir master over the past eight years and we at St Paul's are very grateful for all the time and commitment that he has given. We were fortunate to be able to recruit a successor, Stephen J Wood to commence on 1 January 2021.

Throughout the year our Worship sub-committee has continued to meet either via email and telephone and also via Zoom, once everyone was able to do this.

A Quinquennial Inspection was to have taken place in 2020 at St Paul's church, but this has been postponed until 2021.

St Paul's continues to support Churches Together Youth Trust with an annual donation of £2,000 coming from the general fund of the PCC. The PCC will review its charitable giving policy at the Away Day which we hope to be able to hold later in 2021.

St Paul's Church is signed up to Easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 – so far St Paul's Church has received £464.63.

I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings, during what has been a very unusual and difficult year for everyone.

Charitable Collections 2020

Bishop's Harvest Appeal	£195.00
Children's Society (Christingle)	£297.21
Sub total	£492.21

Charitable Giving 2020

CTiG Youth Trust	£2,000.00
Manna House	£ 650.00
Church Urban Fund	£ 650.00
Risedale Gospel Hall	£ 150.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00
Barrow Food Bank	£1,000.00
Sub total	£4,475.00

Secular Collections 2020

None in 2020	Sub total	£257.45
TOTAL		£4,967.21

Financial Review

The total receipts for the year were £60,437.59 and the payments out were £63,419.40, plus charitable giving of £4,475.00, giving an in-year deficit of £7,456.81. In addition a further £6,087.60 was spent from the building fund on decorating the porch (£1,158.00), decorating Fell Church (£2,546.00) and the final payment for the organ restoration (£2,056.00) and PA system (£327.60).

At the end of 2020, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Funds	£30,435.85
Lindale	£ 3,334.64
Building	£19,151.02
Restricted Re-ordering	£ 1,005.45

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands with Lindale. A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive www.grangepcc.co.uk

Approved by the PCC on 10 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by
Mr Mike Hill (Chairman of the PCC and Churchwarden) .

**The Parish Church of St Paul,
Grange over Sands with Lindale**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange over Sands with Lindale, Parochial Church Council.

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

- which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

Receipts and payments account

General Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2020	Year ended 31 December 2019 *	1 March – 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
Receipts			
<i>Regular Giving</i>			
Stewardship	36,102.22	38,179.95	32,120.35
Collections & Offertory	1,386.92	6,381.66	5,622.01
Tax Refunds	9,815.92	11,036.19	11,036.19
Legacy and Donations	5,510.25	3,705.66	3,700.66
<i>Receipts from Church Activities</i>			
Fees from weddings and funerals	2,000.06	5,391.44	2,908.10
Parish Magazine Sales	967.02	984.90	335.60
Printing and Advertising	947.87	790.37	737.41
Car Park and Church Lettings	1,320.00	1,400.00	100.00
Refreshments	295.28	1,020.27	856.31
Flowers	23.70	272.05	167.75
Sundry Receipts	-	189.60	189.60
Fundraising events	1,859.89	3,860.47	3,860.47
Interest	208.46	402.64	402.64
Total Receipts	60,437.59	73,615.20	62,037.09
Payments			
Parish Offer	36,294.00	35,880.00	29,950.00
Parish Payments	2,856.00	2,906.00	2,430.00
Deanery Levy	50.00	100.00	100.00
Wages	5,676.75	7,429.51	6,109.81
Utilities	3,610.47	5,248.01	3,938.04
Insurance	3,452.56	3,416.94	2,908.82
Building Maintenance	4,869.38	2,003.01	795.19
Services/Altar/Books/Music	1,014.43	1,533.86	1,428.86
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	3,812.61	4,061.43	3,424.37
Refreshments	242.20	197.82	162.82
Flowers	-	60.00	60.00
Fundraising Expenses	20.00	-	-
Independent examiner fee	576.00	546.00	546.00
Sundry	945.00	239.35	229.35
Total Payments	63,419.40	63,621.93	52,083.26
Excess receipts of payments	(2,981.81)	9,993.27	9,953.83
Charitable Giving	4,475.00	3,667.70	3,667.70
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	(7,456.81)	6,325.57	6,286.13
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	-	31,606.53
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	37,892.66	31,567.09	-
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	30,435.85	37,892.66	37,892.66

*The amounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2019, which for statutory purposes have been reported on separately as 2 accounting periods, being 2 months to 28 February 2019 (the date the union with Lindale came into effect) and the 10 months ended 31 December 2019 are shown for illustrative purposes only and do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Receipts and payments account – Designated Funds

	Year ended 31 December 2020		Period 1 March – 31 December 2019	
	Building Fund	Lindale	Building Fund	Lindale
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Transfer from Lindale under Pastoral Measure	-	-	-	6,870.29
Lettings Income	-	292.00	-	1,292.00
Grant	-	1,000.00	-	-
		1,292.00	-	8,162.29
Payments				
Decorating Fell Church	2,546.00	-	-	-
Decorating porch	1,158.00	-	-	-
Organ restoration	2,056.00	-	-	-
PA system	327.60	-	-	-
Churchyard	-	5,468.00	-	547.20
Accounting	-	100.00	-	-
Sundries	-	4.45	-	-
	6,087.60	5,572.45	-	547.20
Excess of receipts over payments	(6,087.60)	(4,280.45)	-	7,615.09
Transfers between Funds	-	-	(1,733.68)	-
Surplus / deficit for the period	(6,087.60)	(4,280.45)	(1,733.68)	-
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	-	26,972.30	-
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	25,238.62	7,615.09	-	-
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	19,151.02	3,334.64	25,238.62	7,615.09

Receipts and payments account – Restricted Funds

	Year ended 31 December 2020	Period 1 March – 31 December 2019		
	Re-ordering £	Organ £	Building £	Re-ordering £
Receipts				
Donations	-	16,755.50	-	-
Sponsor a Pipe	-	2,273.00	-	-
Fundraising Events	-	3,206.50	-	-
Tax Refunds	-	2,036.75	-	-
	-	24,271.75	-	-
Payments				
Organ restoration	-	39,484.00	-	-
Travel and subsistence	-	2,006.80	-	-
Plaque	-	120.00	-	-
Porch	-	-	7,121.50	-
	-	41,610.80	(7,121.50)	-
Excess of receipts over payments	-	(17,339.05)	(7,121.50)	-
Transfer between funds	-	15,442.05	(13,708.37)	-
Surplus / deficit for the year	-	(1,897.00)	(20,829.87)	-
Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019	-	1,897.00	20,829.87	1,005.45
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	1,005.45	-	-	-
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	1,005.45	-	-	1,005.45

Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Asset and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2020

MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Funds Building	Lindale	Restricted Fund Re-ordering	Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	25,459.16	19,151.02	-	-	-	44,610.18
Lloyds	4,976.69	-	3,334.64	1,005.45	200.00	9,516.78
	30,435.85	19,151.02	3,334.64	1,005.45	200.00	54,126.96

As at 31 December 2019

MONETARY ASSETS

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	£	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	29,163.10	25,238.62	-	-	-	54,401.72
Lloyds	8,729.56	-	7,615.09	1,005.45	200.00	17,550.10
	37,892.66	25,238.62	7,615.09	1,005.45	200.00	71,951.82

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. In accordance with the Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme, the prior year financial statements have been prepared for the period 1 March 2019 to 31 December 2019 reflecting the effective date of the union with St Paul's Lindale of 1 March 2019.
2. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
3. There were no non-monetary assets, liabilities or provisions for donations at 31 December 2020.
4. There is no record of the historical cost of any other non-monetary assets.

St Pauls Church Grange over Sands with Lindale

Trust Fund Accounts 2020

The accounts set out below report the transactions and assets of the additional non-church funds for which the Rector and Churchwardens have been charged with responsibility.

C of E School Foundation Managers

	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts		
Interest	59.75	85.23
Payments		
Leavers gifts	-	29.50
Excess of payments over receipts	59.75	55.73
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	12,746.10	12,690.37
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	12,805.85	12,746.10
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83681266	170.39	144.06
CDBF Ac D 01274	4,731.24	4,731.24
CCLA A/c 771523001D	7,904.22	7,870.80
	12,805.85	12,746.10

Bertha Trotter Bequest

	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts		
Interest and bank compensation	199.38	121.81
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	125.00	190.00
Other	-	100.00
	125.00	290.00
Excess of receipts over payments	74.38	(168.19)
Attributable bank balance at 1 January	19,383.00	19,551.19
Attributable bank balance at 31 December	19,457.38	19,383.00
Represented by:		
Cash at bank		
Nat West A/c 83289569	90.14	215.14
CDBF Ac D 1942	15,815.07	15,630.71
CCLA A/c 776127001D	3,552.17	3,537.15
	19,457.38	19,383.00

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