

BLACKBURN ST LUKE, ST MARK & ST PHILIPS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING BLACKBURN, THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING BLACKBURN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-11-11
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: The PCC is made up of 13 members and its role is to work with the vicar to promote the mission of the church in the parish, to care to people, to spread Christ's gospel of Good News and co-operating with other churches especially in our newly formed cluster of neighbouring churches. It takes decision by vote.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Blackburn With Darwen

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£333,462	£301,372	-	-
2024-12-31	£326,962	£311,918	-	-
2023-12-31	£208,186	£334,927	-	-
2022-12-31	£206,380	£137,306	-	-
2021-12-31	£92,957	£63,717	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,214	£31,675	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jason Gardner	Chair	2021-07-01
Andrew Foot		2023-11-20
Carl Wingfield		2026-05-10
Ellen Brawn		2026-05-10
JOYCE HOPE		
John Lisle		2025-07-07
Jonathan English		2024-05-13
Mark Dyer		2026-05-10
Stephen Thomas		2023-05-22

Accounts

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**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Blackburn St Luke, St Mark and St Philips**

2025 Report and Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn

Aim and purposes

St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jason Gardner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

The focus of St Luke's Church is to create a vibrant missional centre from which to engage & disciple emerging generations within an urban context. In the past three years we have already engaged in modelling mission and ministry among emerging generations within our local context and we are increasingly resourcing the wider diocese and national Church and will continue to expand our reach in order to resource church growth.

Objectives and activities

St Luke's has strong aims to create a thriving church that:

1. Becomes a centre that is driven to make disciples from amongst the urban emerging generations within the locale of the church. Our focus on emerging generations means the church will be biased towards reaching under 30's. Our method of accomplishing this is through encouraging intergenerational church - a family focus that equips all ages to reach and nurture young people.
2. Builds strong foundations for a church planting movement across a dedicated geographical area within Blackburn Diocese.
3. Models outreach to local emerging generations using established missional methods and building relationships with key institutions, particularly Church of England educational centres, in order to see this approach repeated across the diocese.
4. Equips, energises, and empowers clergy and volunteers across the diocese to re--imagine ministry and mission among emerging generations and implement key models of engagement and discipleship.
5. Explores, with the diocese, networked youth mission, ministry and training across Lancashire that identifies and supports key approaches to discipling emerging generations.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

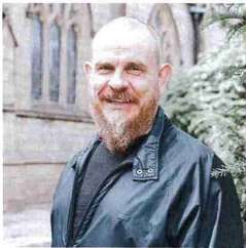
When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke's.

Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report – Reverend Jason Gardner



Another amazing year in the life of St Luke's! It's been nearly five years since myself and Rachel moved to Blackburn and it's incredible to look back and take in all that God has done in that time!

We've seen so many people come to faith and grow in faith, we're increasing our impact across our parish in terms of social transformation and we've developed plans for the future we see God calling us to.

And our team has changed! Last Summer we said a fond, if sad, farewell to the lovely Gault family as they moved to Stoke to plant at All Saints Hanley. Our worship lead Ethan and his new wife, Phoebe, joined them shortly after. We're still in strong contact with them all and want to support them any way we can. Before Christmas a team from SLB went down to help hand out 500 packs of kindness in their parish!

However hot on the heels of the Gaults last summer was the Lisle family! John is our new planting curate and arrived with his wonderful wife, Tiria, and their fantastic little boy Reuben. They've all got stuck into life at St Luke's and they've helped grow our Collective hub for 18-30 year olds as well as taking a lead on worship and helping form our new Hubs!

September '25 saw us appoint Sarah Hands to the role of Children and Families Lead. Sarah has done such strong work in growing our connections with families and schools and is doing outstanding, and demanding work as our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

And the rest of the team, as you'll find out, have been pressing ahead and taking care of business! Andy Foot, as our Operations Lead, has helped shape plans for a sustainable future for St Luke's and has brought in more and more people and organisations who want to use the site. Lillie Higham has dedicated herself to providing brilliant admin support as well as continuing doing sterling youthwork too. Grace Hands has grown our youthwork, taking 20 away on a brilliant adventure weekend in Wales last autumn and has provided deeply needed support for our youth.

Emma Mayoh has built on our strong relationships with the Council and service providers and has really helped grow our reputation as a trusted partner in terms of seeing lives turned around for the better in our area.

Rachel Gardner has continued to provide a valued voice for consulting on all things youth for the Diocese, overseeing a new and brilliant video confirmation course featuring all our Bishops! And we're thankful for her sensitive and powerful worship leading and volunteering for Known and our youth work.

And as if all that wasn't enough our treasurer, Jonathan English, has created strong partnerships with churches across East Lancs to help re-establish a CAP Debt Centre in Blackburn at St Luke's. Amanda Wingfield is our wonderful centre manager and is doing brilliant work in helping people get free from financial difficulties.

And we've seen God move time and time again in people's lives, including introducing people to Jesus through Alpha, and deepening faith through our Freedom in Christ course. We're so thankful to a team of growing

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volunteers who are taking the lead when it comes to our prayer life, our community and faith life through our new Hubs small groups and showing God's compassion and kindness to those who need it most.

Thanks be to God for his strong and beautiful faith family at St Luke's. In many ways it feels like we're just beginning, so watch this space and pray that Jesus will do 'immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine' in order to grow his Kingdom through us. Amen!

Church Warden's Report – Stephen Thomas

The past 12 months have again been a time of blessing in the church both individually for myself and collectively for the church family as a whole. The church has continued to represent Christ, and has sought to adapt our service to better meet the needs within the community, but throughout all Jesus has been honoured and upheld.

The team has changed again over the past 12 months, with the addition of John and his family, and Sarah Hands, but the continuation of the witness and purpose of the church has been a real testimony. We also now have Amanda Wingfield running the CAP centre within the church. I have been privileged to support her in this great work to bring people out of the depths of debt into financial freedom and seeking to witness to Jesus through the process to see them liberated in Him.

We have seen not only growth in numbers within the church, but also the growth in maturity of the church is a constant, and as such we have seen the provision of Hubs to provide the opportunity for the family to grow in the knowledge and faith of Jesus. The numbers taking the opportunity to avail themselves of these Hubs is quite low at the moment, but we know that Jesus is and will continue to use these to further the strength of the church family in faith.

Again, we were truly blessed over the Easter period with the Maundy Thursday seder meal shared as a family. The Good Friday walk of Witness, the hour around the cross being a time of real worship and remembrance. The wonder of the Easter service and Christ's resurrection power was gloriously displayed throughout the Sunday morning service with the 6 baptisms and the testimony of the saving, transforming, keeping power of Christ fully on display. It was a joy and privilege to be present and part of the wonder working power of Christ that day. I pray the Lord will continue to guide and encourage the leadership, team, and church over the next 12 months as we lift Him up through the life of the His church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for its continued help and support. The terrier has been updated. The logbook has been completed with all the work that has been done on the church and an inventory has been produced

Operations – Andy Foot

We have had a very busy year at St Luke's as we've continued to see growth in activities. We have developed even more connections with local agencies and drawn more people in to enjoy meeting at church on Sundays and all of the other groups across the week. This is only possible because of the enthusiasm and commitment of staff and volunteers.

It has been great this year to see the opening of a re-established Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for Blackburn and Darwen at St Luke's, and further support to strengthen and expand our social transformation work. All of this work is at the heart of who we are as a church that welcomes everyone in our community.

It has also been encouraging that St Luke's can not only serve local adults and young people but can host events where people from churches across Lancashire can come together for training, fellowship, and worship.

We have continued to work closely with the Diocese of Blackburn as we move towards the end of our SDF funding programme, recognising what has been achieved through the investment in St Luke's and ensuring that we are in a good place to continue to contribute to God's work over the long term. To this end, we have agreed a 5-year financial plan that uses the remaining SDF funding to increase our reserves in readiness for the future. While giving from within the church continues to increase, we are also working hard to find further financial support from other funders.

Planting Curate – Reverend John Lisle

I've absolutely loved my first year as part of the St Luke's family. Thank you for having us! It was really good to go to the Focus festival early doors and meet everyone from the start.

I tend to think it takes about 6 months in any new place to feel properly at home, and my first few months were spent adjusting to a new church family, new locale and new workplace. I particularly enjoyed supporting the tech and worship ministry early doors. We've changed to a new projection software which seems to be much more user friendly, and the worship and tech teams have continued to grow. More recently it's been great to hand the baton on to Noah as I take on a bit more general oversight with Jason and Rachel. I've really enjoyed taking a step up in ministry, holding more responsibility, decision making, and line management of staff. It's been fun to see the inner workings of church life, from recruiting employees to discussing heating systems!

Baptising people has been one of the greatest privileges of my ministry to date, and undertaking occasional offices has also deepened my understanding of the importance and weight of my calling. Jason has been a great instructor to learn under, and I continue to learn much from him.

Of course, at St Luke's we're passionate about bringing people to Jesus, and it's been great to be involved in Alpha, the Making Disciples course, Community Kitchen, SLB Collective, SLB Youth, Street teams etc. Late last year we launched SLB Hubs (our midweek small group programme) which I led on and now continue to oversee. Some of these Hubs are going well, others are a bit more up and down, but it's been great to try something new and see how it can fit into the wider life of St Luke's.

Conversations are moving at pace about a potential plant out of St Luke's too. More to come soon!

Youth Ministry – Led by Grace Hands

This past year has been one of real growth, deepening faith, and exciting new opportunities for our young people, both within the church and our community. As Youth and Student Lead, it continues to be a huge privilege to journey alongside them, watching their confidence grow, seeing them ask big questions, and, most significantly, witnessing lives being transformed as they come to know Jesus.

Our lunch club spaces have continued to develop in a really encouraging way. Not only have we seen consistent engagement, but we have also seen new young people come to faith, making the decision to follow Jesus and

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beginning their own journey with Him. It has been amazing to see them grow in confidence, deepen their faith, and even invite their friends along to be part of what's happening.

Sunday mornings have continued to grow in both numbers and in depth. This space remains to be a key place for building friendships, having fun, and exploring faith together. It's been brilliant to see young people increasingly confident in prayer, encouraging one another, and taking ownership of their faith.

Alongside this, our Tuesday "going deeper" Bible study has become a strong and consistent space. Each week, a committed group of young people gathers to dig into Scripture, wrestle with some of the bigger and more challenging questions and develop deep roots in their faith. It has been incredibly encouraging to see their hunger to learn and grow.

"Footie Thursday" has continued to expand this year, helping us connect with even more young people from the local community. It has been especially encouraging to see the way many of the lads are engaging - not just with the football, but also with the half-time talks and conversations around faith. This space continues to be a valuable bridge into deeper relationships and discipleship.

Another highlight this year has been our youth-led services. These have been a fantastic opportunity for young people to step up, serve, and grow in confidence as they lead different parts of church life. It's been inspiring to see them use their gifts and take ownership of their faith in such a visible way. Alongside all of this, the year has been filled with plenty of fun, energy, and memorable moments. From events to everyday gatherings, there has been a real sense of joy and community, it's been a year full of life, laughter, and shared experiences.

As I reflect on the year, I am incredibly grateful, for the young people, for the team, and for our dedicated volunteers who make all this possible. I'm excited for what lies ahead and full of expectation for all that God will continue to do in the lives of these young people, the church and wider community.

Children and Families Ministry – Led by Sarah Hands

It has been a real joy and privilege to join the family at SLB as we serve our parish and wider community. I am so grateful to be part of this 'Family on a Mission.' The past few months have been both busy and rewarding, as I have spent time getting to know our church families and continuing to build and strengthen relationships with our local schools.

I am incredibly thankful for our volunteers who serve so faithfully each week in SLB Kids and SLB Minis. Their generosity, kindness, and support have meant so much to me as I have settled into the role of Children and Families Lead.

We have continued to enjoy regular opportunities to join two of our local schools for collective worship: St Luke's and St Philip's, and St Barnabas and St Paul's. In addition, we were delighted to present our Christmas Roadshow at those two schools, as well as at St Aidan's, St Francis, and Griffin Park. Over the course of the week, we were able to share the good news of Jesus' birth with approximately 1,000 children.

One of the most encouraging developments in our schools work has been the growing relationship with Griffin Park. The new headteacher, Mr Chapman, along with Mrs Otter, the RE Lead, have been extremely welcoming and supportive. I have had the opportunity to teach a Year 3 RE lesson, and we were recently invited to lead an Easter assembly. The school is currently seeking a governor, and the headteacher has asked whether we might

be able to support in finding someone for this role. This presents a significant opportunity to deepen our connection with a non-church school, particularly one attended by several of our children.

Our family fun days continue to go from strength to strength, providing a wonderful opportunity to serve and bless our community. The Easter Fun Day was especially well attended, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm and willingness of our congregation to distribute leaflets.

Messy Church continues to run monthly at St Luke's School, supported by a fantastic team of volunteers. We typically welcome around 25 children to each session, and I am especially grateful to Joyce and Lillie for their ongoing support.

Susan English continues to do a fantastic job leading our parent and toddler group, Stay and Play. It is a joy to see friendships forming among both parents and children, and to watch the children grow in confidence and develop new skills.

Looking ahead, there is much to be excited about as we approach the summer months. We are planning to host a SATs celebration for Year 6 pupils in our local schools, as well as a three-day Holiday Club in August. We pray that this will be a fun and engaging opportunity for children to learn more about Jesus' love for them.

Please do continue to pray for the work we are doing with children and families.

Social Transformation – Emma Mayoh

Over the past year, our social action work has grown in a really encouraging way, allowing us to support more people across Blackburn and beyond. It has been a joy to connect with individuals from many different backgrounds, seeing them take part in activities and become part of the St Luke's community through projects like Community Kitchen, Celebrate Recovery, and Known.

We've continued building strong partnerships with a range of local organisations, helping us make better use of our space and resources while reaching more people in need. Together, we've supported community wellbeing, including contributing to projects that help reduce pressure on the NHS by strengthening local support networks.

This year, we've connected with over 3,000 people through our activities, sessions, and social media. Our regular programmes have continued to grow, and we're now able to offer even more support through groups like Sparkling Families, Thrive, and the SEND Carers Circle, with plans to introduce new activities such as an Over-55s Coffee Afternoon.

We've also been able to support individuals and families in practical ways, including providing food parcels and ongoing guidance, helping people move towards positive, long-term change. Special initiatives like Love Christmas have been a great opportunity to extend care and generosity to those who need it most.

Our volunteers have been at the heart of everything we do, giving their time and skills so generously. It's been great to see our outreach work expand, especially through the Known Project, and we're excited to have secured funding for a new Outreach and Engagement Worker to help us grow even further.

One of the most meaningful highlights this year has been seeing people begin a journey of faith, watching those come to church broken for the first time and be supported and encouraged to return week on week and being lifted spiritually, emotionally, and physically. It's been a powerful reminder of the lasting impact that community, care, and connection can have.

Leadership Development Year Intern – Lillie Higham

Over the past year, I have taken part in a Leadership Development Year (LDY), focused on ministry. During this time, I have developed valuable administrative skills that support how the church operates day to day. A key part of my role has been helping to ensure the safety of everyone in our community through DBS checks and safeguarding training, which is critical to our mission as a church.

I have also had the privilege of supporting Grace, our Youth and Student Lead, in running midweek youth activities. It has been rewarding to see young people grow in confidence, as well as in their faith.

One of the highlights of my week is serving at the Community Kitchen, where I can spend time with members of the local community and support those who may be vulnerable. Being part of this outreach is both meaningful and humbling. I feel incredibly grateful to be part of the mission at St Luke's, sharing the word of God and serving others. I am excited to see what the future holds for St Luke's and to continue being part of its journey.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £86,068 of which £68,567 was giving or other voluntary receipts.

Our parish share for 2025 amounted to £40,893 (2024 £33,335) and this was paid in full by the year end. Parish Share is a voluntary payment to the Diocese and provides in the main for the stipend, housing and pension contributions of clergy and also training for both ordained and lay people.

The net result for the year in Unrestricted funds was a small surplus of £3,398 (2024 deficit of £8,609).

There was also a surplus in Restricted funds of £28,692 (2024 surplus £23,653).

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments to running expenses. This is equivalent to £10,906 and the unrestricted reserves at 31/12/25 exceed this target. But the PCC is aware of liabilities that will arise in the future and is planning to increase free reserves in 2026 to prepare for the end of the Strategic Development Fund grant funding programme at the end of 2026. Reserves will be reviewed annually alongside future budgets.

Safeguarding

The PCC considers that it 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).

Volunteers

We wish to thank everyone all those who serve on teams within the parish and especially to our church warden Steve Thomas and our treasurer Jonathan English.

Structure, governance, and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and it operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

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Composition of the PCC

Ex officio

Incumbent	Rev Jason Gardner
Curate (until July 2025)	Rev Alan Gault
Curate (from July 2025)	Rev John Lisle

Elected members

Continuing members

Stephen Thomas (Church Warden)
Gillian Cookson
Jonathan English (Treasurer)
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Joyce Hope
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
Sarah McKerney
Jean Ryan

From 11th May 2025

Jil Chitsa
Will Keeling

Until 11th May 2025

Carol Taylor

Until 7th July 2025

Emma Mayoh

Co-opted members

Andrew Foot (Parish Secretary)

The electorate comprises those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and the ex officio officers.

As part of our involvement in the life of the Diocese as a whole, we are committed to deanery activities in Blackburn with Darwen Deanery and have representation on the Deanery.

Approved by the PCC on 27th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev Jason Gardner, PCC Chairman

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Revd Jason Gardner
PCC Chairman

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Blackburn St Luke, St Mark & St Philips.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out below.

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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Signed:



Rebekah Holt FCA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	68,567	246,770	-	315,337	312,403
Charitable activities	2b	8,308	600	-	8,908	8,594
Other income		9,193	-	-	9,193	5,938
Investments		24	-	-	24	27
Total income		86,092	247,370	-	333,462	326,962
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	82,694	218,678	-	301,372	311,918
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		82,694	218,678	-	301,372	311,918
Net income/(expenditure)		3,398	28,692		32,090	15,044
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-			-
Net movement in funds		3,398	28,692	-	32,090	15,044
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		13,507	60,937	-	74,444	59,399
Total funds carried forward		16,905	89,629	-	106,534	74,444

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Total 2025		Total 2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	10		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	21,689		12,793	
Cash at bank and in hand		87,041		64,056	
Total Current Assets		108,730		76,849	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,196)		(2,405)	
Net current assets			106,534		74,444
Total assets less current liabilities			106,534		74,444
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Total net assets			106,534		74,444
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			16,905		13,507
Restricted funds			89,629		60,937
Total charity funds			106,534		74,444

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd Jason Gardner (PCC chairman)

The notes below form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies:

a. Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

b. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Funds

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

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d. Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift Aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

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Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e. Investments

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

f. Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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

g. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwarden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. No fixed assets are shown as all had been expensed prior to the change to accrual accounting or were paid for from grants from external bodies but future additions from PCC funds will be capitalised.

h. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

i. Debtors

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

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at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

j. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

l. Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

m. Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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2. Analysis of income

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
a. Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	35,352	330		35,682	27,685
Unplanned giving	9,065	9,606		18,671	5,947
Donations	-	-		-	-
Legacies	-	-		-	-
Tax refunds	8,965	62		9,027	6,815
Grants	15,185	236,772	-	251,957	271,956
	68,567	246,770		315,337	312,403
b. Activities for generating funds					
Premises hire	7,240	-		7,240	5,938
Occasional services income	1,953	-		1,953	-
Fundraising income	8,308	600		8,908	8,594
	17,501	600		18,101	14,532
c. Grants received					
Strategic Development Fund	-	169,849		169,849	190,847
Lower Income Community Fund Grant	2,371	-		2,371	3,201
Blackburn with Darwen – Public Health	-	10,599		10,599	-
Groundwork – Tesco	-	500		500	-
Christmas Outreach	-	-		-	2,690
Vulnerable Women’s drop in	-	-		-	4,500
LYN Love Cities	-	-		-	15,000
Police and Crime Commissioner - Youth	-	-		-	3,000
Cinnamon Network	-	2,000		2,000	-
Garfield Weston - Building	-	-		-	10,000
Beatrice Alice Immanuel	-	1,000		1,000	-
Lancaster Foundation	8,645	8,435		17,080	6,000
Spring North – UEC Project	-	20,000		20,000	-
Blackburn CVS	-	1,500		1,500	2,000
180 Project	-	7,289		7,289	9,718
Revitalisation Trust	4,169	10,248		14,417	25,000
Hobson Charity	-	5,352		5,352	-
	15,185	236,772		251,957	271,956

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3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
a. Church activities						
Parish Share / Other payments to Diocese		40,893	-	-	40,893	33,335
Services		-	-	-	-	-
Ministry areas		19,989	40,590	-	60,579	69,764
Employment costs		-	135,010	-	135,010	150,828
Running expenses		21,812	43,078	-	64,890	57,991
		82,694	218,678		301,372	311,918
b. Church Running expenses						
Administration		7,290	5,733	-	13,023	9,710
Marketing		-	4,521	-	4,521	5,830
Premises		14,122	32,824	-	46,946	41,579
Governance		400	-	-	400	810
Cost of raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Start up		-	-	-	-	62
		21,812	43,078		64,890	57,991
c. Premises costs						
Utilities and water		9,648	5,619	-	15,267	14,714
Insurance		856	4,462	-	5,318	5,365
Premises hire		-	-	-	-	180
Buildings maintenance and management		3,618	6,328	-	9,946	8,646
Buildings development		-	16,415	-	16,415	12,674
		14,122	32,824	-	46,946	41,579

4. Governance costs

These include cost relating to independent examination of the accounts.

5. Independent Examination

The Independent Examiner was paid £400 in respect of the examination.

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6. Staff costs

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and salaries		116,987	136,726
Employer's pension contributions		11,699	14,102
		<u>128,686</u>	<u>150,828</u>
Number of employees at year end		5	6

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2024: none).

7. Transactions with trustees

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC, mainly in relation to ministry and administration and not to their roles as trustees. In addition, the following payments were made to trustees or their family members, although not in their position as trustees:

Employees

During the year ending 31 December 2025 Andrew Foot and Emma Mayoh were employed by the PCC in positions as Operations Manager (Andrew) and Social Transformation Lead (Emma). Andrew was a PCC member for the whole year, and Emma was a PCC member for the first part of the year, ending her membership of the PCC on 7th July 2025. In the year ended 31 December 2025, the following payments were made in connection with their employment while they were members of the PCC:

	Andrew Foot	Emma Mayoh	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	33,449	13,858	47,307	63,988
Employer's National Insurance	798	619	1,417	5,611
Employer's pension contribution	3,345	1,386	4,731	6,194
	<u>37,592</u>	<u>15,863</u>	<u>53,455</u>	<u>75,793</u>

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8. Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £11,699 (2024: £14,102). There was £nil outstanding at 31 December 2025 (2024: £Nil).

Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

Fixed asset investments

All the investments were disposed of during the year. The movements have been as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-
Proceeds of disposal	-	-
Net gains on revaluation	-	-
Gain on disposal	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-

Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	21,689	12,793
Gift Aid recoverable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	21,689	12,793

9. Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	764	363
Accruals	-	-

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Other creditors	1,432	2,042
	2,196	2,405

Deferred income comprises grants received that relate to expenditure in future periods.

10. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024 -£nil).

11. Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Gain on investments	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 December 2025
Unrestricted Funds						
Total Unrestricted Funds	13,507	86,092	(82,695)			16,905
Restricted Funds						
<i>Strategic Development Fund</i>	(1,013)	169,849	(162,177)	-	-	6,659
<i>CAP</i>	-	10,399	(2,602)	-	-	7,797
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	654	2,525	(1,542)			1,637
<i>Fabric - Buildings</i>	58,397	5,352	(12,047)	-		51,702
<i>Social Transformation</i>	2,899	59,245	(40,310)	-	-	21,834
Total Restricted Funds	60,937	247,370	(218,678)	-	-	89,629
Total funds	74,444	333,462	(301,373)	-	-	106,534

None of the funds are shown as Endowments as any Endowments were released during the year ended 31 December 2025 and are included above as restricted funds where appropriate.

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor. Restricted funds relate to the following:

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Strategic Development Fund	This fund contains the SDF income received or receivable from the Church Commissioners through the Diocese of Blackburn. This is predominantly used for staff, ministry, and administration costs, although also made a small contribution to premises running costs in 2025.
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	This fund is used for a new CAP Debt Centre for Blackburn and Darwen established by the PCC at the end of 2025, in partnership with other local churches. These funds are derived from legacy funds from a previous CAP centre in the area, and new fundraising, grants, and donations. Cinnamon Network and Beatrice Alice Immanuel contributed to this fund.
Youth Ministry	This fund is used for Youth residentials and special activities, arising from a small historic fund which has been supplemented by support from the Lancaster Foundation in 2024 and 2025.
Fabric - Buildings	This fund is to support the maintenance and development of our buildings – church, church hall, and grounds. The fund includes some historic legacies still left after significant building works in 2021-2023, a grant from the Revitalisation Trust, and grant funding in 2025 from Hobson Charity.
Social Transformation	This fund is for our Social Transformation work, including providing food and support to vulnerable people within the parish. Grants received in 2025 included funding through the 180 Project and Spring North to provide support to reduce hospital admissions, Love Cities and Love Christmas funding from the Revitalisation Trust for food provision, funding from BwD Council Public Health team to provide facilities and support for the homeless, funding from the Lancaster Foundation, and a small grant from Tesco's community programme for school holidays food provision.

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand			-	87,041
Debtors and prepayments	1,965	19,724	-	21,689
Creditors and accruals	83,052	(85,236)	-	(2,196)
Net assets	16,905	89,629	-	106,534

13. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		62,338	250,065	-	312,403
Charitable activities		8,121	473	-	8,594
Other trading activities		5,938	-	-	5,938
Investments		27	-	-	27
Total income		76,424	250,538	-	326,962
Expenditure on:					
Church activities		85,033	226,885	-	311,918
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		85,033	226,885	-	311,918
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,609)	23,653	-	15,044
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,609)	23,653	-	15,044
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		22,115	37,284	-	59,399
Total funds carried forward		13,507	60,937	-	74,444

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**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Blackburn St Luke, St Mark and St Philips**

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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn

Aim and purposes

St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jason Gardner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

The focus of St Luke's Church is to create a vibrant missional centre from which to engage & disciple emerging generations within an urban context. In the past three years we have already engaged in modelling mission and ministry among emerging generations within our local context and we are increasingly resourcing the wider diocese and national Church and will continue to expand our reach in order to resource church growth.

Objectives and activities

St Luke's has strong aims to create a thriving church that:

1. Becomes a centre that is driven to make disciples from amongst the urban emerging generations within the locale of the church. Our focus on emerging generations means the church will be biased towards reaching under 30's. Our method of accomplishing this is through encouraging intergenerational church - a family focus that equips all ages to reach and nurture young people.
2. Builds strong foundations for a church planting movement across a dedicated geographical area within Blackburn Diocese.
3. Models outreach to local emerging generations using established missional methods and building relationships with key institutions, particularly Church of England educational centres, in order to see this approach repeated across the diocese.
4. Equips, energises, and empowers clergy and volunteers across the diocese to re-imagine ministry and mission among emerging generations and implement key models of engagement and discipleship.
5. Explores, with the diocese, networked youth mission, ministry and training across Lancashire that identifies and supports key approaches to discipling emerging generations.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

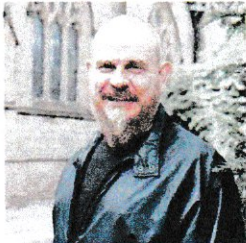
When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke.

Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report – Reverend Jason Gardner



We've celebrated another year full of mission, compassionate outreach and growing in faith together. God keeps bringing new people through our doors and we've seen him move powerfully in people's lives. We're growing as a worshipping community, pressing into praise in more expressive ways and we're giving more time to see how God wants to work through his spirit as we seek his face.

And it's been so good to see ourselves established in our building for over 15 months. We've seen how our local community has really embraced St Luke's as *their* church.

We've seen that people are not simply coming to St Luke's for an occasional visit but become regular attenders. More families from our parish are asking for Christenings and weddings and some have started attending church as a result!

Outreach and evangelism has been consistent too as we've had hundreds through our doors or gates to attend our fun family days and we reached over 1800 children through our Christmas roadshow. We also saw our parish boundaries expand and I became a real vicar (I was a lowly and wonderful assistant curate before) this means that the parish that was St Barnabas and St Paul's is now part of St Luke's Blackburn. So we now have two church primary school's, this means we're regularly hosting services for St Luke's and St Philips, St Barnabas and St Paul's and our local Church of England Academy, St Wilfrid's too! So around 1000 school children are visiting our church throughout the year. Parents sometimes come too and we're always ready to provide a warm welcome and invite them to our fun days and services.

It's been amazing to have Emma Mayoh working in team with Alan Gault to launch our social action outreach. It's been a busy year establishing Community Kitchen, Celebrate Recovery and Known as well as running brilliant family days out for our community alongside Ruth Whitaker and doing our Love Christmas response and providing food packs for those who need it throughout the year.

Focus was a real highlight too – the Christian summer festival for our HTB family of churches. Around 40 of us went and we were blessed with sunshine, powerful worship and a growing sense of family.

There have been challenges throughout the year, we still have ongoing issues with maintaining the building and raising funds to see essential work done such as improving heating and repairing windows. Funding in general is also an issue as we've seen an £8000 deficit in our accounts which means we will struggle to pay our parish share.

We were also sad to see team leave and we're so thankful for the impact that Ben Wenham and Beth Bright have had on our team, our church and in particular our young people. We were so glad to welcome Grace Hands on to our team as youth lead and for the continued work of our absolutely brilliant intern this year, Lillie Higham.

Growing in faith is something we strongly want to encourage at St Luke's. It's been so good to see people really connect with our mid-week discipleship courses, whether it's been the prayer course part 2 or going through the gospel of Mark or Alpha. We'd love to see more people attend these though, something we've been working on in 2025.

2024 ended on a wonderful high note. For the first time we held a baptism service on the first Sunday of Advent. 12 people were baptised and we give praise to God that he's adding to the family. We hosted Christmas services for all our schools and, also for the first time, we partnered with Blackburn's Food Bank to put on a community carol service with the Mayor in attendance and Bishop Philip speaking.

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I'm so thankful for the way our church has been led by our Senior Leadership Team, our PCC and our staff team. We're building up strong relationships with our community and our council. We're looking to adapt and grow, we've hit something of a ceiling in terms of our numbers and we want to reach more people. And we don't want bigger numbers in order to look good but to see God's Kingdom grow as lives are turned beautifully upside down through an encounter with Jesus. Our community, our town and our country desperately need to hear about the hope that only he can bring and 2025 will see us spreading his good news even further.

Church Warden's Report – Stephen Thomas

The last 12 months have been a time of consolidation and a settling into the roll and responsibility of the church warden.

The church is a living, breathing representation of Christ to the community and as such has changed and adapted to the various needs and challenges over the past 12 months, but throughout all the Lord has been honoured and upheld.

The team has changed again over the past 12 months, but the continuation of the strength and focus has been a real testimony to the leadership and the will of Christ being sought in all things.

The desire to see not only growth in numbers within the church, but also the growth in maturity of the church is a constant within the leadership and team and the Lord has honoured that desire over the past 12 months and will continue to honour it going forwards.

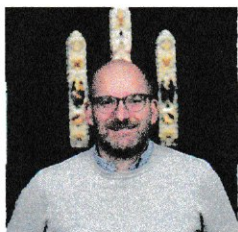
The blessing of the Easter services and Christ resurrection power was gloriously displayed throughout the Sunday morning service with the 11 baptisms and the testimony of the saving, transforming, keeping power of Christ fully on display. It was a joy and privilege to be present and part of the wonder working power of Christ that day.

I pray the Lord will continue to guide and encourage the leadership and whole team and church over the next 12 months as we lift Him up through the life of the church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for its continued help and support.

The terrier has been updated. The logbook has been completed with all the work that has been done on the church and an inventory has been produced.

Operations – Andy Foot



It has been another busy time at St Lukes' as we've moved through our first complete year with the church re-opened and found new ways to bring God's love to our local community. We continue to adapt and develop what we do and are constantly encouraged by new people looking to encounter God.

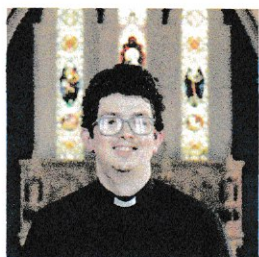
Planning for the future, we are re-establishing our vision to help shape what we do, Loving God through worship, Loving One Another by developing our church community and discipleship, and Loving the World through service and being supportive of our wider local community. Practically, we are looking to train more volunteers and invest in more fundraising to ensure that we can continue to resource transformation in our area after the end of the current SDF funding programme. We are

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re-shaping job roles to ensure that they are right for the next phase of life at St Luke's, aiming to practise wise stewardship of resources as we continue to see God moving.

Planting Curate – Reverend Alan Gault



2024 was another fantastic year at SLB with lots to celebrate. The arrival of Emma as Social Transformation Lead enabled us to launch a raft of new projects to help our community including Celebrate Recovery, the Known women's project, school holiday provision through trips and outings, as well as increasing our Community Kitchen to two sessions a week. We are increasingly being seen as a key hub location for this area and this has enabled us to partner with lots of other service providers and organisations who are working to improve lives in this community. Our vision for this

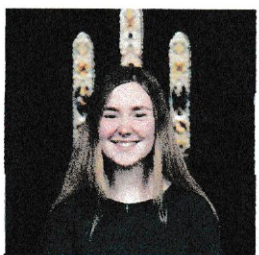
work continues to be to raise family aspirations so that Galligreaves becomes the best place to grow up in Blackburn.

One of the highlights for me has been our two baptism services in the Church building last Easter and at the start of Advent. Those services are such a celebration of joy, fresh hope and new life and are my favourite moments at St Luke's.

Last summer we took 40 people to Focus to join with the rest of the HTB Network for our church holiday. It was an amazing time to deepen friendships with others in church and be encouraged by what God is doing across the country. We are excited to take even more people in 2025.

It is likely that this will be the last APCM report that I will write as the curate at St Luke's, so I want to express my gratitude to the St Luke's family for the blessing you have been during our 3 years here. We have loved being part of this family on a mission and I am very grateful for getting to work with Jason and learn so much from him. Beth, Ruby, Zeph and I love you all very much and will be cheering you on from Stoke-on-Trent.

Youth Ministry – Led by Grace Hands



This past year has been one of growth, new opportunities, and developing relationships with our young people, within the church and in the wider community too. As Youth and Student Lead, it's been a privilege to see how God is moving in the lives of our young people, drawing them closer to Him, growing their confidence, and creating space for them to ask big questions about life and faith.

A significant step this year has been the launch of a new lunchtime space in St Wilfrid's high school. Since starting in this role, I have continued the previous lunch club space *where we connect with the young people, play games and simply hang out*, but have

also introduced this new space on a Wednesday lunch time to 'go deeper'. Together, we explore topics in the bible, ask the big questions of life and have the chance to pray together. This has already been an amazing space to see young people grow in their personal faith, and to see some begin a journey of faith too.

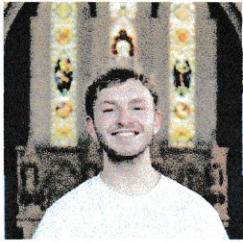
Sunday mornings have continued to be a great space for our young people. We have spaces for young people to play some games together and to develop friendships, as well as spaces for them to do craft activities and the chance to go deeper and read the bible together. It's been amazing to see their willingness to share thoughts, wrestle with challenges, and encourage one another.

This year has also been full of memorable events that have helped us build community and have fun together. Highlights include a youth sleepover (complete with plenty of snacks and not much sleep!), opportunities for

young people to serve on Sunday morning teams, and other youth worship events that have allowed them to experience God in new ways.

As we reflect on the past year, I'm filled with gratitude—for the young people themselves, for our church team, and for our amazing volunteers. I am excited for what lies ahead, trusting that God has some great things in store for our church family, wider community and our young people.

Creative and Worship – Led by Ethan Noble



The worshipping culture at St Luke's in the last year has strongly developed. I have had the privilege of hearing firsthand from dozens of people who have shared their experience of encountering Jesus during times of worship at St Luke's. Those people have talked about feeling deep senses of peace, hope and strength as we have sung together as a community. I've been massively encouraged to hear that others have found themselves encountering God outside of Sunday morning spaces as they've led themselves in worship of Jesus midweek. With worship events in the last year such as

Waves, Unbroken, the SLB Youth Worship Night, Girl Gathering, Christmas, it's been a wonderful year of collectively growing in our love for God.

Alongside this, what has been a great encouragement to me, is that after running a purpose-built worship leading course in January, conversations have opened about worship, the worship team has grown together. From this our understanding of God's heart has grown in our church community.

From a communications perspective, having developed our Info Desk as a physical central point of information as well as our Digital Hub as a digital representation of this, people have been empowered to know where to seek out information about life at St Luke's and what might be the next step for them in developing their faith. As our social media presence has grown in the last year, we've seen a lot of new people come through the door, not just on Sundays. A stronger communications strategy that is constantly evolving and greater effort and intention in how we navigate social media platforms has contributed to this. As we have entered an ever-increasingly digital era, people have been able to find out about us and come for a visit on Sundays or join us on a fun day or course due to an active social media presence.

Social Transformation – Emma Mayoh

Over the last 12 months we have seen our social action efforts grow and lots of support and activities offered to the local and wider communities of Blackburn. This has been an exciting and creative time using key times of the year for larger community events like the Euros' football get togethers, Summer Youth Project and the Big Christmas Lunch. It has been an amazing time getting to know people from diverse backgrounds coming and participating and then journeying with the St Luke's family in our weekly projects including Community Kitchen, Celebrate Recovery and Known.

Social action has worked to build and maintain relationships with key partners and stakeholders who have supported us in growing the use of St Luke's buildings and team. We have great working partnerships with Health Watch, BwD Health and Wellbeing Teams, 180 Project, Red Rose Recovery, Spark, SISU, NHS Teams, Police & Fire Service and have taken part in delivering the Neighbourhood Network Winter Project to support in reducing pressures on the NHS by building resilient communities. We hope that 2025 sees further growth of the impact that working in partnership can have for individuals and communities.

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Individuals and families have been supported throughout the year with food parcels, practical support and signposting through our social action efforts, supporting them with longer term change and encouraging social transformation for the community. Many people supported with the Love Christmas effort. All of these things would not have been possible without the fantastic service of volunteers over the year who support the variety of events and activities that are offered.

A personal highlight from the year is seeing so many individuals who access our social action support begin a journey of faith, and a number of them be baptised at St Luke's.

Leadership Development Year Intern – Lillie Higham

I love being a part of the team at St Luke's, and I have felt so privileged to serve alongside them and grow together. It has been amazing to work with the young people off the estate. I have loved going into St Wilfrid's High School during the week for lunch clubs and doing all the assemblies, as they have helped me grow in confidence in public speaking. I love working here at St Luke's with mid-week youth club and serving on a Sunday spreading God's word. I have also grown connections with the young people, supporting them through finding their faith and their personal growth.

During my internship at St Luke's, I have been able to grow deeper in my own faith, with being baptised in December. The opportunities I have been given here at St Luke's have had a great impact on my self-awareness, self-esteem and confidence. Helping plan and host events such as girl group has given me a sense of leadership. Connecting and spreading the word of God with the young people, and parents and families from the estate and in the wider community of Blackburn, has been amazing to see and be a part of. Seeing the young people talking about God, bringing their friends has been so incredible to see. I can't wait to see what the future brings for youth work and St Luke's.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £76,397 of which £62,338 was giving or other voluntary receipts.

Our parish share for 2024 amounted to £33,335 (2023 £20,507) and this was paid in full by the year end. Parish Share is a voluntary payment expected by the Diocese and provides in the main for the stipend, housing and pension contributions of clergy and training for both ordained and lay people.

The net result for unrestricted funds in the year was a deficit of £8,456, reducing unrestricted reserves to £13,660.

However, much of St Luke's activity in the year was funded from restricted grant funding, and especially SDF funding through the Diocese of Blackburn. When restricted funds are included, there was a net surplus in 2024 of £15,197.

In the years 2022 and 2023 there was significant building work, with operating costs largely also funded by the SDF programme, and staff employed directly by the Diocese. In 2024 the main building work had been completed and the PCC had to meet more of its operating costs from its own unrestricted income, and especially donations from the local congregation. This income increased during the course of the year, helping to assure the PCC that similar operating costs in 2025 will be covered. There was also success in fundraising for more external grant funding, covering increased activity outside of the SDF programme, such as new social action work.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments for running expenses, including premises costs but excluding the parish share.

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In 2024 this would be equivalent to £14,991. Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were slightly below this at £13,660, although much larger reserves of £58,397 restricted to work on building fabric help ensure that any unexpected buildings costs could still be covered. The PCC is aware of liabilities that will arise in the future and especially when the SDF grant funding programme comes to an end and is working with the Diocese of Blackburn on plans for long term financial sustainability. Reserves will be reviewed annually alongside future budgets.

Safeguarding

The PCC considers that it 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).

Volunteers

We wish to thank everyone all those who serve on teams within the parish and especially to our church warden Stephen Thomas and our retiring treasurer Gillian Cookson who has looked after our finances so well.

Structure, governance, and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and it operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

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Composition of the PCC

Ex officio

Incumbent	Rev Jason Gardner
Curate	Rev Alan Gault

Elected members to May 2024

Stephen Thomas (Church Warden)
Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Mairi English (PCC Secretary)
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
Jean Ryan
Sarah McKerney
Joyce Hope
Carol Taylor

Elected members from May 2024

Stephen Thomas (Church Warden)
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Jean Ryan
Sarah McKerney
Joyce Hope
Carol Taylor
Emma Mayoh

Co-opted members

Emma Mayoh (to May 2024)
Andrew Foot (PCC Secretary)

The electorate comprises those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and the ex officio officers.

As part of our involvement in the life of the Diocese as a whole, we are committed to deanery activities in Blackburn with Darwen Deanery and have representation on the Deanery.

Approved by the PCC on 28th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Revd Jason Gardner, PCC Chairman



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Revd Jason Gardner
PCC Chairman

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Blackburn St Luke, St Mark & St Philips.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 12 to 23

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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Signed:



Rebekah Holt FCA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	62,338	250,065	-	312,403	205,603
Charitable activities	2b	8,121	473	-	8,594	2,350
Other trading activities		5,938	-	-	5,938	217
Investments		27	-	-	27	16
Total income		76,424	250,538	-	326,962	208,186
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	85,033	226,885	-	311,918	334,927
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		85,033	226,885	-	311,918	334,927
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,609)	23,653		15,044	(126,741)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-			-
Net movement in funds		(8,609)	23,653	-	15,044	(126,741)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		22,115	37,284	-	59,399	186,139
Total funds carried forward		13,507	60,937	-	74,444	59,399

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Total 2024		Total 2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	10		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	12,793		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		64,056		92,104	
Total Current Assets		76,849		92,104	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,405)		(32,705)	
Net current assets			74,444		59,399
Total assets less current liabilities			74,444		59,399
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Total net assets			74,444		59,399
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			13,507		22,115
Restricted funds			60,937		37,284
Total charity funds			74,444		59,399

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Jason Gardner (PCC chairman)

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Accounting policies:

a. Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

b. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Funds

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

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d. Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

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Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e. Investments

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

f. Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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

g. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. No fixed assets are shown as all had been expensed prior to the change to accrual accounting or were paid for from grants from external bodies but future additions from PCC funds will be capitalised.

h. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

i. Debtors

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

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at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

j. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

l. Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

m. Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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2. Analysis of income

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
a. Donations and legacies						
Planned giving		27,685	-		27,685	27,400
Unplanned giving		5,947	-		5,947	1,973
Donations		-	-		-	3,289
Legacies		-	-		-	-
Tax refunds		6,815	-		6,815	6,555
Grants		21,891	250,065	-	271,956	166,386
		62,338	250,065		312,403	205,603
b. Activities for generating funds						
Premises hire		5,938	-		5,938	-
Other		8,121	473		8,594	2,350
		14,059	473		14,532	2,350
c. Grants received						
Strategic Development Fund		-	190,847		190,847	113,016
Lower Income Community Fund Grant		3,201	-		3,201	3,370
Laing Trust		-	-		-	50,000
Christmas Outreach		1,190	1,500		2,690	-
Vulnerable women's drop in		2,500	2,000		4,500	-
Lancaster Foundation		6,000	-		6,000	-
LYN Love Cities		9,000	6,000		15,000	-
Police and Crime Commissioner – Youth Ministry		-	3,000		3,000	-
Blackburn CVS		-	2,000		2,000	-
180 Project		-	9,718		9,718	-
Revitalisation Trust		-	25,000		25,000	-
Garfield Weston – Building		-	10,000		10,000	-
		21,891	250,065		271,956	166,386

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3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
a. Church activities					
Parish Share	33,335	-	-	33,335	20,507
Services	-	-	-	-	31,429
Ministry areas	21,536	48,228	-	69,764	33,405
Employment costs	-	150,828	-	150,828	29,129
Running expenses	30,162	27,829	-	57,991	220,457
	85,033	226,885		311,918	334,927
b. Church Running expenses					
Administration	4,464	5,246	-	9,710	7,193
Marketing	904	4,926	-	5,830	3,158
Premises	23,922	17,657	-	41,579	155,615
Governance	810	-	-	810	631
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	8
Start up	62	-	-	62	53,852
	30,162	27,829		57,991	220,457
c. Premises costs					
Utilities and water	14,714	-	-	14,714	7,629
Insurance	2,134	3,231	-	5,365	5,115
Premises hire	180	-	-	180	917
Routine repairs and building upgrades	6,894	14,426	-	21,320	141,954
	23,922	17,657	-	41,579	155,615

4. Governance costs

These include cost relating to compliance with safeguarding requirements and independent examination of the accounts.

5. Independent Examination

The Independent Examiner was paid £400 (2023 £330) in respect of the examination.

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6. Staff costs

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Wages and salaries		136,726	27,435
Employer's pension contributions		14,102	1,694
		<u>150,828</u>	<u>29,129</u>
Number of employees at year end		6	4

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2023: none).

7. Transactions with trustees

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC, mainly in relation to ministry and administration and not to their roles as trustees. In addition, the following payments were made to trustees or their family members, although not in their position as trustees:

8. Employees

During the year end 31 December 2024 Mairi English, Andrew Foot and Emma Mayoh were employed by the PCC in positions as Ministry Assistant (Mairi), Operations Manager (Andrew) and Social Transformation Lead (Emma). In the year ended 31 December 2024 the following payments were made in connection with their employment:

	Mairi English	Andrew Foot	Emma Mayoh	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,320	31,930	26,738	63,988	13,595
Employer's National Insurance	26	3,151	2,434	5,611	305
Employer's pension contribution	540	3,193	2,461	6,194	1,029
	<u>5,886</u>	<u>38,274</u>	<u>31,633</u>	<u>75,793</u>	<u>14,929</u>

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9. Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £14,102 (2023: £1,694). There was £nil outstanding at 31 December 2024 (2023: £Nil).

10. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

11. Fixed asset investments

All the investments were disposed of during the year. The movements have been as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-
Proceeds of disposal	-	-
Net gains on revaluation	-	-
Gain on disposal	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-

12. Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	12,793	23,509
Gift Aid recoverable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	12,793	23,509

13. Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	364	3,225
Accruals	-	-
Other creditors	2,042	29,480
	2,406	32,705

Deferred income comprises grants received that relate to expenditure in future periods.

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14. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023 -£nil).

15. Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditur e	Gain on investm ents	Transfe rs betwee n funds	Balance at 31 December 2024
Unrestricted Funds						
Total Unrestricted Funds	22,115	76,425	(85,034)			13,507
Restricted Funds						
<i>Strategic Development Fund</i>	(1,013)	190,847	(190,847)	-	-	(1,013)
<i>Love Christmas</i>	(3)	-	3	-	-	-
<i>Love your Neighbour</i>	20	-	(20)			-
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	457	3,000	(2,803)			654
<i>Fabric Funds</i>	37,823	35,000	(14,426)	-		58,397
<i>Social Transformation</i>	-	21,691	(18,792)	-	-	2,899
Total Restricted Funds	37,284	250,538	(226,885)	-	-	60,937
Total funds	59,399	326,963	(311,919)	-	-	74,444

None of the funds are shown as Endowments as any Endowments were released during the year ended 31 December 2024 and are included above as restricted funds where appropriate.

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor. Restricted funds relate to the following:

Strategic Development Fund	This fund contains the SDF income received or receivable. This is a 5 year funding programme for St Luke's ending in late 2026 that comes through the Diocese of Blackburn. Payments are received quarterly, and the funding is used predominantly for staff and ministry costs.
Youth Ministry	This includes historic legacy funds to be used for youth work, and £3,000 received in 2024 from the Police and Crime Commissioner used for a summer youth project.

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Fabric Funds	These funds which can be used for investment in church buildings includes Bassett Legacy carried forward from previous years, plus grant funding received from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and a grant from the Revitalisation Trust which was originally given as a loan but then converted to a grant.
Social Transformation	This includes several different grants received to help fund social action work in our local community, including from local partners and through the Love Your Neighbour programme.

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	(72,139)	136,195	-	64,056
Debtors and prepayments	1,225	11,568	-	12,793
Creditors and accruals	84,421	(86,827)	-	(2,406)
Net assets	13,507	60,937	-	74,444

17. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		42,567	163,036	-	205,603
Charitable activities		2,350	-	-	2,350
Other trading activities		217	-	-	217
Investments		16	-	-	16
Total income		45,150	163,036	-	208,186
Expenditure on:					
Church activities		57,844	277,083	-	334,927
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		57,844	277,083	-	334,927
Net income/(expenditure)		(12,694)	(114,047)	-	(126,741)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,694)	(114,047)	-	(126,741)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		34,808	151,331	-	186,139
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Accounts

Registered Charity Number 1138954

**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Blackburn St Luke, St Mark and St Philips**

2023 Report and Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn

Aims and Purpose

The focus of St Luke's Church is to create a vibrant missional centre from which to engage & disciple emerging generations within an urban context. In the past two years we have already engaged in modelling mission and ministry among emerging generations within our local context and we are increasingly resourcing the wider diocese and national Church and will continue to expand our reach in order to resource church growth.

St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jason Gardner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

Objectives

St Luke's has strong aims to create a thriving church that:

1. Becomes a centre that is driven to make disciples from amongst the urban emerging generations within the locale of the church. Our focus on emerging generations means the church will be biased towards reaching under 30's. Our method of accomplishing this is through encouraging intergenerational church - a family focus that equips all ages to reach and nurture young people.
2. Builds strong foundations for a church planting movement across a dedicated geographical area within Blackburn Diocese.
3. Models outreach to local emerging generations using established missional methods and building relationships with key institutions, particularly Church of England educational centres, in order to see this approach repeated across the diocese.
4. Equips, energises, and empowers clergy and volunteers across the diocese to re-imagine ministry and mission among emerging generations and implement key models of engagement and discipleship.
5. Explores, with the diocese, networked youth mission, ministry and training across Lancashire that identifies and supports key approaches to discipling emerging generations.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

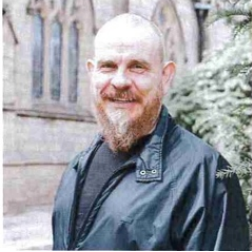
When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel, developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke's.

Ministry Area Reports / Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report – Reverend Jason Gardner



2023 was a landmark year for St Luke's as we saw really significant growth in the church in terms of people coming to faith, numbers growing and also deepening our connections with our local community.

In terms of mission, we made the most of getting back in our newly refurbished Church building! It was great to hear local families say that 'St Luke's is exactly what this community needs.' We had a successful community launch on 27th September with over 70 people joining us including the Mayor and the Bishop of Lancaster. For our 'Homecoming' – welcoming people back into St Luke's for Sunday worship for the first time in over 3 years – we had over 230 people join us. We've loved being back in St Luke's, it's a beautiful place to praise God in and the re-decoration has enhanced the sense of the sacred and of a warm welcome.

Since our doors re-opened, we're thankful to God that our Sunday numbers have swelled from around 90-100 to 130-150. We're welcoming new people all the time and it's great to hear people say, 'this is what Church should be like- welcoming and happy.' Of course there have been challenges throughout the year; we were down three members of staff for most of that period. However, we're also grateful for three wonderful new members of our team, Ben Wenham, Ruth Whitaker and Andy Foot. They've all hit the ground running and have got stuck into life at St Luke's and the team has hugely benefitted from their commitment.

Our building also presents us with ongoing challenges, as we still need to carry out repairs and install a toilet in the main church and our heating system leaves much to be desired in the colder months.

However, this hasn't stopped people showing up! Key missional moments from the year have been our Alpha Courses in Spring and Autumn – we saw over 40 people on average attend each week in Spring and 50 each week in Autumn. We had 2 successful 'Holy Spirit' away days in partnership with Preston Minster.

We've also been delighted to welcome schools back into St Luke's. We put on 2 back-to-back services for St Wilfrid's day in October with over 500 students and staff joining us. St Luke's school held their Harvest and Carol services at the Church, and we made sure we gave them and parents a warm SLB welcome.

Our first Christmas back in the church was a wonderful success too. We had a mission week which saw us take the Christmas message to over 2,000 students at primary schools and at St Wilfrid's. We then invited one and all to our first Christmas family fun afternoon which was so well attended, and we saw over 200 people at our 'Carol Mash Up' the next day.

2023 also saw us make a huge advance in terms of meeting the needs of our community. We attended a 'Love Your Neighbour' accelerator with the Revitalization trust. This helped us really think through our role as a social action hub and helped us secure funding for a full-time social action lead for 2024.

And Alan Gault headed up our Love Christmas response - our best yet! We partnered with Jesus House church in London and Love Christmas to provide Christmas Day lunches for over 30 families in our area.

2023 was one of those years where you realise God has taken our efforts and added his favour, his compassion, his protection. Many ups and downs but we recognize that God has his eye on St Luke's and his desire is to see

us go from strength to strength in making his gospel known and showing how deep his love is for Galligreaves and Bank Top.

Church Warden's Report – Stephen Thomas

The last 10 months have been a roller coaster of emotions for myself, from the anxiety of seeing the needs within the church building in preparation for the church opening, to the joy of seeing the church welcomed and embraced by the local community week in and week out.

Being new to the Church of England and the role of warden I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you have given me.

To see the team change and grow together over the past 10 months has been a real blessing, the gifts and enthusiasm that they have all brought and the new outreaches within the church and community are having an impact far beyond Bank Top. I am excited to see what The Lord has planned for us next.

The terrier has been updated. The logbook has been completed with all the work that has been done on the church and an inventory has been produced.

Operations – Andy Foot



A huge amount of work went in to completing building works on the main church building and getting ready for the grand re-opening in October. It was a fantastic achievement to create such a wonderful space despite the need for unforeseen work and rising costs.

Starting work as Operations Manager in November after a gap in that post for most of the year, the priorities have been to make sure that systems and policies are in place as activity shifts back to the church site. We have continued with many of our established activities as well as launching lots of new events, and especially developing social action in the local community.

We are also looking to develop new sources of income as SDF funding starts to diminish year on year, with a great response to requests for new giving, and a series of funding bids to help develop our work in the community and to equip the church buildings.

Personally, I have had a wonderful welcome in joining St Luke's, and look forward to being a part of the family journeying with God.

Planting Curate – Reverend Alan Gault



What a year it has been in the life of SLB. We began 2023 getting access to the new church hall which has been a constant hub of community and food ever since. We ran Alpha, with 3 groups spread through the building, which was a lot of fun, and then launched our very own course Dox, providing space for complex questions about faith. We ran Alpha again in the autumn but this time in our freshly opened church building where we met more new people, saw others deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and had an abundance of excellent food from the catering team.

Moving into the Church building was a huge moment in the story of St Luke's. The concept of 'homecoming' felt poignant as we reflected on the Christian community that has worshipped here for 150 years, those still part of SLB who have called it home for longer than this latest iteration, and those of us who have joined the story more recently getting to settle in. My hope is that those who walk into St Luke's for the first time in a church, or their first in a long time, feel that sense that they are returning home to somewhere they are safe, known and loved.

One of the areas that I have been heavily involved in is our Love Your Neighbour work focused on social transformation. October's launch of the Warm Space (now called community kitchen), providing sanitary products for local school and children's centres, and providing hot meals at Orbit every week was some of what happened on the ground last year. 2023 also involved lots of foundation work exploring how we might make a lasting impact in this area culminating in the appointment of Emma as our Social Transformation Lead.

Children and Families – Led by Ruth Whittaker



Having joined the team in November 2023, in just 6 months we have seen brilliant events, new families and relationships as well as more regular groups.

Hosting our big community events at Christmas and Easter, has seen us connect with hundreds of local children and young people and their families. These were great opportunities to connect and build relationships, offer a day of fun and to distribute essential household items to our local community.

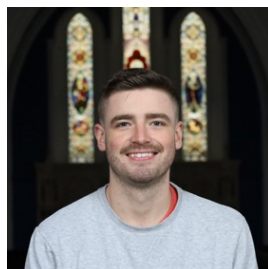
These events were bolstered by regular contact with 5 local primary schools, and St Luke's partnering closely to provide learning opportunities in lessons and a fun place to be with our activities.

This term has also seen the launch of our regular Girl's Group, where we have been connecting with local girls aged 10-13 years to talk about life, develop confidence and grow friendships. This has developed from regular Orbit attendees, as well as the excellent groundwork that Beth had already laid with the Girl Gathering and has been a great chance to see these young women flourish, to own the space and to grow.

Our adventures have not just been in Blackburn though with two visits to the Lake District, firstly with 50 children, young people and their families when we visited South Lakes Zoo across two days, offering packed lunches and a great day out for church members and the wider community. A month later we took 13 young people up to Hawkshead for a weekend of adventure and activities including abseiling and gorge scrambling, as well as plenty of fun group games and hair braiding!

We are so excited about all that 2024 has in store, with more adventures, deeper relationships, and a great ownership of the community by the community.

Youth Ministry – Led by Ben Wenham



This year has seen everyone massively come around the youthwork, volunteer and staff team to support and embed the mission of raising hope and aspirations in our community. We have been able to give our young people experiences they may never have had before. In June 2023 we took some of our younger youth on a camping and activity weekend, where we had an amazing time. We took some of our older youth to Satellites to explore what it looks like to have God

at the centre of our lives, and in between all of that, our programmes of drop-ins and clubs have continued to create such breadth and depth for relationship and discipleship.

We've seen such a radical development in our young people over this past year where we have met the young people who have then brought their friends and families to church. This is something rarely seen and speaks to how safe our young people feel. There are very, very few places and experiences to which young people feel comfortable and confident to invite both their friends and families. Our young people are already, and will continue to be, a vital part of the re-evangelisation of Bank Top and Blackburn.

More recently we have started a gathering for boys called Forge, inviting 15 young people in from two churches to begin our boys' ministry. We hung out with a wrecking ball inflatable game, crafts, and video games; we then sat and ate a delicious meal from the kitchen of chefs Andy Foot and Mark Ainsworth to discuss what it means to be a man and what we as a group want this space to look like going forward.

We have also started After Orbit, which is a group running after Orbit on Thursday night for half an hour, for our older youth to explore discipleship in a deeper way and awaken curiosity in what it means to be a Christian.

Youth Resourcing – Led by Beth Bright



This year we have continued to work closely with many churches across the diocese in getting youth ministry going and growing in their parishes. It has been a privilege to run the Youthscape Essentials course, alongside brilliant teams, with over 10 churches across the diocese participating. Each volunteer youth worker that has attended the course has left telling us they have felt a huge increase in confidence of working with young people and have strategy and vision for how they wish to proceed in the youth work within their churches.

I have loved being able to play our part in resourcing youth groups across the North West through the Girl Gathering. It has been so humbling seeing girls from St Luke's and surrounding churches coming together with their youth leaders, worshipping, looking at content around our themes, and having fun together. Our hope is that these nights are a catalyst to spark conversation between the groups that come, so they can go back into their homes, churches, and schools, having met with God and having been equipped to talk about him. It has been really great to build relationships with other churches and I am really looking forward to seeing how God works through these in the future.

It has also been so encouraging to relaunch Sunday youth for year 5-8's. We have had loads of fun looking at a range of topics and workshops. We have really learned to come together as a youth group, to get involved with discussions and to treat Sunday mornings as a safe space where we can all ask questions and feel at home.

We also had a great summer with St Luke's youth, with parties, residentials and Satellites. It was so good to see the group bond together and create shared experiences. God is doing, and has done, amazing things through his work at St Luke's. I can't wait to see what he does next!

Creative and Worship – Led by Ethan Noble



In the last year, we've seen the worship culture at St Luke's thrive and grow. It would definitely seem that people are encountering God in times of worship both communally and individually. Although it is not necessarily a defining factor, it has been amazing to hear people sing louder, raise their hands, and respond to times of prayer during our times of worship together as a church. Another highlight for myself was WAVES where we hosted our first youth resourcing worship event for any young person. How much potential there is to grow that and work with other churches to keep providing spaces for young people to be encouraged and empowered, and to encounter God. I especially have loved seeing how our young people are becoming more and more open to worship.

On the creative side of things, we've seen our online presence and interaction on social media increase. Our marketing has massively improved with many more strong designs coming through than in the previous year. The website is just about finished, and as my time is released with the arrival of the new youth staff, and with a few irons in the fire, it'll be exciting to work on some other bigger creative projects in the next year.

Leadership Development Year Intern – Grace Hands



I absolutely love being part of the SLB team and it has been such a privilege to serve alongside them. It's been awesome to work with the young people and families from the estate, as well as serving in St. Wilfrid's high school mid-week. Through the various youth groups and lunch clubs that I have been involved in, I have been able to go deeper in my relationships with the young people and share more of God's heart and love with them. I have had the opportunity not only to grow in the skills needed to work with young people but also in my graphic design and media skills. I have designed different graphics for our regular events and some one-off events too, as well as some content enabling deeper input for the youth and those who we reach online. I have been able to be involved in and lead various team meetings and church gatherings throughout my time at St. Luke's and I have felt a real personal growth in my faith and relationship with God, as well as my confidence and self-esteem. The leadership opportunities I've been given have helped me flourish and gain more confidence in myself. Being part of the move of God within St. Luke's, across the estates, and into the wider area of Blackburn, has been incredible and it's so exciting to see.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £45,150, of which £42,567 was giving or other voluntary receipts.

Our parish share for 2023 amounted to £20,507 (2022 £9,163) and this was paid in full by the year end. Parish share is a voluntary payment to the Diocese and provides in the main for the stipend, housing, and pension contributions of clergy and also for the training of ordained and lay people.

The net result for the year was a deficit (an excess of unrestricted expenditure over unrestricted income) of £12,694, compared with a surplus of £13,738 in 2022. As shown in the accounts, significant restricted grants were also received and spent during the year, to meet the costs of setting up and running the new church plant. This including spending some historic restricted funds to complete the refurbishment and fitting out of the church building.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments; this is equivalent to £18,953. The unrestricted reserves are slightly more than this at £22,115.

The PCC is aware of liabilities that will arise in the future due to costs of maintaining their buildings and running church ministries after current SDF grant funding has come to an end. Restricted reserves of £37,284 are also still available to help maintain the building fabric. Reserves will be reviewed annually alongside future budgets.

Safeguarding

The PCC considers that it 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).

Volunteers

We wish to thank everyone all those who serve on teams within the parish and especially to our church warden Stephen Thomas and our retiring treasurer Gillian Cookson who has looked after our finances so well.

Structure, governance, and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and it operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Composition of the PCC

Ex officio

Incumbent
Curate

Rev Jason Gardner
Rev Alan Gault
Rebecca Martin (to March 2023)

Elected members to May 2023

Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Karen Gregory (Church Warden, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Secretary)
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
David Martin (to March 2023)
Jean Ryan
Norman Pearson
Sarah McKerney
Joyce Hope
Sam O'Connell
Carol Taylor

Elected members from May 2023

Stephen Thomas (Church Warden)
Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Mairi English (PCC Secretary)
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
Jean Ryan
Sarah McKerney
Joyce Hope
Carol Taylor

Co-opted members

Emma Mayoh (from May 2023)
Andrew Foot (from November 2023)

The electorate comprises those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and the ex officio officers.

As part of our involvement in the life of the Diocese as a whole, we are committed to deanery activities in Blackburn with Darwen Deanery and have representation on the Deanery.

Approved by the PCC on 7th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by Revd Jason Gardner, PCC Chairman



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Revd Jason Gardner
PCC Chairman

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Blackburn St Luke, St Mark & St Philips.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 23.

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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Signed:



Valentina Raia MICB
15 Boxwood Drive
Blackburn
BB2 5AN

Date: 21st of March 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	42,567	163,036	-	205,603	203,943
Charitable activities	2b	2,350	-	-	2,350	2,420
Other trading activities		217	-	-	217	-
Investments		16	-	-	16	16
Total income		45,150	163,036	-	208,186	206,379
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	57,844	277,083	-	334,927	137,305
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		57,844	277,083	-	334,927	137,305
Net income/(expenditure)		(12,694)	(114,047)		(126,741)	69,074
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-			-
Net movement in funds		(12,694)	(114,047)	-	(126,741)	69,074
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		34,808	151,331	-	186,139	117,065
Total funds carried forward		22,115	37,284	-	59,399	186,139

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	£	Total 2023 £	£	Total 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	10		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	-		23,509	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,104		166,398	
Total Current Assets		92,104		189,907	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(32,705)		(3,768)	
Net current assets			59,399		186,139
Total assets less current liabilities			59,399		186,139
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Total net assets			59,399		186,139
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			22,115		34,808
Restricted funds			37,284		151,331
Total charity funds			59,399		186,139

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Jason Gardner (PCC chairman)

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies:

a. Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

b. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Funds

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

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d. Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e. Investments

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

f. Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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

g. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. No fixed assets are shown as all had been expensed prior to the change to accrual accounting or were paid for from grants from external bodies but future additions from PCC funds will be capitalised.

h. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

i. Debtors

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

j. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

l. Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

m. Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKBURN ST LUKE, ST MARK & ST PHILIPS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

2. Analysis of income

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
a. Donations and legacies						
Planned giving		27,400	-		27,400	22,679
Unplanned giving		1,973	-		1,973	4,463
Donations		3,269	20		3,289	2,383
Legacies		-	-		-	-
Tax refunds		6,555	-		6,555	5,288
Grants		3,370	163,016	-	166,386	169,131
		42,567	163,036		205,603	203,944
b. Activities for generating funds						
Premises hire		-	-		-	-
Other		2,350	-		2,350	2,420
		2,350	-		2,350	2,420
c. Grants received						
Strategic Development Fund		-	113,016		113,016	88,531
Lower Income Community Fund Grant		3,370	-		3,370	-
Laing Trust		-	50,000		50,000	-
Christmas Outreach		-	-		-	600
Duchy of Lancaster		-	-		-	5,000
All Churches Trust		-	-	-	-	75,000
		3,370	163,016		166,386	169,131

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3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
a. Church activities					
Parish Share	20,507	-	-	20,507	9,163
Services	1,252	30,177	-	31,429	29,429
Ministry areas	5,984	27,421	-	33,405	33,490
Employment costs	-	29,129	-	29,129	1,646
Running expenses (set out in b. below)	30,101	190,356	-	220,457	63,578
	57,844	277,083		334,927	137,306
b. Church Running expenses					
Administration	1,339	5,854	-	7,193	6,286
Marketing	-	3,158	-	3,158	1,164
Premises (set out in c. below)	28,488	127,127	-	155,615	33,638
Governance	241	390	-	631	740
Cost of raising funds	8	-	-	8	24
Start up	25	53,827	-	53,852	21,726
	30,101	190,356		220,457	63,578
c. Premises costs					
Utilities and water	5,906	1,723	-	7,629	9,155
Insurance	2,701	2,414	-	5,115	5,773
Premises hire	-	917	-	917	12,960
Routine repairs and maintenance	19,881	122,073	-	141,954	5,751
	28,488	127,127		155,615	33,638

4. Governance costs

These include cost relating to compliance with safeguarding requirements and independent examination of the accounts.

5. Independent Examination

The Independent Examiner was paid £330 (2022 £319) in respect of the examination.

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6. Staff costs

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Wages and salaries		27,435	-
Employer's pension contributions		1,694	-
		29,129	-
Number of employees		4	-

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2022: none).

7. Transactions with trustees

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC, mainly in relation to ministry and administration and not to their roles as trustees. In addition, the following payments were made to trustees or their family members, although not in their position as trustees:

Employees

During the year end 31 December 2023 Mairi English and Andrew Foot were employed by the PCC in positions as Ministry Assistant (Mairi) and Operations Manager (Andrew). In the year ended 31 December 2023 the following payments were made in connection with their employment:

	Mairi English	Andrew Foot	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,779	3,816	13,595	-
Employer's National Insurance	10	295	305	-
Employer's pension contribution	771	258	1,029	-
	10,560	4,369	14,929	-

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8. Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £1,694 (2022: £Nil). There was £nil outstanding at 31 December 2023 (2022: £Nil).

9. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

10. Fixed asset investments

All the investments were disposed of during the year. The movements have been as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-
Proceeds of disposal	-	-
Net gains on revaluation	-	-
Gain on disposal	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-

11. Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	-	23,509
Gift Aid recoverable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	-	23,509

12. Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,225	3,449
Accruals	-	319
Other creditors (including £25,000 loan from CRT)	29,480	-
	32,705	3,768

Deferred income comprises grants received that relate to expenditure in future periods.

13. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022 -£nil).

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14. Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditur e	Gain on investm ents	Transfe rs betwee n funds	Balance at 31 December 2023
Unrestricted Funds						
Total Unrestricted Funds	34,808	45,150	(57,844)			22,115
Restricted Funds						
<i>Strategic Development Fund</i>	(319)	113,016	(113,710)	-	-	(1,013)
<i>Church Revitalisation Trust</i>	20,942	-	(20,942)	-	-	-
<i>Love Christmas</i>	-	-	(3)	-	-	(3)
<i>Love your Neighbour</i>	-	20	-			20
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	781	-	(324)			457
<i>Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)</i>	14,097	-	(14,097)	-	-	-
<i>Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)</i>	79,187	-	(41,364)	-		37,823
<i>Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious Purposes)</i>	11,086	-	(11,086)			-
<i>Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)</i>	16,350	-	(16,350)	-	-	-
<i>Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)</i>	9,207	-	(9,207)	-	-	-
<i>Laing Trust</i>	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	151,331	163,036	(277,083)	-	-	37,284
Total funds	186,139	208,186	(334,927)	-	-	59,399

None of the funds are shown as Endowments as any Endowments were released during the year ended 31 December 2023 and are included above as restricted funds where appropriate.

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor. Restricted funds relate to the following:

<i>Strategic Development Fund</i>	This fund contains the SDF income received or receivable. This is predominantly used for ministry costs along with start-up costs.
<i>Church Revitalisation Trust</i>	This fund contains a grant from the Church Revitalisation Trust to be used at the discretion of the vicar for work as part of the Resource Church set up.

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<i>Laing Trust</i>	This fund was awarded to help complete building works
<i>Love Your Neighbour / Love Christmas</i>	Providing food and related items to vulnerable people within the parish
<i>Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the churchyard
<i>Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the fabric
<i>Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the buildings belonging to the PCC and also for religious purposes
<i>Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes
<i>Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes

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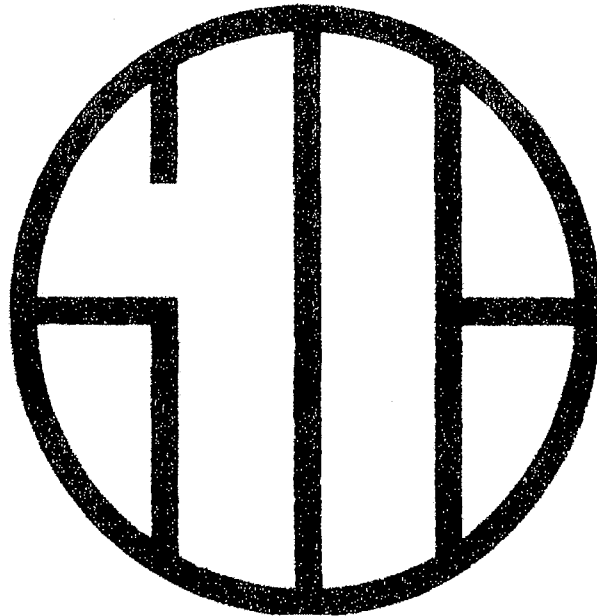
15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	(52,403)	144,507	-	92,104
Debtors and prepayments	-	-	-	-
Creditors and accruals	74,518	(107,223)	-	(32,705)
Net assets	22,115	37,284	-	59,399

16. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		34,532	169,412	-	203,944
Charitable activities		970	1,450	-	2,420
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-
Investments		16	-	-	16
Total income		35,518	170,862	-	206,380
Expenditure on:					
Church activities		21,779	115,527	-	137,306
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		21,779	115,527	-	137,306
Net income/(expenditure)		13,738	55,335	-	69,073
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,738	55,335	-	69,073
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		21,070	95,996	-	117,066
Total funds carried forward		34,808	151,331	-	186,139

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Blackburn St Luke, St Mark and St Philips

2022 Report and Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn

Aims and Purpose

The focus of the St Luke's Church is to create a vibrant missional centre from which to engage & disciple emerging generations within an urban context. In the past two years we have already engaged in modelling mission and ministry among emerging generations within our local context and we are increasingly resourcing the wider diocese and national Church and will continue to expand our reach in order to resource church growth.

St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jason Gardner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

Objectives

St Luke's has strong aims to create a thriving church that:

1. Becomes a centre that is driven to make disciples from amongst the urban emerging generations within the locale of the church. Our Focus on emerging generations means the Church will be biased towards reaching under 30's. Our method of accomplishing this is through encouraging intergenerational church - a family focus that equips all ages to reach and nurture young people.
2. Builds strong foundations for a church planting movement across a dedicated geographical area within Blackburn diocese.
3. Models outreach to local emerging generations using established missional methods and building relationships with key institutions, particularly Church of England educational centres, in order to see this approach repeated across the diocese.
4. Equips, energises and empowers clergy and volunteers across the diocese to re- imagine ministry and mission among emerging generations and implement key models of engagement and discipleship.
5. Explores, with the diocese, networked youth mission, ministry and training across Lancashire that identifies and supports key approaches to discipling emerging generations.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke's.

Ministry Area Reports | Achievements and Performance

Vicar's Report - Reverend Jason Gardner

The Church has made leaps and bounds since our last APCM. It's been so exciting to see more and more people connect with the church, whether it's through our Sunday Gatherings, school's work, youth drop ins or street missions.

It's been a wonderfully busy and challenging year that has had many ups and downs but God has remained faithful through it all. Last Summer saw the addition of the Gault family to the Church. Alan joined us as curate and his wife Beth and daughter Ruby Have really got stuck into life at St Luke's and have been such a blessing to us. Summer also saw us take 40 people to Focus, the HTB network festival, which helped us grow deeper in our faith and in our relationships as a community.



Working with the Baptist Church we also hosted Jubilee celebrations which saw over 200 people from the local community partying with us!

In our Autumn term we held a successful prayer course, hosted our first 'Bright party' – an alternative to Halloween parties, and towards Christmas Alan helped spearhead an outreach to families across the estate that saw 70 food hampers delivered to ease the load during the holidays.

Our issues with the building have been ongoing and we've needed to fundraise over the past year to complete some of our major works. We managed to raise £130,000 which means that essential works on the Church could be carried out, working towards us being able to use it in Summer and officially launching in early Autumn.

In January we moved into our new hall. Since in we've used it for hosting youth drop in's, women's conference days, men's evenings, worship and prayer evenings, community and police interventions, bring and share lunches, drop in's for those in recovery and on and on! We've definitely noticed the benefit of having a local hub to reach and serve our community. One amazing event was our Easter Egg hunt which saw over 250 people crammed into our hall and yard!

Another highlight was our Alpha Course where we had around 40 guests and team each week. At the end we baptized 5 people who had been on the course on Easter Day.

It's been sad to say goodbye to core members of our team, Rebecca Martin, John Reynolds and Dave Martin have stepped down from their staff roles but are remaining part of the St Luke's family. They've all played such an important part in the story of our growth and mission and we're so glad they're sticking

around.

Ongoing refurbishment has meant that we've continued to use St Wilfrid's for Sunday worship. Our numbers have grown to see between 90 and 110 worshipping with us on a weekly basis. It's also noteworthy to mention that a third of that number is under 16. The age range spread is wonderful too with ages from pretty much every decade represented. We are truly a family on a mission.

God has proved himself faithful time and again over the last year and we see him taking our commitment, worship and mission and using it to grow his kingdom in Blackburn.

Church Warden's Report - Karen Gregory

The last two years have been an exciting time with the refurbishment of the church and the building of a new hall. Under the guidance of Jason and Rachel the growth of our new youth resourcing church has been amazing with a third of our congregations being young people under 16. The numbers attending is also increasing which is wonderful. We also welcomed our new curate Alan and his family last July. Alan has been a great asset to our team.

I have enjoyed my time as warden over the last 3 years, but due to other commitments and health issues I will not be standing for election this time. However, I will still be on the refreshment team and the welcome and connect desk team.

The terrier has been updated with the new church hall details. The logbook has been completed with all the work that has been done on the church and the rebuilding of the new hall by HH Smith. Further work such as repainting the walls of the church and additional electrical work has also been recorded in the logbook. An inventory has been produced.

The work that everyone has put in on the building project and growing the church has been fantastic and it has been a privilege to be part of that team.

Operations - Rebecca Martin

Much of the year has been focused around seeing the building work completed and ensuring the smooth running of ongoing events including the Sunday Gatherings. The transition into the building hasn't been easy as senior leadership team has had to take on board many aspects of managing the building project. We've also been blessed with growth during this year and our operations has had to step up to meet the demands. A good problem to have. Some of the highlights of the past year include:



- Partnering with Preston Minster and Blackpool Church to run a successful trip to the Focus

Festival.

- Seeing hundreds attend our community outreach events such as our Jubilee Party.
- Expanding our welcome and refreshments team for our Sunday Gathering.
- Overseeing the move from the Cathedral offices to our New hall.
- A growing number of people giving to the Church.
- Resourcing community transformation through hosting local action groups in our hall.

Much of the ongoing work focuses on getting the Church ready to welcome the wider community back through its doors.

Planting Curate – Alan Gault



Thanks to everyone for giving the Gault family such a warm welcome to SLB. I have been really encouraged by the growth, both numerically and spiritually, we have seen at SLB since my arrival and am thankful that our welcoming culture helps newcomers feel like part of the SLB family.

Having 40 people form St Luke's at Focus 2022 was great fun (even with a few leaky tents by the end of the week) and it was lovely to spend time as an SLB group within the context of the extended HTB Network.

The autumn term saw the introduction of our monthly prayer and worship Burn Nights. These have raised the spiritual temperature of the church as we intercede for our community and lift the name of Jesus high. Some people heard us worshipping at the vicarage and ended up coming to church as a result!

One of my highlights of 2022 was The Prayer Course attended by a wide cross section of the congregation and challenged us to pray honestly, simply and to keep praying. Ethan and I led an impromptu gathering for young people at the bottom of the Vicarage stairs with deep chats and many laughs. Hearing some of those young people try praying and then see it make a difference in their lives was really encouraging.

Our Love Your Neighbour projects continued to develop. We delivered 72 £50 Christmas Hampers helping over 230 people from the local community. This was a huge effort and a massive thanks to those in the congregation who donated supplies, money, and/or time to pack and deliver.

We also began our regular litter picking events to help keep the estate tidy and these have been warmly received by local residents. We are excited by the opportunities to increase our social action work in 2023 with the move into the building.

Children and Families - Led by Dave Martin

2022-2023 has seen brilliant growth and depth with the children and families ministry; on Sundays, midweek, in schools and with seasonal events across the year!

We have seen a big increase in children and their families on Sundays and older children at our midweek group, Orbit. With now around 70 0-10s on the register, we thank God that so many young people are not only coming to what we put on as a church, but have been taking steps forward in faith, including baptism.



Our schools ministry has really played a big part of this growth, helping us make a lot more points of contact with the children midweek, particularly through regular whole school faith-themed assemblies (called Collective Worship) and supporting RE lessons where possible. As well as continuing to support both St Luke's school and St Barnabas school, we are so pleased to have now established new links with Griffin Park and St Francis!

Finally our seasonal events have been a real hit with the community, with often hundreds of new families turning up to get involved. The Queen's Jubilee party, The Bright Party (Halloween alternative) and the most recent Easter Party have acted as a wonderful for people of all ages to connect with St Luke's.

We thank God for an incredible year, and pray He will equip us to build His Kingdom more and more in Blackburn next year!

Youth Ministry and Youth Resourcing - Led by Rachel Gardner



This year we have been continued our close work with the Youth Development Team at Blackburn Diocese to see more churches across Lancashire get youth work going and growing in their parishes.

We have also been involved in gathering youth volunteers across Blackburn to pray regularly for young people and to engage in joined up projects to reach more young people with the Gospel, and to connect them with a local church that can disciple them. 'The Gathering' for all Lancashire youth workers meets 3 times a year and has seen over 50 youth workers in attendance.

In terms of Youth Ministry we've strongly developed our work with St Wilfrid's, taking lessons, running lunch clubs and taking services of collective worship at key festivals which connects with 500-1000 students at a time. Our weekly drop in 'Orbit' which we run in partnership with BBC has gone from strength to strength. We split it into two distinct age groups and we regularly see 30-40 young people attending each Thursday.

Some of the highlights of the past year include:

- Rachel has led 3 lots of 5 week courses she has co-written called 'Launchpad' with clergy right across Lancashire.
- The SLB team were involved in supporting The Message's Love your Neighbour Mission which saw over 250 young people hearing the gospel at an outreach concert.
- Rachel has been involved with key consultancies on youth ministry with other Dioceses.
- We took 8 young people to their first Christian festival – 'Satellites'.
- We took a team of our workers and volunteers to the National Youth Ministry Weekend.
- Young people really connecting with our invites to connect with faith at Orbit.

As youth work continues to thrive at SLB, we look forward to many of our young people taking their next steps in deepening their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.

Creative and Worship - Led by Ethan Noble



we can really make it our own!

Over the last year we've had some incredibly moments with worship and youthwork within our church. For worship, my personal highlights have been our Burn Nights when we've been able to go a bit off the rails of what we normally do on a Sunday morning and just seek God in new ways in the meantime expanding on what people's perceptions of worship are. I think Sundays as well have been really successful as we have seen our family engage more and more as weeks have gone on and I find it really exciting that it will only get better as more team join as we sing more songs, have more Burn Nights and one day move into the building where

In regards to the Youthwork, we have seen some of the toughest and most resistant young people undergo dramatic change in nature and personality due the faithfulness of our incredible youth team in our church family. We've run massive youth socials, youth clubs, lunch clubs, youth away days and more and I love the fact that more often than not, when there's something happening, really anything, that our young people turn up and want to know what's going on. As someone who has journeyed with some of our young guys, it's been amazing to see them grow and develop and take their first few steps to following Jesus.

Leadership Development Year Intern - Becca Gallagher



"I really enjoy being a part of the SLB team. The experience I have been given is beyond anything I could have imagined. The sentence to describe St Luke's is 'we are a Youth resourcing Church on an estate' -that itself is just a crazy sentence which carries so so much. The mix of estate people from across all ages as well as those from more privileged background is the best mix and really makes the Church feel like a big, warm, anyone is welcome family! From the very beginning I felt as if I fitted in.

I have had a broad opportunity to experience serving in many of the ministries at SLB. Two of my favourites has been the Kids Team and Street

Teams (outreach).

Since I have started in September 2022, I have seen such a growth and development within the Church on a Sunday but also mid-week serving alongside the team behind the office door. We're always seeking ways in which we can better equip ourselves, serve others, build/maintain relationships. And all the while we want people to come and discover Jesus and begin their very own relationship with Him -how exciting!!"

Deanery Synod Report

Currently one member of the PCC sits on Blackburn Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod.

- During 2022 Deanery Synod meetings began again in person overseen by Fr Andrew Horsfall.
- One of the most notable Synod Meetings of the past year was a farewell from the outgoing Bishop of Blackburn, Julian Henderson.
- Fr Andrew has re-established quarterly Deanery chapter meetings in 2022.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £35,518 of which £34,532 was giving or other voluntary receipts.

Our parish share for 2022 amounted to £9,163 (2021 £9,997) and this was paid in full by the year end. Parish Share is a voluntary payment to the Diocese and provides in the main for the stipend, housing and pension contributions of clergy and also training for both ordained and lay people.

The net result for the year was a surplus (excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £13,738 (2021 surplus £4,656). As shown in the accounts, significant restricted grants were received which met the costs of setting up the new church plant. In addition, as explained in note 6, the parish is not currently employing staff as all are employed by Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited which received grants from the Strategic Development Fund of the Church Commissioners to cover these costs.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £8,570 and the reserves are more than this, but the PCC is aware of liabilities that will arise in the future due to costs of renewing their buildings and also when the grant funding comes to an end. Reserves will be reviewed annually alongside future budgets.

Safeguarding

The PCC considers that it 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).

Volunteers

We wish to thank everyone all those who serve on teams within the parish and especially to our retiring church warden Karen Gregory and our retiring treasurer Gillian Cookson who has looked after our finances so well.

Structure, governance, and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and it operates under the Parochial Church Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

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Charity Number 1138954

Composition of the PCC 2022 January to May

Ex Officio

Incumbent Reverend Cath Brooks
Reverend Jason Gardner
Reverend Barbara Pack (left February to be licensed in new parish)
Rebecca Martin

Elected Members

Karen Gregory (Church Warden, PCC Secretary)
Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Joyce Hope
Jean Ryan
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Norman Pearson
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
Sam O'Connell
Zoe Hodgkinson (Electoral Roll Secretary)
Kathleen Parkinson
Carol Taylor

2022 May to December

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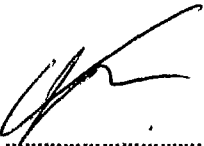
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The electorate comprises those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and the ex officio officers.

As part of our involvement in the life of the Diocese as a whole, we are committed to deanery activities in Blackburn with Darwen Deanery and have representation on the Deanery.

Approved by the PCC on 22.05.2023 and signed on their behalf by the PCC Chairman



Revd Jason Gardner
PCC Chairman

proposed Sarah McKerney
Secunder Alan Gregory

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BLACKBURN ST LUKE, ST MARK & ST PHILIPS

Charity Number 1138954

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

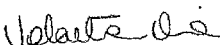
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records;

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

Signed: 

Valentina Raia MICB 15 Boxwood
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Date: 3rd of May 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

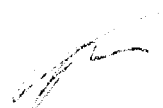
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowments Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2a	34,532	169,412	-	203,944	91,981
Charitable activities		970	1,450	-	2,420	461
Other trading activities	2b	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		16	-	-	16	515
Total income		35,518	170,862	-	206,380	92,957
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3a	21,779	115,527	-	137,306	63,717
Raising funds				-	-	-
Total expenditure		21,779	115,527	-	137,306	63,717
Net income/(expenditure)		13,738	55,335		69,074	29,240
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-		-	1,252
Net movement in funds		13,738	55,335	-	69,074	30,492
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		21,070	95,996	-	117,066	86,574
Total funds carried forward		34,808	151,331	-	186,140	117,066

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Total 2022		Total 2021	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	23,509		24,330	
Cash at bank and in hand		166,398		96,378	
Total Current Assets		189,907		120,708	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,768)		(3,642)	
Net current assets			186,139		117,066
Total assets less current liabilities			186,139		117,066
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Total net assets			186,139		117,066
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds		151,331	55,336	95,995	
Unrestricted funds		34,808	13,737	21,071	
Total charity funds		186,139	69,073	117,066	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14th of May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



The Revd Jason Gardner (PCC chairman)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies:

a. Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

b. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Funds

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

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d. Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e. Investments

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

f. Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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

g. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. No fixed assets are shown as all had been expensed prior to the change to accrual accounting or were paid for from grants from external bodies but future additions from PCC funds will be capitalised.

h. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

i. Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

j. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

l. Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

m. Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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2. Analysis of income

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
a. Donations and legacies						
Planned giving		22,454	225		22,679	7,190
Unplanned giving		4,463	-		4,463	236
Donations		2,383	-		2,383	10,167
Legacies		-	-		-	1,000
Tax refunds		5,232	56		5,288	2,326
Grants	3	-	169,131		169,131	71,062
		34,532	169,412		203,944	91,981
		£0	£0		£0	£0
b. Activities for generating funds						
Premises hire			-		-	-
Other		970	1,450		2,420	-
		970	1,450		2,420	-
c. Grants received						
Strategic Development Fund		-	88,531		88,531	45,562
Church Revitalisation Trust		-	-		-	25,500
Christmas Outreach		-	600		600	-
Duchy of Lancaster		-	5,000		5,000	-
All Churches Trust		-	75,000	-	75,000	-
		-	169,131		169,131	71,062

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3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
a. Church activities						
Parish Share		9,163	-	-	9,163	9,997
Services		1,028	28,402	-	29,429	8,216
Ministry areas		2,432	31,058	-	33,490	10,719
Employment costs		1,646	-	-	1,646	0
Running expenses	5	9,157	54,421	-	63,578	34,785
		23,426	113,881		137,306	63,717
b. Church Running expenses						
Administration		145	6,141	-	6,286	2,210
Marketing		-	1,164	-	1,164	2,279
Premises	6	8,581	25,057	-	33,638	11,214
Governance		303	437	-	740	296
Cost of raising funds		24			24	-
Start up		104	21,622	-	21,726	18,786
		9,157	54,421		63,578	34,785
c. Premises costs						
Utilities and water		6,620	2,535	-	9,155	723
Insurance		1,960	3,813	-	5,773	6,243
Premises hire		-	12,960	-	12,960	3,751
Routine repairs and maintenance		-	5,751		5,751	497
		8,581	25,057	0	33,638	11,214

4. Governance costs

These include cost relating to compliance with safeguarding requirements and independent examination of the accounts.

5. Independent Examination

The Independent Examiner was paid £319 (2019 £290) in respect of the examination.

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6. Staff costs

There are no staff employed directly by the PCC as all staff are employed by Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited who receive grants from the Church of England Strategic Development Fund for this purpose.

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2021: none).

7. Transactions with trustees

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC, mainly in relation to ministry and administration and not to their roles as trustees.

8. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

9. Fixed asset investments

All the investments were disposed of during the year. The movements have been as follows:

	2022 £	2022 £
Market value brought forward	-	-
Proceeds of disposal	-	-
Net gains on revaluation	-	-
Gain on disposal	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-

10. Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors	23,509	21,416
Gift Aid recoverable	-	814
Prepayments	-	2,100
	<u>23,509</u>	<u>24,330</u>

11. Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	3,449	1,800
Accruals	319	1,820
Deferred income	-	22
	<u>3,768</u>	<u>3,642</u>

Deferred income comprises grants received that relate to expenditure in future periods.

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12. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil).

13. Analysis of charitable funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gain on investments	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 December 2022
Unrestricted Funds						
Total Unrestricted Funds	21,070	35,518	(21,779)			34,808
Restricted Funds						
Strategic Development Fund	-	88,531	(88,850)	-	-	(319)
Church Revitalisation Trust	24,583	885	(4,526)	-	-	20,942
Love Christmas	-	600	(600)	-	-	-
Love your Neighbour	-	65	(65)			-
Youth Ministry	-	781				781
Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)	14,097			-	-	14,097
Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)	3,927	80,000	(4,740)	-		79,187
Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious Purposes)	27,831		(16,745)			11,086
Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)	16,350			-	-	16,350
Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)	9,207			-	-	9,207
				-	-	
Total Restricted Funds	95,995	170,862	(115,526)	0	0	151,331
Total funds	117,065	206,380	(137,305)	0	0	186,140

None of the funds are shown as Endowments as any Endowments were released during the year ended 31 December 2022 and are included above as restricted funds where appropriate.

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Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor. Restricted funds relate to the following:

Strategic Development Fund	This fund contains the SDF income received or receivable. This is predominantly used for ministry costs along with start up costs.
Church Revitalisation Trust	This fund contains a grant from the Church Revitalisation Trust to be used at the discretion of the vicar for work as part of the Resource Church set up.
Love Christmas	Providing food and related items to vulnerable people within the parish.
<i>Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the churchyard
<i>Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the fabric
<i>Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the buildings belonging to the PCC and also for religious purposes
<i>Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes
<i>Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	37,600	128,798	-	166,398
Debtors and prepayments	-	23,509	-	23,509
Creditors and accruals	(2,792)	(976)	-	(3,768)
Net assets	34,808	151,331	-	186,140

15. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021.

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		20,819	71,162	-	91,981
Charitable activities		461	-	-	461
Other trading activities		-	-	-	0
Investments		515	-	-	515
Total income		21,795	71,162	-	92,957
Expenditure on:					
Church activities		17,139	46,578	-	63,717
Raising funds		-0	-	-	-
Total expenditure		17,139	46,578	-	63,717
Net income/(expenditure)		4,656	24,584	-	29,240
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	1,252	-	1,252
Net movement in funds		4,656	25,836	-	30,492
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		16,414	70,160	-	86,574
Total funds carried forward		21,070	95,996	-	117,066

Appendix

i. Fabric Report

Fabric Report

St Luke, St Mark & St Philip's Church.

APCM 22nd May 2023.

CHURCH TOWER

Work Done

Timbers treated. All vegetation was removed, and areas treated with herbicide. Broach level repointed. Gutters relined as needed.

Work Needed

The internal tower floor needs some repair.

The tower ladder needs replacing.

MAIN CHURCH BUILDING

Work Done

Roof timbers were renewed where necessary and timber preservation treatment applied. Soakers installed and slate tiles reinstated. Lead flashings renewed and treated with Smartwater for security purposes. All coping stones re-bedded.

3 New roof vents installed and leaded.

Some gutters were cleaned out and re-leaded where necessary.

New double aluminium and glass doors were situated where the entrance to previous hall was previously.

2 new gas boilers have been installed for the church.

Water supply has been installed to the back of the church.

The electric organ has been removed.

The font has been relocated from the back of church to the front.

The screens and cupboards from the back of the church that formed the previous vestry have been removed and retained for future use (e.g. could be used for making a screen).

The vestry floor was previously raised this has been lowered to be the same as the rest of the church floor.

The ceiling has been treated for mould and painted blue.

The walls and pillars have had plaster repairs, using recommended lime plaster, treated for mould and painted white.

The door in the north porch leading to the tower steps has been mended and sanded back to original wood.

The doors leading from the north porch into the church have also been mended and sanded back to original wood.

The walls inside the north porch have been cleaned.

The wall lighting has been replaced and further electrical sockets and wiring for the AV system have been installed.

250 new chairs have been purchased.

Work Needed

There is some damp in the balcony area which needs investigation and remedy; also roof slating to south transept letting water in.

Further guttering works needed as some gutters leaking.

The outside wooden doors in the south porch, north porch and by the gas meter cupboard need some repair, draughtproofing and painting.

There is an area on the outside north wall which needs repointing.

Some of the windows need repair as they have holes, however this is estimated to be in the region of £18,000.

The inside of the north porch has 2 holes in one of the walls, that need repair, the doormat also needs replacing.

There is no lighting at present inside the north porch as the switch had to be disconnected due to getting wet and causing electric shocks when it was activated.

Where the organ was removed the parquet floor has wooden tiles missing, so this needs repair.

The church carpet needs replacing as after all the work it has become heavily soiled.

If the balcony is used the front panel is not high enough to meet current safety standards so needs a safety bar.

There are plans to install a disabled toilet at the back of church when funding allows.

COURTYARD

Work Done

The gateway was widened, by taking the stone pillars away and removing a section of the wall.

The garden area next to the church building was removed and the yard retarmacked.

All trees were removed except for 1 silver birch.

New paving has been laid between the church, next to the new aluminium glass doors and new hall up to the Hancock Street gate, incorporating a ramp up to the main church building.

Outside security lighting has been installed and CCTV.

Work Needed

The wall where the gate has been widened needs to be rebuilt, the stone pillars replaced, and new wider gates need to be sourced and fitted.

There is a large crack in the yard wall on Baldwin Street side that will need repair.

The manhole covers are loose at the back of the new hall and the area at the back (Hancock Street side) and side (Baldwin Street side) of the new hall needs levelling.

5 further trees need planting as per the plans submitted to the council planning department.

CHURCH HALL

Work Done

The old church hall was demolished, and a new 2 storey hall was rebuilt on the original hall footprint.

There are 3 meeting/activity rooms; one of which incorporates a large storage cupboard, an office, a kitchen, plant room, an electrical cupboard, female and male toilets each with 3 cubicles, a disabled toilet, and a lift.

There is underfloor heating and hot water powered by an air source heat pump. Double glazing has been installed and an automatic entrance door.

There are also intruder and fire alarm systems and Wi-Fi.

There are doors onto the carpark from the ground floor activity room that can be opened widely so events can incorporate both outside and inside spaces. These doors have roller shutters for added security when the building is closed.

The kitchen has reused the units from the old hall and a second-hand large cooker with 6 rings and large oven has been purchased. There is a vented cooker hood, water boiler (reused from old hall) and a serving hatch to the downstairs activity room. The serving hatch also has a fire shutter. Again there are doors onto the car park that can be opened widely to enable the serving of food and drinks directly outside. These doors also have roller shutters for security.

Work Needed

The cooker hood filters need to be fitted by Premier Kitchens

The other work needed on the hall will be done/resolved by the builders HH Smith, as they are snags, etc. that they will rectify.

The roller shutters have loose/buckling plating above them which need attention.

The fire shutter is inoperable due to loose wiring.

The locks in the female toilets do not lock properly.

The ladies toilets are not draining effectively.

The cast stonework needs to be resprayed (due to be commenced 10th May)

External automatic door needs rain protectors for the sensors.

There are problems with the mechanical arm on the lift door, so the lift is out of action, also the lift telephone is not working.

The security lights on the hall's outer wall are not working.

The outside sliding doors are misaligned, affecting security and alarm setting.

The central window overlooking the car park has staining that cannot be removed.

Some water ingresses to the office with a damp patch visible in the northeast corner.

May 2023

Karen Gregory Churchwarden

Appendix ii

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT 2023

89 Names on roll at APCM 22nd May 2023

(73 at APCM 2022)

7 names removed this year (3 people moved away, 2 lived outside the parish and stopped attending and 2 people died)

23 names were added this year

34 live in the parish

55 live outside the parish.

Accounts



ST LUKE'S

BLACKBURN

**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of Blackburn St Luke, St Mark and St Philips**

2021 Report and Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn

Aim and purposes

The focus of the St Luke's Church is to create a vibrant missional center from which to engage & disciple emerging generations within an urban context. As we become established, we have already engaged in modelling mission and ministry among emerging generations to the wider diocese and will continue to expand our reach in order to resource church growth.

St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Jason Gardner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings.

Aims and Objectives

St Luke's has strong aims to create a thriving church that:

1. Becomes a centre that is driven to make disciples from amongst the urban emerging generations within the locale of the church. Our Focus on emerging generations means the Church will be biased towards reaching under 30's. Our method of accomplishing this is through encouraging intergenerational church – a family focus that equips all ages to reach and nurture young people.
2. Builds strong foundations for a church planting movement across a dedicated geographical area within Blackburn diocese.
3. Models outreach to local emerging generations using established missional methods and building relationships with key institutions, particularly Church of England educational centres, in order to see this approach repeated across the diocese.
4. Equips, energises and empowers clergy and volunteers across the diocese to re-imagine ministry and mission among emerging generations and implement key models of engagement and discipleship.
5. Explores, with the diocese, networked youth mission, ministry and training across Lancashire that identifies and supports key approaches to discipling emerging generations.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke.

Ministry Area Reports | Achievements and performance

Vicar's Report - Reverend Jason Gardner

Since the team landed in mid-summer of 2021 we've been strongly encouraged by all that has happened in seeking to grow St Luke's as a resource Church.

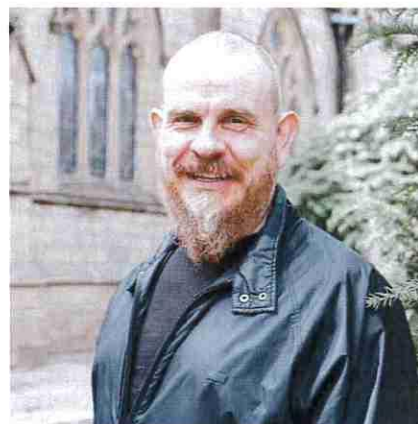
We started our Sunday gatherings as 'hang-outs' at the vicarage in August 2021. We gathered faithful St Luke's folk as well as new team and people new to St Luke's in order to start our journey of being family together.

From there we progressed to church in a garage in September '21, the sun shone every Sunday and we loved exploring faith together through teaching, creative worship and discussion groups.

In October we landed in the venue we're currently worshipping in, St Wilfrid's academy. From around 25 people meeting in September we've grown to averaging 70 people at a Sunday gathering. We've been excited to encounter God's presence and connect with people who are brand new to faith and those who are more experienced and dedicated to mission. We've seen our volunteer teams triple in size as people catch the vision and get stuck in!

In terms of outreach our schools teams are now connecting regularly with hundreds of young people every month. We regularly visit both St Luke's and St Philips primary school and St Wilfrid's academy. Our teams are involved in lunch clubs at schools most days of the week and have run a Youth Alpha at St Wilfrid's. We've engaged in big missions such as 'No more knives' which saw around 500 young people crammed into the cathedral to hear the gospel. We also run street teams twice weekly, having meaningful conversations around faith with over 50 people every month.

We acknowledge God's goodness and faithfulness as he continues to provide for St Luke's. We've experienced God's clear guidance, resourcing and encouragement over this past year.



We've been excited to see people grow deeper in relationship (our church day out in the country was a great example of this) and in commitment to the church. We love our partnerships with other churches across Blackburn, in particularly our sister church, St Aidan's and our very good neighbours, Blackburn Baptist Church.

It's been a challenging year, our building project has had delays and set backs and we've seen the overall cost rise and rise. Although there is still money to find, time and time again God has responded in extremely generous ways and so we look forward to being in the St Luke's church building by the end of Summer and doing a relaunch and 'come and see' service in September.

Church Warden's Report – Karen Gregory

The main church building continues to be closed. Services restarted in September 2021 firstly at the vicarage (1, St. Francis Road) during September 2021, then from October 2021 till the present we have been meeting in St. Wilfrid's School.

The church and hall were mostly cleared in June and July 2021. A lot of items had suffered during the closure, with no heating, such as vestments and altar cloths (went moldy), electrical goods not working properly, etc. so a great deal had to be disposed of, so the inventory is greatly changed this year. Of the rest some things were kept for future use, given to charity shops, sent to scrap metal merchants, or given to other churches; I went through all the paperwork methodically so nothing valuable was lost, finding, among other things, an unclaimed war bond (now claimed) and signed PCC minutes from the 1960s. Unfortunately, the St. Mark's remembrance book was damaged with damp and mold. It was cleaned as far as possible and although stained is still legible and can be used in the future. A photographic record of the church and hall has been taken by one of our parishioners, Anne Holding, and is stored on CDs at present. The plaques on the previous chairs have been removed and are being safely stored. An artwork will be made from them, in the future, which will be displayed in church.

We had 2 services in the church on 1st July 2021, a service for parishioners in the morning, to see the church before the work started, as it had been closed since March 2020, and Jason and Rachel's licensing in the evening.

Work started on the church hall on 18th October 2021, I had to be at church at 7am that day to hand over all the keys. The old hall is now demolished, and the new hall building is progressing week by week. The work started on the church in the middle of March 2022, to address the work identified in the quinquennial report from January 2021.

The builders have been using our electricity supply; I have been invoicing them monthly, so they pay for the amount they are using. The 2 boilers in the cellar have been replaced and are working well; we have had to have the heating on in church for the last month so the church

can dry out before repairs and redecoration start. Luckily, in November 2021 the energy bills were fixed with Scottish Power until Jan 31st, 2023, so we have avoided the big increase in energy prices for now.

I have been attending site meetings monthly, with the architect, the builders, and other stakeholders, which have been interesting. I also collect the post every two or three weeks and read the meters monthly.

It is fantastic that the hall is being replaced with a brand new up to date building, and that the church is being repaired and redecorated so it will last for many years to come.

Operations – Led by Rebecca Martin

This year we've set up lots of new processes and systems to help St Luke's operate, in the areas of marketing, finance, HR, governance and buildings to name a few of the areas.

Some of the highlights include:

- A rebrand giving St Luke's a new and fresh look helping us to be recognisable in Blackburn
- A new website for visitors to use and learn more about who we are and how they can join us
- Donations through the Parish Giving Scheme as well as a contactless machine (which have both been well received)
- A revision of our policies and procedures
- Health and safety training for the staff team
- A growing and thriving team of incredible volunteers of all ages



While we wait excitedly for the church building and church hall to be ready, we have been creating local connections and have been able to use other spaces to operate from. These spaces include: St Wilfrid's Academy, Blackburn Baptist Church and Church House (next to Blackburn Cathedral). We would like to say thank you to these local organisations who have warmly welcomed us and enabled us to function smoothly.

While not being based in our own building has been challenging, a reflection among the team is that it feels like God has been growing us as we continue to trust and rely on him. It has also created many opportunities for the church to jump in, get involved and help especially with the Sunday morning set up before each 11am gathering, which we are truly grateful for.

Emerging Generations – Led by John Reynolds

We're praising God for the ways in which the youth ministry has grown in our first year. We've seen both numerical growth and spiritual growth in our young people.

Through the summer and easter hangouts and our regular contact with the young people in St Wilfrid's, we've seen Sunday church attendance grow among young people, so we've now started a Sunday morning group for 10-14 year olds.

Our school's work in St Wilfrid's has been a real success. We've built great relationships with the school and teachers and run twice weekly lunch clubs, regular assemblies, we've led R.E. lessons and a youth alpha course and have seen our connections with youth grow to such an extent that we've started a weekly midweek younger youth group on Thursday nights where we share testimonies of God's power, play games and build relationships with the young people on the estate.

The "No More Knives" gig run with The Message Trust in Blackburn Cathedral was fantastic, and our follow up event also went really well. Both were amazing opportunities to share the gospel, and we're excited by the prospect of more outreach, evangelistic events in the future.



Children and Families - Led by Dave Martin

I find it so wonderful that at the heart of this church is a real Godly desire to grow as an intergenerational family where young and old are invited to journey together towards Jesus in relationship and faith. It has been such a blessing to welcome so many children and adults to St Luke's as this vision becomes reality.

Sunday Gatherings are growing: 38 children, 23 parents, 15 leaders and 1 amazing God!

Through quality arts, dance, music and sensory experiences, the Creative Worship Space engages the hearts of parents and children and gives them the opportunity to discover and respond to Jesus' call on their lives. This is not Sunday school, it's a fresh approach that encourages whole families to grow in faith together.

Adventure Time is for children who connect through play, active games and kinesthetic learning. This group offers a different focus, tapping into a child's deep sense of wonder and desire for experience. Jesus didn't teach His earliest followers from a classroom, instead He said follow me and then took them on the adventure of a lifetime! We're simply carrying on this tradition!

School Ministry is growing: 13 assemblies, 10 lessons and events in 2 brilliant schools!



It is such a joy for us to serve both St Luke's and St Barnabas primary schools in our area. The regular involvement we have in these schools really gives us the opportunity to go beyond the Sunday gatherings and go deeper in relationship with the children and families in our area. We lead times of worship on Tuesdays and Thursdays, offer in class support every Wednesday and also lead occasional RE lessons and whole school events like the live nativity we did at Christmas!

So far, we have been confidently pressing into Jesus' vision for children and families at St Luke's. It has been AMAZING how God has been blessing our church on this intergenerational discipleship journey, not just in number, but in depth!

Youth Resourcing - Led by Rachel Gardner

This year we have been working closely with the Youth Development Team at Blackburn Diocese to see more churches across Lancashire get youth work going and growing in their parishes.

We have also been involved in gathering youth volunteers across Blackburn to pray regularly for young people and to engage in joined up projects to reach more young people with the Gospel, and to connect them with a local church that can disciple them.



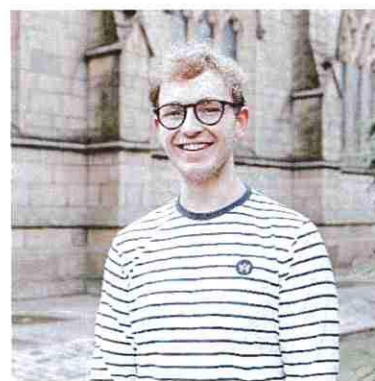
Some of the highlights include:

- Rachel has led a 5 week course she has co-written called 'Launchpad' with clergy from Blackpool & Poulton Deanery, and Chorley Deanery.
- The SLB team were involved in supporting The Message's 'No More Knives' tour and evangelistic concert in the Cathedral.
- Rachel has helped to form a steering group of leaders across Lancashire who are running a regional gathering of youth workers from across church and denominations.
- Rachel spoke at Blackburn Diocese Synod on why youth work matters.
- Dave and Rachel spoke at the Diocesan Children's Conference, Step By Step.

As youth work gets going here at SLB, we hope to be able to share our learning and any resources we create, with other churches working in a similar context. Already we have had youth and children's workers come and visit us to hear our story and to share what they do. Later this Spring we will be taking part in a film being made for National Synod about youth work - we can't wait for our wonderful young people to be featured!

Creative and Worship - Led by Ethan Noble

The worshipping culture at St Luke's has skyrocketed to a place of weekly encounter with God that has fed the congregation and led to more worshipful living outside of a Sunday. With the equipment we've been able to source and team we've managed to secure and nurture and grow, we have begun to thrive as a worshipping community as St Luke's.



We moved from people not knowing words and not singing to now encountering God in really powerful, emotional and spiritual ways while we join together and sing on a Sunday. On the comms front, we have secured foundations on the 2 main platforms of Instagram and YouTube with now nearly 450 followers on Instagram and over 540 views across a dozen or so videos of our preached and talks. St Luke's has gone from 0 online presence to an incredibly strong one with a lot of potential to push further.

The worship team at St Luke's has exponentially grown from 2 to upwards of 8 thanks to the incredible effort and servant heartedness of volunteers bringing their God given gifts and talents to serve the vision for St Luke's. We are incredibly thankful for such an amazing church family willing to pour themselves into the community of St Luke's in time, energy, finance and prayer. It has been a true inspiration to see light and hear the sound of singing restored to the fellowship at St Luke's.

Leadership Development Year Interns

Megan Prasher

Partaking in the Leadership Development Year (LDY) has enabled me to significantly grow deeper in faith, whilst it has also equipped me with valuable experiences throughout a range of different areas, from operations to youth and creativity.

I have particularly enjoyed working within the Children's and Families ministry, as the opportunities I have been given by St Luke's have provided me with a realistic insight into my future chosen career of primary school teaching. Welcoming new people weekly into our Church family and watching St Luke's grow has been an absolute privilege and it has been fulfilling to journey alongside others through faith. The LDY has strengthened my character, widened my areas of ability, and has inspired me to honour my growing relationship with Jesus.



Ben Wenham

Being part of St Luke's from planting has given me a very unique experience into being able to work in every ministry area. An experience I doubt comes up often, if at all. Being able to partake and sometimes leading in most areas is such a privilege. My work has mostly come under creative and worship, being able to facilitate worship in all ways for our growing church has been such a beautiful thing to have been a part of so far.



Watching the church grow from us fitting in a garage to us regularly seeing over 60 attendants and new family coming all the time has been amazing, but we've been growing deeper together as well as wider. We are truly a family and a part of Christ's body. The support and teaching I've received has given me the confidence to pursue bigger things with my life.

Deanery Synod Report

Currently one member of the PCC sits on Blackburn Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod.

- During 2021 there were minimal Deanery Synod meetings due to Covid and our current representative was unable to attend as the meetings were via zoom.
- Since the last Deanery Synod in September a new Area Dean – Fr Andrew Horsfall – has been appointed to replace the Reverend Fleur Green who took up an incumbency in Preston Deanery at St John's Broughton.
- Fr Andrew is re-establishing quarterly Deanery chapter meetings in 2022 and the first deanery synod of the year will be held in May and will focus on a farewell from Bishop Julian who retires in the Summer.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £21,795 of which £20,819 was giving or other voluntary receipts.

Our parish share for 2021 amounted to £9,997 (2020 £18,785) and this was paid in full by the year end. Parish Share is a voluntary payment to the Diocese and provides in the main for the stipend, housing and pension contributions of clergy and also training for both ordained and lay people.

The net result for the year was a surplus (excess of unrestricted income over expenditure of £4,656 (2020 shortfall £14,461). As shown in the accounts, significant restricted grants were

received which met the costs of setting up the new church plant. In addition, as explained in note 6, the parish is not currently employing staff as all are employed by Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited which received grants from the Strategic Development Fund of the Church Commissioners to cover these costs.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £8,570 and the reserves are more than this, but the PCC is aware of liabilities that will arise in the future due to costs of renewing their buildings and also when the grant funding comes to an end. Reserves will be reviewed annually alongside future budgets.

Safeguarding

The PCC considers that it 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).

Volunteers

We wish to thank all those who serve on teams within the parish and especially to our church warden Karen Gregory and treasurer Gillian Cookson who has looked after our finances so well.

Structure, governance, and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Church Warden, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC supports the incumbent in promoting the ministry and mission of the Church. The powers conferred on the Council include the power to acquire, manage, and administer property for Church purposes, power to frame an annual budget of monies required for Church work, and power to collect a voluntary Church rate for any Church purpose and to determine the objects to which such money is to be allocated.

The Council is also given power, jointly with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss Church staff members and to determine the salaries and conditions of service of these officers. One caveat of our current staff structure is that our staff team are employed by the diocese through SDF funding and so any recruitment or disciplinary procedures have to be carried out in accordance with the guidance and protocols of the Diocese of Blackburn's Human Resources Department.

The PCC meets every six weeks. During these meetings, reports from various ministry areas are reviewed, financial matters are discussed and any pertinent safeguarding issues are raised. Our last Annual Church Meeting was held on 24/05/2021.

The Standing Committee consists of the Incumbent of the Benefice, the resource Church leader, the Curate of the Benefice, the Churchwarden, PCC Secretary (also currently the Churchwarden), the Treasurer and one other PCC member. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the council.

During the transition of St Luke's into a resourcing church, funded by the SDF of the Church Commissioners, Reverend Jason Gardner was licensed as resource Church leader for the combined parish of St Luke's and St Mark's with St Philip's in July. Reverend Gardner took on the chair of the PCC whilst Reverend Brooks remains as incumbent over the benefice.

In order to meet our mandate as a resource Church a staff team has been recruited, most of whom took on full time positions during August and September. The staff team comprises a Youth Innovations lead, an Operations Manager, Worship & Creative Communications lead, Children's & Families lead, Youth & Young Adults Lead, part time Administrator (vacant) and two interns.

These roles are funded by the SDF income for the first five years of the Resource Church apart from the Youth Innovations Lead and Children and Families worker which are in part funded by the Diocesan Board of Funding. Each staff member will have an annual appraisal which will set out personal aims and objectives for the following year and identify which strategic priorities they are responsible for.

Every staff team member meets fortnightly with their line manager and the staff members responsible for the various volunteer teams meet regularly with those team leads. We are committed to ongoing training and development for both staff and volunteers.

We are also developing a wider pool of volunteers and raising up volunteer team leads who support the Incumbent and staff team to deliver on Sundays and activities throughout the week that seek to meet our aims and objectives.

Composition of the PCC

2020

Ex Officio

Incumbent Reverend Cath Brooks
Reverend Barbara Pack

Elected Members

Karen Gregory (Church Warden, PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Secretary)
Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Joyce Hope
Jean Ryan
Alan Gregory
Norman Pearson
Margaret Houghton
Sam O'Connell
Zoe Hodgkinson
Kathleen Parkinson
Katrina Van Vessem (Deanery Synod Representative) Until May 2021
John Evans (Deanery Synod Representative) resigned May 2021

2021

Ex Officio

Incumbent Reverend Cath Brooks
Reverend Barbara Pack
Reverend Jason Gardner (From July 2021)
Rebecca Martin (From August 2021)

Elected Members

Karen Gregory (Church Warden, PCC Secretary)
Gillian Cookson (Treasurer)
Joyce Hope
Jean Ryan
Alan Gregory (Vice Chair)
Norman Pearson
Margaret Houghton (Deanery Synod Representative)
Sam O'Connell
Zoe Hodgkinson (Electoral Roll Secretary)
Kathleen Parkinson

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Katrina Van Vessem (Deanery Synod Representative until May 2021) Resigned December 2021

Carol Taylor (Joined July 2021)

The electorate comprises those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and the ex officio officers.

As part of our involvement in the life of the Diocese as a whole, we are committed to deanery activities in Blackburn with Darwen Deanery and have representation on the Deanery.

Approved by the PCC on
PCC Chairman

2022 and signed on their behalf by

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Reverend Jason Gardner
PCC Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Blackburn St Luke, St Mark & St Philips.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Luke's Blackburn for the year ended 31st December 2021. I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 16 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

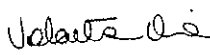
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records;

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

Signed: 

Valentina Raia MICB 15 Boxwood Drive Blackburn
BB2 5AN

Date: 14th April 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowmen t Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	2 a	20,819	71,162	-	91,981	12,550
Charitable activities		461	-	-	461	785
Other trading activities	2 b	-	-	-	-	3,308
Investments		515	-	-	515	7
Total Income		21,795	71,162	-	92,957	16,650
Expenditure on:						
Church activities	3 a	17,139	46,578	-	63,717	30,885
Raising funds		-	-	-	0	226
Total expenditure		17,139	46,578	-	63,717	31,111
Net Income/(expenditure)		4,656	24,584	-	29,240	14,461
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	1,252	-	1,252	2,149
Net movement in funds		4,171	25,836	-	30,007	12,312
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		16,414	70,160	-	86,574	98,886
Total funds carried forward		21,070	95,996	-	117,066	86,574

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	11	-	17,838
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	24,330	-
Cash at bank and in hand		96,378	68,736
Total Current Assets		120,708	68,736
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,642)	-
Net current assets		117,066	68,736
Total assets less current liabilities		117,066	86,574
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	-	-
Total net assets		117,066	86,574
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		-	-
Restricted income funds		21,071	16,414
Unrestricted funds		95,995	70,160
Total charity funds		117,066	86,574

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd (PCC chairman)

JASON GARDNER

The notes on pages 18 to 21 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies:

a. Basis of preparation:

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

b. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

c. Funds

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

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

d. Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

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Other trading activities

Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

e. Investments

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

f. Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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

g. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. No fixed assets are shown as all had been expensed prior to the change to accrual accounting or were paid for from grants from external bodies but future additions from PCC funds will be capitalised.

h. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

i. Debtors

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

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For the year ended 31 December 2021

recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

j. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

k. Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

l. Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

m. Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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For the year ended 31 December 2021

2. Analysis of income

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
a. Donations and legacies					
Planned giving		7,190	-	7,190	5,898
Unplanned giving		236	-	236	1,659
Donations		10,067	100	10,167	1,115
Legacies		1,000	-	1,000	-
Tax refunds		2,326	-	2,326	2,431
Grants	2c	0	71,062	71,062	1,447
		<u>20,819</u>	<u>71,162</u>	<u>91,442</u>	<u>12,550</u>
b. Activities for generating funds					
Premises and car park hire		-	-	-	2,749
Other		-	-	-	559
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,308</u>
c. Grants					
Strategic Development Fund		-	45,562	45,562	-
Church Revitalisation Trust		-	25,500	25,500	-
HM Revenue and Customs - CJRS		-	-	-	1,447
	2a	<u>-</u>	<u>71,062</u>	<u>70,062</u>	<u>1,447</u>

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3. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
a. Church activities					
Parish Share		9,997	-	9,997	18,785
Services		-	8,216	8,216	159
Employment costs		-	-	-	3,253
Ministry areas		942	9,777	10,719	915
Running expenses	3b	6,200	28,585	34,785	7,773
Grants and donations		-	-	-	-
		17,139	46,578	63,717	30,885
b. Church Running expenses					
Administration		231	1,979	2,210	324
Marketing		-	2,279	2,279	-
Premises	3c	5,963	5,251	11,214	7,449
Governance	4	6	290	296	-
Start up		-	18,786	18,786	-
Sundry		-	-	-	-
	3a	6,200	28,585	34,785	7,773
c. Premises costs					
Utilities and water		723	-	723	2,438
Insurance		4,743	1,500	6,243	4,198
Premises hire		-	3,751	3,751	-
Routine repairs and maintenance		497	-	497	813
Upgrades and development		-	-	-	-
	3b	5,963	5,251	11,214	7,449

4. Governance costs

These include cost relating to compliance with safeguarding requirements and independent examination of the accounts.

5. Independent Examination

The Independent Examiner was paid £290 (2019 £nil) in respect of the examination.

6. Staff costs

There are no staff employed directly by the PCC as all staff are employed by Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited who receive grants from the Church of England Strategic Development Fund for this purpose.

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2020: none).

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7. Transactions with trustees

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC, mainly in relation to ministry and administration and not to their roles as trustees.

8. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

9. Fixed asset investments

All the investments were disposed of during the year. The movements have been as follows:

	2021 £	2021 £
Market value brought forward	17,838	15,669
Proceeds of disposal	(19,090)	-
Net gains on revaluation	-	2,149
Gain on disposal	1,252	-
Market value carried forward	-	17,878

10. Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	21,416	-
Gift Aid recoverable	814	-
Prepayments	2,100	-
	24,330	-

11. Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,800	-
Accruals	1,820	-
Deferred income	22	-
	3,642	-

Deferred income comprises grants received that relate to expenditure in future periods.

12. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2021, the charity had no capital commitments (2020 -£nil).

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13. Analysis of charitable funds

	1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gain on investments	Transfers	31 December 2021
Total Unrestricted Funds	16,414	21,795	(17,139)	-	-	21,070
Restricted Funds						
<i>Strategic Development Fund</i>	-	45,562	(45,562)	-	-	-
<i>Church Revitalisation Trust</i>		25,000	(416)	-	-	24,584
<i>Love Christmas</i>	-	600	(600)	-	-	-
<i>Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)</i>	13,168			929	-	14,097
<i>Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)</i>	3,604			323		3,927
<i>Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious)</i>	27,831					27,831
<i>Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)</i>	16,350			-	-	16,350
<i>Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)</i>	9,207			-	-	9,207
Total Restricted Funds	70,160	71,162	(46,578)	1,252	0	95,996
Total funds	86,574	92,957	(63,717)	1,252	0	117,066

None of the funds are shown as Endowments as any Endowments were released during the year ended 31 December 2021 and are included above as restricted funds where appropriate.

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor. Restricted funds relate to the following:

Strategic Development Fund	This fund contains the SDF income received or receivable. This is predominantly used for ministry costs along with start up costs.
Church Revitalisation Trust	This fund contains a grant from the Church Revitalisation Trust to be used at the discretion of the vicar for work as part of the Resource Church set up.
Love Christmas	Providing food and related items to vulnerable people within the parish.
Churchyard Fund (Fielden Bequest)	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the churchyard
Fabric Fund (Bassett Legacy)	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the fabric

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<i>Parochial Hall Trust (Property and Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for the upkeep of the buildings belonging to the PCC and also for religious purposes
<i>Griffin Street Sale (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes
<i>Major A Angles (Religious Purposes)</i>	This fund contains the current value of the original bequest made for religious purposes

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

			31/12/2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted
		£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		20,257	76,121
Debtors and prepayments	10	814	23,516
Creditors and accruals	11	-	(3,642)
Net assets		21,071	95,995
			117,066

15. Revision of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

The charity previously prepared accounts on the receipts and payments basis but the trustees have decided to prepare accounts on the accrual basis. For the purpose of comparison between financial years the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 have been reformatted as shown below. It has been assumed that any accruals and prepayments at 31 December 2020 were immaterial.

16. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2020
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	12,550	-	-	12,550
Charitable activities	785	-	-	785
Other trading activities	3,308	-	-	3,308
Investments	7	-	-	7
Total Income	16,650	-	-	16,650
Expenditure on:				
Church activities	30,885	-	-	30,885
Raising funds	226	-	-	226
Total expenditure	31,111	-	-	31,111
Net Income/(expenditure)	-14,461	-	-	-14,461

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Net gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	2,149	-	2,149
Net movement in funds	-14,461	2,149	-	-12,312
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	30,875	68,011	-	98,886
Total funds carried forward	16,414	70,160	-	86,574
