



Working within Great Harwood Ecumenical Partnership
St Bartholomew and St John
Parish of Great Harwood



For the year ended 31 December 2023
Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council

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Objectives and Activities.

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their publication 'The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit' and have given regard to it in their administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent, and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by -

- o providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- o promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

THE PARISH

Great Harwood is an ancient market town which prospered as a mill town in the nineteenth century and has developed further with light industry and suburban housing. A chapel-of-ease on the current site was recorded in 1335; the present church, originally known as St Lawrence, is largely 15th-16th Century. It was extended in the 19th century to serve a growing population, and St John's Church (closed in 2007 and now sadly demolished) was built in 1912. St Bartholomew's is a welcoming congregation with a wide age-range which works with other churches in Great Harwood to serve our town; the Ecumenical Partnership was formed in 2007 to help us work, worship and witness together.

Over the last 12 months it is wonderful to say that I feel that the 'general spirit' in the church has been more positive. We have seen a small increase in the numbers of people coming to worship each week and that, as a church fellowship, we have enjoyed a few more social events than we have been able to in previous years. We saw a good number of young people come forward to be confirmed this year and there have been many more visits to the church by children from both of our church schools. Despite the good things which have been happening, however, it has continued to be a difficult time for most of us. The continuing invasion of Ukraine and the outbreak of wars in the Holy Land and many other places around the world have led to the world becoming a more fearful place for many. Millions of people around the world are being driven from their homes and countries through war or persecution and this is greatly increasing the refugee crisis. Add to this the continuing pressures on people's finances due to inflation, the cost of living crisis and the increasing numbers of children in our own community who are now living in poverty and it's easy to believe that evil is winning the battle over good. I personally cannot remember a time when this has been so much of a 'divisive spirit' in the world, such desperate need among so many people and an overwhelming fear of what the future may hold. It is so important that we, as a 'resurrection people', do not give in to this increasing sense of doom and gloom and always live in the light of the resurrection and seek to bring comfort and hope to those around us. Although we held our annual Gift Day in October, which provided a much needed income, it was also apparent that the regular monthly income of the church needed to be greatly increased. The church is also still struggling to recover financially from the drop in income as a result of the pandemic and the subsequent fall in the number of people attending worship. Although attendance has improved slightly over this last year, the coming year will be a particularly challenging one and, as the financial statement makes clear, our limited church financial reserves have been greatly reduced over the last few years. These will be fully exhausted by the end of next year if nothing is done to address this.

Due to this, we had intended to hold a full Stewardship Campaign towards the end of 2023 but the PCC felt that delaying it by a few months, until Easter 2024, may yield a better response to the appeal and so the decision was taken to do this. The Stewardship Campaign is intended to have two aspects - covering both the financial situation and also enabling us to reflect on how we can all use our time and energies to further the mission of the church. Over the last year the PCC have also continually tried to keep the right balance between ensuring that the ministry of the church continued to expand whilst also trying to reduce costs as much as practically possible. My personal thanks continue to go to all the members of the PCC for their commitment and support during these challenging times.

On a pastoral level, it has, once again, been a year filled with much sadness as we have said goodbye to a number of long-time members of the fellowship who have died and left huge gaps not only in the lives of their families but in the church fellowship as well. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all those who have lost loved ones over this past year and it is my hope that the truth of Christ's resurrection will bring comfort to all those who are going through a time of bereavement.

The Year 2023-highlights

Now that COVID is not as restrictive we are beginning to hold Social Events again. For the Kings Coronation we held an Afternoon Celebration Café, during August a BBQ was held in the Vicarage Gardens, a Stall on Towngate on St. Lawrence Day, a McMillan Coffee morning, a Christmas Tree Festival in Church and in December Simply Carols, with a Brass Band.

In 2024 more events are being planned with the return of our successful "Race Night".

Rev'd. Graham Birch,
March 2024

build the Kingdom of God, here in Great Harwood and enable each of you to find the role which you can play in sharing the love of Christ with others and in helping to look forward to what lies ahead for us as a fellowship and may God continue to bless you and your families. Christ Jesus Himself and ensure that we love others as He has loved us. As Jesus taught us, the heart of the gospel message is that we follow the example of community are struggling enormously and it is so important that our focus as a church finds new ways of offering comfort and support to them. Many people in our being able to look forward as a church and to sense where the Spirit of God is leading us. Whilst also so important that we continue to hold the difficult balance between respecting and treasuring the past, whilst it is many opportunities for us to grow in faith and to share the gospel with people in our Community. As I often say, it is Even though the coming year will continue to provide many challenges, both financial and practical, it will also bring Church. All of this work is greatly appreciated and enriches the life of the whole and out, the Church reflects the wonder of God's creation; those who maintain our 'on-line' ministry; those who help forward to us being able to build for the future and plan some more times of fun and fellowship in the coming year. The Events Committee have not met formally this year but I look would be able to step into that important role. So please let me know if you can think of someone who trying to find another governor for one of our schools, so please let me know if you can think of someone who the Church building and grounds; those who serve as School Governors in our two wonderful schools. We are still a safe place for anyone who comes here; those on the Walls and Within Committee who, led by Mark, look after Oliver, our Safeguarding Officer, who ensures that the Church not only complies with legal requirements but is also essential work of the PCC; David and all those who help to keep the Church finances in order; the Baptism Team; There is also so much work which goes on behind the scenes that is essential for the Church to grow – the need to enable us to grow in faith and to deepen our understanding of God's love. grace and forgiveness that we accepted and loved a place where we are all shown the acceptance, grace and forgiveness that we don't assume that someone else will welcome them! The church has to be a place where all people are welcomed, a part in this essential ministry, so please take the time to speak to anyone whom you haven't seen before and because of how welcomed they felt from the moment they first came into Church. It is so important that we all play Those who have recently joined the fellowship often tell me that one of the reasons why they came back was One of the best things about our fellowship is the welcome that people receive the first time that they come here. enthusiastically taken on this important role in the fellowship. Thanks to Kay for all her time as UM Branch leader, who has now stepped down, and for Margaret who has wonderful fellowship for many but also continue to contribute in so many practical ways to the life of the Church. leading intercessions or assisting with Communion and to the Sidespeople who ensure people receive a warm assist our worship, especially to John and the Choir. Also to those who serve the church through reading Lessons, Cynthis who has remained faithful in her work as Parish Administrator, ensuring that things are done both timely and efficiently – and for also reminding me of the things I needed to do as well!! Thanks also to all those who our wonderful Church building. I would personally like to thank our Wardens, Tracey and Owen, for supporting me in my ministry and in helping the fellowship to 'move forward' in faith and discipleship. Thanks once again to 20 many people here work tirelessly to enable the worship and the fellowship to continue and also to take care of support to those around us who feel overwhelmed with all that is happening in the world. about, it is so important that we, as Christians, are able to shine with the light of Christ and bring hope, joy and Although there are many challenges which continue to lie ahead of us in the coming year, I do not doubt that God is

Mission and Vision

It is nice, coming to write this part of the annual report to be able to see that the fellowship is growing in numbers and that we have moved forward with most of the objectives which we set in last year's report. Some have not moved quite as far as we would have liked, due to the financial restraints we are having to deal with, but things are gradually coming together and we are hoping that these initiatives will gain more momentum in the coming year. Due to the general struggles that people and families were having because of the financial crisis and high level of inflation, it was felt by the PCC that the Stewardship Campaign we had planned for the end of 2023 should be put back a little and so this is now being planned for Easter 2024. Hopefully as the situation regarding the rate of inflation and the cost of living situation is improving slightly, people will be in a slightly better place to respond in a positive way to the appeal at that time. As there have been a large reduction in Church reserves following the Covid pandemic and the financial crisis, the stewardship campaign could not be put back any later than this and it is my hope and prayer that people in the fellowship will respond in a generous way. This is not just so that we can meet our financial commitments but so that we can fund mission in our community and grow in our understanding of what it means to be a 'good steward'. The Bible is quite clear that when God's people are prepared to make personal sacrifices for the sake of the Kingdom of God, that God's blessing will follow and His Spirit will move in power among us.

In practical terms, numbers at the main Sunday service have slightly increased and it is also nice to see that we have a few new regular worshippers who have come to the church following times of bereavement and say that they have found the fellowship to be a welcoming and supportive place. The 'Breakfast Church' service at 8.30am each Sunday has continued to grow and this has been a way for many people and families to worship together and have a time of fellowship. There have been lots of positive comments from people who value this service and it is also a 'gentler' way for people new to the fellowship to become part of the congregation. Once again I want to thank all the Stewards and other volunteers at each of our services who give so much of their time to welcome people to the church and/or provide drinks and food for them. This role is so important to the life of the church and must never be undervalued.

Unfortunately we took the difficult decision to close the monthly family event, based at Bank Mill House, due to falling numbers. It is hoped that, in the coming year we will be able to put on some alternative events specifically targeting families and providing opportunities for worship and fellowship with them. Over the last year we have also started a 'Men's Group', which is intended to provide a good way for men connected with the church to come together for fellowship and social events. These have been well received and we are hoping to increase the number of these in the coming year.

I know that many of us are anxious about the state of the world which seem to be bringing more darkness and suffering but it is especially important that those of us who believe in a 'Risen Christ' allow that belief to affect the way we view the world. If we truly believe that Jesus has won the victory over sin and death then we have to do all we can to live as 'children of God's Kingdom'. That means to pray with faith for the world and to seek to bring the light of God into the places of darkness around us. In a world where people live in darkness and are fearful of what the future may bring, it is so important that we live as people who genuinely believe that God's Will can be done on earth and do what we can to bring light and hope to those around us.

As I am writing these words, we have just celebrated the most amazing day in the whole Church year - the wonderful celebration of our Lord Jesus rising from the dead and winning the final victory over sin and death once and for all time. We need to reflect on this wondrous event and allow it to energise our worship and strengthen our mission in the world. In a world which is becoming increasingly divisive, it is so important that we do all we can to break down barriers in our own community and ensure that all people come to know the amazing love that God has for them.

Over the last few years, like many churches, St Bartholomew & St John's has been struggling with all sorts of external and internal factors and we still have plenty of difficult times ahead of us in the coming years. Despite this, I am certain that with the renewed commitment of the fellowship that we will continue to grow both in numbers and in spirituality and be able to successfully meet any challenges that may come our way. It is often, during difficult times, that people's faith is 'purified' and they make a new commitment to bring God's love to those around them. Targets for the coming year will be:

- (1) To continue to revamp the Church extension area and make it a more welcoming place for people to use. The next stage will be to fit new flooring and lighting and also decorate it to make it a lighter and much more pleasant area to be in;
- (2) To continue to develop our new services and to build on the work that has been done over the last year;
- (3) To re-form our Church Worship Group to look at how we can enhance our regular worship and provide new services for special events;

RESOURCES

- 7) Successfully deliver a comprehensive Stewardship Campaign at Easter.
- 8) Plan into our diary more Church social events where we can share fellowship together.
- 9) Longer able to attend church in person;
- 10) To train and equip more members of the congregation to become pastoral visitors to those who are no longer able to attend church with prayer;
- 11) Following on from our 'seasonal' bible studies, through Advent and Lent, we now intend to hold a weekly Bible Study and prayer group to enable us to grow in faith and surround all the work of the church with prayer.

In the coming year, I ask each of you also to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to do to enable His love to reach out to more people in this community. It may be that you can give some of your time to help practically through helping to care for the church and grounds or it may be that you can take on a new role within the church – helping to visit people or being involved in helping to plan church events. Whatever it is, please be a 'good and faithful steward', use wisely the gifts that God has given you and ensure that you do something to help God's Kingdom to grow in Great Harwood! Pray continually that the victory over sin, which is ours in Christ, may be something that enriches our lives and strengthens us in His service.

Stewardship needs revisiting as the church is still dependent on legacy income (for which we are most grateful) – to be able to maintain the building. Regular giving has declined, which may be connected with reduced attendance after Covid.

We record our particular thanks to all who have stepped down, and our gratitude to the many volunteers who continue their time, skills and resources to enable the life, worship and outreach of the parish to flourish.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been another challenging year. At the end of December 2023, the parish share was paid in full, the General Fund showed an excess of expenditure over income of £22136. Gift Aid refund from HMRC was £6675.

We must increase our income year on year to preserve our church and maintain its mission for years to come.

Risk Assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for the church, the churchyard and the Hope Street Burial Ground. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2019 Data Protection Regulation are known and compiled with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed Mr David Bond to be the responsible person to put these things into operation. There are Safeguarding Policies in place and the Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Owen Sudbers. DBS checks have been carried out in respect of all persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Business During the Last Year

Since the last APCM held in April 2023, the PCC has met a total of 10 times in Church with Rev Graham Birch as the Chair. There is one more meeting scheduled for April as the APCM has been pushed back to May this year.

Church Maintenance/Spending

- Work has been ongoing on drying the church Fire Risk Assessment and other health and safety matters up to date.
- Other volunteers have been giving their time to do the work needed.
- The kitchen in the extension is undergoing a refurbish. The units have been donated and Graham and the purchase of two new first aid kits and an accident book were approved.
- The church alarm needed updating to a job system. Agreed a cost of approx. £100.
- There has been some roofing/gutter maintenance at the cost of £1460.
- After checking other rates on comparison sites.
- The fixed rate contract for gas ended and new 12 month fixed rate deal was negotiated with British Gas

Changes in PCC appointed positions

There were no changes in the School Governors this year. Barbara Waddington was approved by the PCC to work in Mum's and Tot's.

Other Matters Discussed

- **Stewardship Campaign:** The Stewardship campaign began in March and is running for the 4 weeks around Easter. Many different ideas were discussed on how to encourage giving and the meaning behind stewardship.
- **Safeguarding:** A lot of discussions were had around the amount of training that had to be undertaken by PCC members. It was agreed that this would be made clear when people put their names forward for the role the following year. Work was completed on Safer Recruitment. Leadership courses have been completed by the church wardens. Oliver, the church's Safeguarding Officer, completed her Safeguarding induction training and is working on an Action Plan.
- **Church Fellowship:** The PCC approved for 4 names to be added into the Remembrance Book. A Bible study group was set up.
- **Events:** There was an Afternoon Tea fundraiser which raised £200 for church funds, a church BBQ, Christmas lunch at Churchfield House, a Macmillan coffee morning which raised £325, a Christmas Tree festival, Gift Day which raised £2730, two men's nights out and Lent lunches which raised over £400 for the food bank.
- **Schools:** Both schools connected with the church were OFSTED inspected during the year and both schools received a grade of 'Good'.

Reserves Policy.
The PCC has reviewed its policy and, conscious of the current financial situation of the parish will seek to maintain at all times sufficient liquid funds to satisfy three months general expenditure at any one time whilst seeking to hold in reserve all surplus funds on interest bearing safe deposit accounts such as offered by the CBF.

We as a Church also take the safety of all our people seriously and are here to listen and act if you have any concerns.

Safeguarding could be made fully independent of the Church.
recently undertaken a report that made recommendations for how Church Safeguarding and the scrutiny of Church
The Church of England takes seriously the role that safeguarding plays at both National and local level, having

booklets and help lines can be found on the notice boards in church and on the website.
The Dioceses are always available if we require assistance and details of the Diocese Safeguarding officers' policy

are recruited safely and that we as an organisation take their roles seriously.
volunteers have to follow a process of recruitment not unlike applying for paid work. This ensures that volunteers
DBS need updating. The dashboard is widely used across Dioceses within the Church of England. All new
descriptions, DBS, training completed and more. It also acts as a reminder when dates for renewal of training and
Parish Dashboard which allows us to track and keep up to date all aspects of volunteering from recruitment, role
and a report is given. Training requirements for the Parish Safe Guarding Officer are up to date. We now use a
We have had no incidents of concern reported this year. Safeguarding continues to be an item on the PCC agenda

Safeguarding Report 23/24.

Tracey and Olwen .

Looking forward to serving our Church and community in faith and love.

Your prayers.
We are hoping for a full PCC in the year to come and looking forward to new members joining; please hold them in
Plans are underway to have more money raising events in the near future (keep your eyes peeled)
We hope we have all your support in this and in turn we can then support the Church family and our vicar Graham.

We will also be assisted by Dick who helps us to keep the church open and welcoming as assistant church warden
Now that Olwen and I are established in the job, we would like to continue for another year at least, God willing!

Our Lent lunches raised £450 pounds for much needed baby items for the food bank, which was overwhelmed
with our efforts .

different groups.
summer months and our Christmas tree displays were a triumph bringing people in to admire the work of many
Over the past twelve months, we as a church, have held events for church to be open for the public during the

We held our Annual Gift Day last autumn and have recently started to get our Stewardship Campaign underway.

and coffee and breakfast so much easier .
decoration to complete the work. A refrigerator was donated by Dick and the kitchen is already making serving tea
Thanks to Graham the kitchen is now installed and is a great working space , just in need of new sockets and

completed: but gutters have been repaired and cleared.
Both Olwen and I are happy with how the last year has gone. The church building: Not all work has been

Church Wardens

Kay Whitney

This was another great year at St Bartholomew and St John's MU full of fellowship, fun and fun. Everyone (even men are able to join too) is welcome to come and join any of our meetings as a visitor. Just take a look at our agenda on the church notice board inside church or speak to Margaret Mallen, who has kindly volunteered to take over from Kay Whitney as the Branch Leader.

We held a Quiet Communion Service in September which was lead by Reverend Graham Birch. October's meeting was our annual Wave of Prayer when, along with other MU Branches, prayers are offered to the MU Branches around the world. In November Mr John Lamb from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust visited the branch and gave a very interesting talk about Wild Lancashire. Finally, in December, we got crafty and took part in a practical workshop hosted by Doty Art. It was great fun with members producing some fine art work as well as having the chance to buy some Christmas gifts.

This year our Denary Festival was held at St John's Road. In May our Denary Presiding Member came to give us a talk.

March we had a visit from Jean Emmett from Friends of Haworth Art Gallery. Some of our members had never visited the gallery before and this talk encouraged them to go for a coffee and cake as well as visit the Gallery. Our branch had a number of interesting speakers in 2023. Graham kindly spoke to the branch in February, in

it is with great sadness that in February we said our final goodbyes to Mrs Pat Denton. Her funeral reflected her lifelong commitment to Mothers' Union and she is greatly missed by us all.

Christmas lunch. Our social events included a trip to St Anne's in July where we had lunch and time to stroll on the promenade or do a bit of shopping on the high street. In December we gathered at the Calf's Head in Worston for our annual Christmas lunch.

In 2023 our charitable collection was to the Hyndburn Baby Bank. A large number of items were collected and passed on to this very worthwhile organisation that helps parents and families in our local area with everyday baby items such as nappies and clothes. We also collected warm coats and scarfs etc for the Rotary annual collection held in church.

who attend welcome the chance to take a well needed holiday. Those provides holidays for those in need of a break and the money we raise helps in funding this important facility. Those collection for MU charities. In June we held our annual Beetle Drive in aid of the AFA caravan. The caravan Our charitable giving within the branch continued. During Lent we collected money from our jars for our usual Lent Baptismal Anniversary cards inviting children and their parents or guardians to St Bar's Tot's group. MU members of the Baptist Team helped with preparation and baptism throughout the year and in sending of

church. MU members helped with welcoming couples to the church Wedding Welcome event held in April by providing breakfast in the form of coffee and pastries. It is always lovely to host this event where couples are able to meet with the vicar, the organist and the flower committee to help with the finer details of their wedding preparations in church.

The theme for MU in 2023 was The Time for Transformation is Now.

Mothers' Union

Membership and Attendance

Number on the Electoral Roll at the APCM	191	190	184	195
	2020	2021	2022	2023

Quiet Common Sun (Now Breakfast Comm)	286	0	294	1149
Celebration Communion on Sunday	1689	2331	2707	2874
Quiet Communion on Wednesday	436	277	481	723
	2411	2608	3782	4746

This is split as follows:

Adults	1921	2302	3350	4140
Young people under 16	490	243	432	606

The average weekly attendance at all services, without double counting those individuals, was: The attendance at quiet communion on Wednesday includes those who have also attended a Sunday service.

Adults	12	43	62	63
Young people under 16	6	2	8	7
	21	48	73	70

Attendance at other services and groups:

Prism Service (monthly)	0	0	161	283
Saturday Mix at Bankmill House	0	89	50	

Attendance at Easter and Christmas:

Easter Day	0	68	109	98
Christmas	48	76	106	123
Including Crib Service and Roaming Nativity				

Total attendance at other holy day and special services held at the church was:

Other holy day and special services	126	162	92	387
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Communicants throughout the year at the main services

Quiet Communion on Sunday	284	0	328	706
Communion on Sunday	1040	1901	2253	222
Quiet Communion on Wednesday	174	120	481	222
	1498	2021	3062	3780

Holy communion is also taken on a monthly basis to a number of individuals in their homes and to nursing homes and sheltered accommodation for the elderly.

Home communicants	29	2	21	20
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Occasional Offices (celebrations of life events)

Baptisms	2	14	28	21
Candidates presented for Confirmation	0	8	0	9
Weddings	0	3	7	4
Dedication of Thanksgiving for a Marriage	0	0	1	0
Funerals/Memorial Service, of which 10 began with a service in church (2022: 15)	22	26	24	11

Administrative Information

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & ST JOHN'S CHURCH

GENERAL FUND		UNRESTRICTED		TOTAL RECEIPTS	
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS	
VOLUNTARY GIVING		VOLUNTARY GIVING		VOLUNTARY GIVING	
SUMUP (card donations)	5076	5076	1806	38106	
HMRC (Charities)	6625	6625	6244		
GIFT DAY	5230	5230	1632		
STANDING ORDERS	11041	11041	11429		
OPEN COLLECTION	5062	5062	5637		
PLEDGES	11041	11041	15138		
LEGACIES	5000	5000	Nil		
GRANT (energy)	Nil	Nil	1787		
OTHER VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS		OTHER VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS		OTHER VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS	
DONATIONS INC GIFT AID ENVELOPES	3476	3476	4128		
RECEIPTS FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES		RECEIPTS FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES		RECEIPTS FROM CHURCH ACTIVITIES	
EVENTS	805	805	Nil		
BLACKBURN DIOCESE (lifo refund)	5409	5409	Nil		
PCC (inc assigned fees)	8068	8068	15696		
RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS		RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS		RECEIPTS FROM INVESTMENTS	
BANK INTEREST	153	153	15		
DIVIDENDS(2022 £259)	1067	1067	602		
CLOSED (old bank account)	125	125	Nil		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL RECEIPTS	
23248		23248		25227	

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION & HONORARIUM
CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

GRANTS
BARCHESTER

5053	5053	5053	5053	5053
1273	1273	1273	1273	1273
41018	41018	41018	41018	41018
4538	4538	4538	4538	4538
3806	3806	3806	3806	3806
1242	1242	1242	1242	1242
4562	4562	4562	4562	4562
4485	4485	4485	4485	4485
3674	3674	3674	3674	3674
185	185	185	185	185
405	405	405	405	405
622	622	622	622	622
4080	4080	4080	4080	4080
1041	1041	1041	1041	1041
5211	5211	5211	5211	5211
300	300	300	300	300
383	383	383	383	383
73511	73511	73511	73511	73511
1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
100	100	100	100	100
1100	1100	1100	1100	1100
72884	72884	72884	72884	72884
48046	48046	48046	48046	48046
56910	56910	56910	56910	56910
48046	48046	48046	48046	48046
68255	68255	68255	68255	68255
48046	48046	48046	48046	48046

6. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No payments were made to PCC members for acting as PCC members. The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: moveable church furnishings held by church wardens on special trust for the PCC and Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

4. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

3. The Holye Legacy consists of 121 shares in the CBF investment fund.

2. The Parish Memorial Fund consists of 221 shares in the CBF investment fund.

1. The Welsh Bedest consists of 982 shares in the CBF investment fund.

Notes:

Non-monetary assets

Creditors
Debtors

Total

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Monetary Assets

General Fund Unvest	Welsh Bedest Rest	Parish M.F. Rest	Holye Legacy Rest	Total 2023	Total 2022
£	£	£	£	£	£
25910	22221	4996	3413	25250	27068
				3413	3118
		4996		3413	4263
	22221			22221	20341
				13407	12624
				13203	36922

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

And signed on its behalf by

Approved by the PCC at its meeting on

22nd February 2024

The following liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

P.C.C. Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st December by the

Any other amounts owing to the P.C.C. including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

The following assets are recognized and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Investments held beneficially by the P.C.C.

Facility and where the original cost exceeded £1,000. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the P.C.C. is free to dispose of such assets without

Land and buildings held on behalf of the P.C.C.

Facility for disposal. Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the P.C.C. and which require a

The following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the P.C.C. can be held responsible.

General funds represent the funds of the P.C.C. that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the P.C.C. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the P.C.C.

Funds.

The financial statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the R & P basis.

Accounting Policies for the P.C.C. of the Parish of
Great Harwood, St. Bartholomew and St. John.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St Bartholomew and St John, Great Harwood in respect of the accounts of the P.C.C. for the year ending 31st December 2023 as shown on pages 11 – 13 in this Report. The examination has been carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 142 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.
The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 142 of the Charities Act to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 142(2)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.) 2nd edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair, view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:
accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

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

Signed: *A. A. Clements* Date 29th April 2024

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