

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

Administrative Information

St Paul's Church is situated in 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 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Associate Priest:	Revd Jonathan Brewster	(from 14 October 2021)
Reader Emeritus:	Joyce Leach	
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
	Susan Jones-Darlington	From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024
	Margaret Ratcliffe	From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024
	Maureen Chadwick	From APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

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 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

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.

Bryan Redhead & Co Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
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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

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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	
	<u>20.04</u>	
Payments		
Disadvantaged support	375.00	125.00
	<u>375.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
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
	<u>19,102.42</u>	<u>19,457.38</u>

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