

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARGARET LOTHBURY

England & Wales - Charity number 1139504

Details

Other names ST MARGARET'S PCC, LOTHBURY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-12-23

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 life of the Church reflects the nature and location of the Parish at the heart of the Square Mile. The main service of the week is on Wednesday Lunchtimes - an informal service with worship, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer. Holy Communion is celebrated on Tuesday Lunchtimes using the BCP. On significant days in the Christian calendar appropriate services are also held.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- City Of London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£203,045	£260,899	-	-
2023-12-31	£245,781	£328,217	-	-
2022-12-31	£240,953	£240,114	-	-
2021-12-31	£200,182	£207,431	-	-
2020-12-31	£250,975	£228,456	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Tosin Oladipo	Chair	2026-04-11
Adekemi Adebajo		2025-05-27
Cheryl Stafford		2015-04-27
Chris Oldham		2025-05-27
DAVID JESSOP		2025-05-27
David Henderson-Begg		2025-05-27
David Schluter		2025-05-27
Jaqueline Foot		2014-04-28
John William May		2025-05-27
Mark Thomas		2013-04-29
Mr Will Taylor		
Oliver Holdsworth Gillett		2017-04-03
Shainy Joganah		2023-05-24
Tanyaradzwa Chikanza		2025-05-27

Accounts

Charity Number: 1139504

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARGARET, LOTHBURY
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity registered number	1139504
Principal Address	St Margaret's Church Lothbury London EC2R 7HH
Bankers	Brown Shipley Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE HSBC Bank Plc PO Box 757 Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4SS
Main Safeguarding Officer	Mr Cliff Radmore
Building Manager	Mr Cliff Radmore
Independent Examiners	Winchester Bourne Ltd Sullivan Court Wessex Way Colden Common SO21 1WP
Investment Advisers	CCLA Investment Management Ltd St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ The CBF Church of England St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ

The list of trustees/PCC members for the year ending 31.12.24 was as follows:

Adekemi Adebajo
Tanya Chikanza
Jacky Foot
Olly Gillett
David Henderson-Begg
Shainy Joganah
Chris Oldham
Beverley Ryan
David Schluter
Cheryl Stafford
Will Taylor
Mark Thomas

2024 Annual Report

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) who are also the Trustees of the Charity by virtue of their membership of the Council are pleased to have the opportunity to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2024.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting Charities Statement of Recommended Practice as applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard set out in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Objectives and Activities.

The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of working with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church and they fulfil this call both conscientiously and enthusiastically.

The focus of our ministry is our parish in the City of London as well as all the networks and organisations associated with the Church. We seek to be a church that longs to ensure that everyone with whom we come into contact should have the opportunity to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. We seek to fulfil this aspiration not only through personal contacts and conversations but also through the public worship that is held each week.

We continued in 2024 to make our two main weekly services available online; the numbers joining us have been encouraging in conjunction with an increase in in-person numbers. Our upgraded equipment & the technical skill of those involved in live streaming these services & the development of our YouTube channel has clearly been appreciated by those who are not able to be in the City every week. Monday morning's Prayers for the City and Thursday morning's Men's Group remain online and have continued to grow. The Organ Recital on Thursday which has taken place weekly for over half a century continues to draw an enthusiastic group of people & Richard Townend's playing and interval talks are greatly appreciated.

Our partnership with Trinity Church Central London, who have been using our church building on Sundays & Tuesday evenings, continues. It has been encouraging to see it used on Sundays for public worship by a growing congregation. The success of this joint venture has left both sides confident that this initiative was a good one and we are looking forward to it flourishing in the years ahead.

Our support of the City Civic continues with a deep and genuine commitment: we value our relationships with those Livery Companies, Ward Clubs and the United Wards Club who are associated with the Church and to whom, in most cases the Rector is Chaplain. Our membership of the Bank Churches Cluster, which began in 2007 has been both significant & great fun. As people have returned to working in the City, we have been moving to in-person activity as well as having an online presence.

The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on ecclesiastical charities for the advancement of true religion. The Council is satisfied that the activities of St Margaret's fall within such guidance. The PCC has also been alert to the Charity Commission's and the Church of England's Regulations of Safeguarding; more people than hitherto have gone through training & sought DBS clearance. The PCC has safeguarding as an agenda item at each meeting & has strengthened the team who oversee this.

The Church Council has continued to be deeply grateful to the team who act on the Council's behalf to sustain the life of the church. Cliff Radmore, our Operations Manager, Will Jackson, our Worship Pastor, Belinda McArdle our Bookkeeper, Richard Townend our Director of Music and Diego Rodriguez our cleaner. They have all gone beyond the call of duty and with a non-resident & professionally busy PCC their commitment is invaluable.

31st December 2024 was a sad and significant day in the long history of our church, as we bade farewell to our much-loved Rector, Jeremy Crossley, who began a well-earned retirement.

Jeremy came to St Margaret Lothbury from St James The Less, Pimlico in 1999, it's fair to say knowing very little about the City, its financial institutions, or the City Civic. And yet in a few short years he had won everyone over with his undoubted love for God, his humble spirit, tireless work ethic and great good humour.

During Jeremy's long tenure, the church has thrived, with numbers steadily growing at both our Tuesday BCP Holy Communion and Wednesday charismatic services - a testament to his rare ability to serve across traditions with equal commitment and fervour.

Jeremy's diligent and wise handling of our finances was crucial first in returning St Margarets back into the black and then to establishing healthy reserves that underpin the mission of the church to this day.

Heartfelt tributes to Jeremy were led by former churchwarden and longtime PCC member James Gerry at the Wednesday service, and by current churchwarden Will Taylor on behalf of the Tuesday congregation.

Jeremy will be greatly missed by all, including church staff, PCC members, City Civic luminaries and many congregants, all of whose lives were so greatly enriched by his friendship and wise, godly counsel. He leaves a legacy among us of which he can be truly proud, and one which the PCC is resolved to build upon for the future.

St. Margaret thus moves into 2025 in a period of interregnum, where the PCC will work with the Bishop, Diocese and the church's Patron, The Simeon's Trustees, to find a new Rector. We pray for God's wisdom and steady hand to guide us and draw confidence that He who gave us Jeremy can always do more than we ask or imagine.

Financial review

The total funds of the PCC at the 31 December 2024 stand at £1,179,490, a decrease over the previous year of less than 1%.

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For the General Unrestricted Fund, income stood at £203,045 with corresponding expenditure of £260,899, giving rise after inter-fund transfers to a slightly increased deficit for the year of £27,878.

Congregational giving was marginally down, as was voluntary church rate (down 22%). The PCC continue to look for alternative sources of income to maintain a strong reserve position.

The members of the PCC balance a low-risk approach to investing against the requirement to generate a reasonable rate of return and take advice from qualified professionals as required and in accordance with the PCC investment policy.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. William Taylor, Churchwarden and Chairman

28 October 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARGARET,
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me any cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination); or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).'

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 financial statements to be reached.



Claire Clements
Accountant

Dated: 29 October 2025

Winchester Bourne Ltd
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Colden Common SO21 1WP

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	162,196	-	-	162,196	178,826
Charitable activities	2	29,013	-	-	29,013	32,394
Investment income	2	275	12,750	8,671	21,696	20,274
Other	2	11,561	26,651	-	38,212	14,287
TOTAL INCOME		203,045	39,401	8,671	251,117	245,781
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		2,727	-	-	2,727	2,669
Charitable activities	3	258,172	18,677	8,147	284,996	325,548
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		260,899	18,677	8,147	287,723	328,217
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)						
		(57,854)	20,724	524	(36,606)	(82,436)
Transfers between funds						
		29,976	34,200	(64,176)	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	4,601	23,861	28,462	82,446
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(27,878)	59,525	(39,791)	(8,144)	10
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		282,449	300,139	605,046	1,187,634	1,187,624
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	254,571	359,664	565,255	1,179,490	1,187,634

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		61,658		83,097
Investments	7		863,435		834,973
			<u>925,093</u>		<u>918,070</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	25,977		31,880	
Investments: cash deposits		83,745		114,229	
Cash at bank and in hand		165,250		133,553	
		<u>274,972</u>		<u>279,662</u>	
CREDITORS					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9		<u>(20,575)</u>	(10,098)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS					
			<u>254,397</u>		<u>269,564</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u>1,179,490</u>		<u>1,187,634</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12/14		254,571		282,449
Restricted funds	12/14		359,664		300,139
Designated funds	12/14		565,255		605,046
TOTAL FUNDS					
			<u>1,179,490</u>		<u>1,187,634</u>

The financial statements on pages to were approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by:



Mr William Taylor

Chairman



Mr Mark Thomas

Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition effective 1 January 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard applicable the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, given the level of reserves and the support of the Church of England, the church council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due, except for Heritage Lottery Fund grants which are accounted for when the entitlement to the grant becomes certain. Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and investment properties are included in the statement of financial activities as 'Net gains/(losses) on investments.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an accrual (though not a legal liability) and is included in the creditors shown on the balance sheet.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets over a purchase price of £500, so as to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated usual lives, as follows:

<i>Soft furnishings</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 10 years</i>
<i>Fixtures, fittings and office equipment</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 5 years</i>

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Cash balances are included as fixed asset investments if they are invested in accounts of an investment nature and are intended to be held for a period of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.6 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank, and are intended to be held for a period between 3 and 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.7 Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the value of volunteer help is not included in the Financial Statements.

Donated assets are recognised as income when the PCC has control over the item; any conditions attached to the donation have been met; the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the PCC of the item is probable; and that economic benefit can be reliably measured.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Donated assets and services (continued)

On receipt, donated assets are recognised as income on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC, which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain an asset of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as an asset in the period of receipt.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is 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. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the item value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risk specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Pensions

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Donations made under the Gift Aid scheme	65,860	-	-	65,860	67,860
Income tax recoverable	16,654	-	-	16,654	16,965
Other donations	46,692	-	-	46,692	51,955
Voluntary church rate	32,990	-	-	32,990	42,046
	<u>162,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,196</u>	<u>178,826</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Service fees	4,513	-	-	4,513	3,894
Use of church building	24,500	-	-	24,500	28,500
	<u>29,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,013</u>	<u>32,394</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Investment income</i>					
Dividends and interest	275	12,750	8,671	21,696	20,274
	<u>275</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>8,671</u>	<u>21,696</u>	<u>20,274</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Other income</i>					
Grants	3,684	26,651	-	30,335	3,784
Salary contribution	7,877	-	-	7,877	10,503
	<u>11,561</u>	<u>26,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,212</u>	<u>14,287</u>
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3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants					
Charitable giving	735	-	-	735	916
Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry					
Diocesan quota	91,300	-	-	91,300	88,000
Clergy expenses	1,329	-	-	1,329	1,079
Outreach	5,066	-	-	5,066	3,182
Other clergy & service costs	3,023	-	-	3,023	2,713
CPD	720	-	-	720	705
Building/Production manager	40,272	-	-	40,272	40,397
Church running expenses	14,170	-	-	14,170	12,615
Church maintenance (inc. organ)	7,508	18,677	8,147	34,332	80,476
Housekeeper	7,337	-	-	7,337	7,213
Celebrate	44,126	-	-	44,126	45,645
Support costs allocated to activities:					
Personnel costs	13,624	-	-	13,624	14,532
Office costs	2,768	-	-	2,768	2,931
Professional fees	4,593	-	-	4,593	3,157
Bank interest and charges	162	-	-	162	179
Depreciation	21,439	-	-	21,439	21,808
	<u>258,172</u>	<u>18,677</u>	<u>8,147</u>	<u>284,996</u>	<u>325,548</u>
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Professional fees include the following amounts due to the Independent Examiner:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examination fees	2,500	2,500

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4. PERSONNEL

Number of employees

The average monthly head count was 2 (2023: 2). The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1).

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,696	63,576
Social security costs	1,365	1,302
Other pension costs	3,278	3,114
	68,339	67,992

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Regular outsourced services:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bookkeeper	8,981	10,115
Housekeeper	7,337	7,213
	16,318	17,328

During the year, the PCC outsourced bookkeeping and housekeeping services, neither of whom earned more than £60,000.

The members of the PCC and the building manager comprise the key management personnel of the charity and received aggregate remuneration totalling £40,272 (2023: £40,397). The members of the PCC received no remuneration (see note 5).

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £1,329 were due to one member of the PCC for the year (2023: £1,079 to one member); also the reimbursement of rectory maintenance costs of £3,855 (2023: £nil). No pension benefits are accruing to any member of the PCC.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Soft furnishings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	12,570	132,293	144,863
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>12,570</u>	<u>132,293</u>	<u>144,863</u>
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 January 2024	12,220	49,546	61,766
Charge for the year	50	21,389	21,439
31 December 2024	<u>12,270</u>	<u>70,935</u>	<u>83,205</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>300</u>	<u>61,358</u>	<u>61,658</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>350</u>	<u>82,747</u>	<u>83,097</u>

Net book value at 31 December 2024 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Market value	Unlisted Investments	Cash or Equivalents	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	834,973	-	834,973
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals at book value	-	-	-
Net unrealised gains	28,462	-	28,462
At 31 December 2024	<u>863,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>863,435</u>

Investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

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8. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	16,654	16,965
Occasional services	5,823	4,415
Other debtors and prepayments	3,500	10,500
	25,977	31,880

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	17,405	6,502
Accruals and deferred income	3,170	3,596
	20,575	10,098

10. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT COMMITMENTS

Defined contribution scheme

The PCC 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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the PCC to the fund.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Contributions payable by the PCC for the year	3,278	3,114

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the year other than as disclosed in note 5 (2023: £nil) and there were no balances outstanding with related parties as at 31 December 2024 (2023: £nil).

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12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	282,449	203,045	(260,899)	29,976	-	254,571
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	162,916	4,522	-	(4,522)	3,729	166,645
Organ investment capital fund	38,598	1,074	-	(1,074)	872	39,470
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	42,645	4,039	-	37,060	-	83,744
Organ repair fund	15,946	143	(918)	1,074	-	16,245
Building repairs	39,658	29,623	(17,759)	1,662	-	53,184
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	300,139	39,401	(18,677)	34,200	4,601	359,664
Designated funds						
Reserve	597,645	8,650	(4,292)	(63,116)	23,861	562,748
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	3	-	-	-	439
Rectory repairs	6,965	18	(3,855)	(1,060)	-	2,068
	605,046	8,671	(8,147)	(64,176)	23,861	565,255
Total of funds	1,187,634	251,117	(287,723)	-	28,462	1,179,490

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Building repair fund

This comprises a restricted fund held for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the building and covers maintenance and repair work on the essential systems within the church, and other work in the church not covered by the Building fabric fund. The income of this fund is received from an endowment fund held for the PCC by the London Diocese, who is the sole trustee.

Building fabric capital fund and Building fabric fund

The Building fabric capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Building fabric fund with the same purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Building fabric fund.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Organ investment capital fund and Organ repair fund

The organ investment capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintenance and repair work on the organ. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Organ repair fund.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

These represent funds set aside by the members of the PCC to cover specific aims. The Reserve fund is to ensure sufficient reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate for a period of twelve months. The Vicar's discretionary fund and the Rectory repair fund are to cover additional costs as described.

PRIOR YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	285,393	225,851	(257,880)	29,085	-	282,449
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	148,906	4,453	-	(4,453)	14,010	162,916
Organ investment capital fund	35,351	1,059	-	(1,060)	3,248	38,598
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	35,945	2,247	-	4,453	-	42,645
Organ repair fund	15,752	-	(866)	1,060	-	15,946
Building repairs	50,756	2,479	(13,577)	-	-	39,658
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	<u>287,086</u>	<u>10,238</u>	<u>(14,443)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,258</u>	<u>300,139</u>
Designated funds						
Reserve	606,409	9,692	(54,559)	(29,085)	65,188	597,645
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	8,300	-	(1,335)	-	-	6,965
	<u>615,145</u>	<u>9,692</u>	<u>(55,894)</u>	<u>(29,085)</u>	<u>65,188</u>	<u>605,046</u>
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Total of funds	<u><u>1,187,624</u></u>	<u><u>245,781</u></u>	<u><u>(328,217)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>82,446</u></u>	<u><u>1,187,634</u></u>

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13. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments as at 31.12.24 (2023 £nil).

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
CURRENT YEAR					
Tangible fixed assets	61,658	-	-	61,658	83,097
Fixed asset investments	92,064	206,116	565,255	863,435	834,973
Current assets	121,187	153,785	-	274,972	279,662
Current liabilities	(20,338)	(237)	-	(20,575)	(10,098)
	<u>254,571</u>	<u>359,664</u>	<u>565,255</u>	<u>1,179,490</u>	<u>1,187,634</u>
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	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
PRIOR YEAR					
Tangible fixed assets	83,097	-	-	83,097	3,575
Fixed asset investments	28,412	201,515	605,046	834,973	927,527
Current assets	181,038	98,624	-	279,662	275,196
Current liabilities	(10,098)	-	-	(10,098)	(18,674)
	<u>282,449</u>	<u>300,139</u>	<u>605,046</u>	<u>1,187,634</u>	<u>1,187,624</u>
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15. ENDOWMENT FUND

A Building Repair endowment fund is held for the PCC by the Diocese of London, which acts as sole trustee and has sole managerial responsibility for the capital value of this fund. The value of this fund held at the year end is £92,768 (2023: £90,692).

Accounts

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Charity registered number	1139504
Principal Address	St Margaret's Church Lothbury London EC2R 7HH
Bankers	Brown Shipley Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE HSBC Bank Plc PO Box 757 Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4SS
Main Safeguarding Officer	Mr Cliff Radmore
Building Manager	Mr Cliff Radmore
Independent Examiners	Winchester Bourne Ltd Sullivan Court Wessex Way Colden Common SO21 1WP
Investment Advisers	CCLA Investment Management Ltd St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ The CBF Church of England St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC), who are also the Trustees of the Charity by virtue of their membership of the Council, are pleased to have the opportunity to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2023.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting Charities Statement of Recommended Practice as applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard set out in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) Objectives and Activities.

The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of working with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church and they fulfil this call both conscientiously and enthusiastically.

The focus of our ministry is our parish in the City of London, as well as all the networks and organisations associated with the Church. We seek to be a church that longs to ensure that everyone with whom we come into contact should have the opportunity to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. We seek to fulfil this aspiration not only through personal contacts and conversations, but also through the public worship that is held each week.

We continued in 2023 to make our two main weekly services available online; the numbers joining us have been encouraging at a time when our in-person numbers were growing comparatively slowly for the first part of the year. Our upgraded equipment and the technical skill of those involved in live streaming these services, and the development of our YouTube channel has clearly been appreciated by those who are not able to be in the City every week. Monday morning's Prayers for the City and Thursday morning's Men's Group remain online and have continued to grow. The Organ Recital on Thursday, which has taken place weekly for over half a century, continues to draw an enthusiastic group of people and Richard Townend's playing and interval talks are greatly appreciated.

In the summer of 2022, with the encouragement of the then Archdeacon of Charing Cross, we began a partnership with Trinity Church Central London who have been using our church building on Sundays and Tuesday evenings. It has been encouraging to see it used on Sundays for public worship by a growing congregation. The success of this joint venture has left both sides confident that this initiative was a good one and we look forward to it flourishing in the years ahead.

Our support of the City Civic continues with a deep and genuine commitment: we value our relationships with those Livery Companies, Ward Clubs and the United Wards Club who are associated with the Church and to whom, in most cases the Rector is Chaplain. Our membership of the Bank Churches Cluster, which began in 2007 has been both significant and great fun. As people are returning, we look forward to moving to in-person activity as well as having an online presence.

The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on ecclesiastical charities for the advancement of true religion. The Council is satisfied that the activities of St Margaret's fall within such guidance. The PCC has also been alert to the Charity Commission's and the Church of England's Regulations of Safeguarding; more people than hitherto have gone through training and sought DBS clearance. The PCC has safeguarding as an agenda item at each meeting and has strengthened the team who oversee this.

The Church Council has continued to be deeply grateful to the team who act on the Council's behalf to sustain the life of the church. Cliff Radmore our Operations Manager, Will Jackson our Worship Pastor, Belinda McArdle our Bookkeeper, Richard Townend our Director of Music and Diego Rodriguez our cleaner. They have all gone beyond the call of duty, and with a non-resident and professionally busy PCC their commitment is invaluable

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Financial review

The total funds of the PCC at the 31 December 2023 stand at £1,187,634, an increase over the previous year of £10.

For the General Unrestricted Fund, income stood at £254,936 with corresponding expenditure of £257,880, giving rise to a modest deficit for the year of £2,944.

Although congregational giving was slightly lower than last year's figure, there was an improved response to the voluntary church rate. The PCC continue to look for alternative sources of income to maintain a strong reserve position, including the rental of the church building to Trinity Church Central London.

The members of the PCC balance a low risk approach to investing against the requirement to generate a reasonable rate of return, and take advice from qualified professionals as required and in accordance with the PCC investment policy. The current aims are to move funds away from short term bank balances and into investment funds generating better returns.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me any cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination); or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).'

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 financial statements to be reached.

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Claire Clements
Accountant

Dated: 21-10-24

Winchester Bourne Ltd
Sullivan Court
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	178,826	-	-	178,826	187,844
Charitable activities	2	32,394	-	-	32,394	8,783
Investment income	2	344	10,238	9,692	20,274	19,606
Other	2	14,287	-	-	14,287	24,720
TOTAL INCOME		225,851	10,238	9,692	245,781	240,953
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		2,669	-	-	2,669	2,484
Charitable activities	3	255,211	14,443	55,894	325,548	237,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		257,880	14,443	55,894	328,217	240,114
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)						
		(32,029)	(4,205)	(46,202)	(82,436)	839
Transfers between funds						
		29,085	-	(29,085)	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	17,258	65,188	82,446	(110,423)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,944)	13,053	(10,099)	10	(109,584)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		285,393	287,086	615,145	1,187,624	1,297,208
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	282,449	300,139	605,046	1,187,634	1,187,624

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		83,097		3,575
Investments	7		834,973		927,527
			918,070		931,102
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	31,880		32,498	
Investments: cash deposits		114,229		106,656	
Cash at bank and in hand		133,553		136,042	
		279,662		275,196	
CREDITORS					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,098)		(18,674)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS					
			269,564		256,522
NET ASSETS					
			1,187,634		1,187,624
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12/14		291,268		285,393
Restricted funds	12/14		300,139		287,086
Designated funds	12/14		596,227		615,145
TOTAL FUNDS					
			1,187,634		1,187,624

The financial statements on pages to were approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on their behalf by:

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley
Chairman

Mr Mark Thomas
Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition effective 1 January 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard applicable the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, given the level of reserves and the support of the Church of England, the church council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due, except for Heritage Lottery Fund grants which are accounted for when the entitlement to the grant becomes certain. Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and investment properties are included in the statement of financial activities as 'Net gains/(losses) on investments'.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an accrual (though not a legal liability) and is included in the creditors shown on the balance sheet.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets over a purchase price of £500, so as to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated usual lives, as follows:

<i>Soft furnishings</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 10 years</i>
<i>Fixtures, fittings and office equipment</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 5 years</i>

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Cash balances are included as fixed asset investments if they are invested in accounts of an investment nature and are intended to be held for a period of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.6 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank, and are intended to be held for a period between 3 and 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.7 Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the value of volunteer help is not included in the Financial Statements.

Donated assets are recognised as income when the PCC has control over the item; any conditions attached to the donation have been met; the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the PCC of the item is probable; and that economic benefit can be reliably measured.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Donated assets and services (continued)

On receipt, donated assets are recognised as income on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC, which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain an asset of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as an asset in the period of receipt.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is 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. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the item value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risk specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Pensions

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Donations made under the Gift Aid scheme	67,860	-	-	67,860	89,336
Income tax recoverable	16,965	-	-	16,965	22,334
Other donations	51,955	-	-	51,955	50,184
Voluntary church rate	42,046	-	-	42,046	25,990
	<u>178,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,826</u>	<u>187,844</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Service fees	3,894	-	-	3,894	3,823
Use of church building	28,500	-	-	28,500	4,960
	<u>32,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,394</u>	<u>8,783</u>
<i>Investment income</i>					
Dividends and interest	344	10,238	9,692	20,274	19,606
<i>Other income</i>					
Grants	3,784	-	-	3,784	15,093
Salary contribution	10,503	-	-	10,503	9,627
	<u>14,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,287</u>	<u>24,720</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants					
Charitable giving	916	-	-	916	2,352
Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry					
Diocesan quota	88,000	-	-	88,000	85,200
Clergy expenses	1,079	-	-	1,079	697
Outreach	3,182	-	-	3,182	2,773
Other clergy & service costs	2,713	-	-	2,713	1,996
CPD	705	-	-	705	423
Building/Production manager	40,397	-	-	40,397	40,360
Church running expenses	12,615	-	-	12,615	10,146
Church maintenance (inc. organ)	10,139	14,443	55,894	80,476	23,748
Housekeeper	7,213	-	-	7,213	5,056
Celebrate	45,645	-	-	45,645	43,140
Support costs allocated to activities:					
Personnel costs	14,532	-	-	14,532	14,132
Office costs	2,931	-	-	2,931	2,263
Professional fees	3,157	-	-	3,157	3,134
Bank interest and charges	179	-	-	179	303
Depreciation	21,808	-	-	21,808	1,907
	<u>255,211</u>	<u>14,443</u>	<u>55,894</u>	<u>325,548</u>	<u>237,630</u>

Professional fees include the following amounts due to the Independent Examiner:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examination fees	2,500	2,500

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4. PERSONNEL

Number of employees

The average monthly head count was 2 (2022: 2). The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1).

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,576	63,263
Social security costs	1,302	1,670
Other pension costs	3,114	3,047
	<u>67,992</u>	<u>67,980</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Regular outsourced services:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bookkeeper	10,115	9,415
Housekeeper	7,213	5,056
	<u>17,328</u>	<u>14,471</u>

During the year, the PCC outsourced bookkeeping and housekeeping services, neither of whom earned more than £60,000.

The members of the PCC and the building manager comprise the key management personnel of the charity and received aggregate remuneration totalling £40,397 (2022: £40,360). The members of the PCC received no remuneration (see note 5).

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £1,079 were due to one member of the PCC for the year (2022: £697 to one member). No pension benefits are accruing to any member of the PCC.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Soft furnishings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	12,570	30,964	43,534
Additions	-	101,329	101,329
At 31 December 2023	<u>12,570</u>	<u>132,293</u>	<u>144,863</u>
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 January 2023	12,170	27,789	39,959
Charge for the year	50	21,757	21,807
31 December 2023	<u>12,220</u>	<u>49,546</u>	<u>61,766</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>350</u>	<u>82,747</u>	<u>83,097</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>400</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>3,575</u>

Net book value at 31 December 2023 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Market value	Unlisted Investments	Cash or Equivalents	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	927,527	-	927,527
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals at book value	(175,000)	-	(175,000)
Net unrealised gains	82,446	-	82,446
At 31 December 2023	<u>834,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>834,973</u>

Investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

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8. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	16,965	22,334
Occasional services	4,415	2,284
Other debtors and prepayments	10,500	7,880
	31,880	32,498

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	6,502	7,445
Accruals and deferred income	3,596	11,229
	10,098	18,674

10. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT COMMITMENTS

Defined contribution scheme

The PCC 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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the PCC to the fund.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Contributions payable by the PCC for the year	3,114	3,047

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the year other than as disclosed in note 5 (2022: £nil) and there were no balances outstanding with related parties as at 31 December 2023 (2022: £nil).

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12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	285,393	225,851	(257,880)	29,085	-	282,449
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	148,906	4,453	-	(4,453)	14,010	162,916
Organ investment capital fund	35,351	1,059	-	(1,060)	3,248	38,598
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	35,945	2,247	-	4,453	-	42,645
Organ repair fund	15,752	-	(866)	1,060	-	15,946
Building repairs	50,756	2,479	(13,577)	-	-	39,658
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	287,086	10,238	(14,443)	-	17,258	300,139
Designated funds						
Reserve	606,409	9,692	(54,559)	(29,085)	65,188	597,645
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	8,300	-	(1,335)	-	-	6,965
	615,145	9,692	(55,894)	(29,085)	65,188	605,046
Total of funds	1,187,624	245,781	(328,217)	-	82,446	1,187,634

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Building repair fund

This comprises a restricted fund held for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the building and covers maintenance and repair work on the essential systems within the church, and other work in the church not covered by the Building fabric fund. The income of this fund is received from an endowment fund held for the PCC by the London Diocese, who is the sole trustee.

Building fabric capital fund and Building fabric fund

The Building fabric capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Building fabric fund with the same purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Building fabric fund.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Organ investment capital fund and Organ repair fund

The organ investment capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintenance and repair work on the organ. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Organ repair fund.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

These represent funds set aside by the members of the PCC to cover specific aims. The Reserve fund is to ensure sufficient reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate for a period of twelve months. The Vicar's discretionary fund and the Rectory repair fund are to cover additional costs as described.

PRIOR YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds 107	294,107	206,348	(225,745)	10,683	-	285,393
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	168,774	4,429	-	(4,429)	(19,868)	148,906
Organ investment capital fund	40,002	1,055	-	(1,055)	(4,651)	35,351
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	30,647	869	-	4,429	-	35,945
Organ repair fund	15,673	-	(976)	1,055	-	15,752
Building repairs	52,916	11,233	(13,393)	-	-	50,756
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	308,388	17,586	(14,369)	-	(24,519)	287,086
Designated funds						
Reserve	692,227	10,769	-	(10,683)	(85,904)	606,409
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	2,050	6,250	-	-	-	8,300
	694,713	17,019	-	-	(85,904)	615,145
Total of funds	1,297,208	240,953	(240,114)	-	(110,423)	1,187,624

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13. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

There are no capital commitments as at 31.12.23. In the previous year there was an ongoing capital commitment of £73,893 for a new sound system, which has since been completed at a cost of £101,329.

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
CURRENT YEAR					
Tangible fixed assets	83,097	-	-	83,097	3,575
Fixed asset investments	28,412	201,515	605,046	834,973	927,527
Current assets	181,038	98,624	-	279,662	275,196
Current liabilities	(10,098)	-	-	(10,098)	(18,674)
	<u>282,449</u>	<u>300,139</u>	<u>605,046</u>	<u>1,187,634</u>	<u>1,187,624</u>
PRIOR YEAR					
	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,575	-	-	3,575	5,482
Fixed asset investments	151,455	211,083	564,989	927,527	1,037,950
Current assets	140,804	84,236	50,156	275,196	262,065
Current liabilities	(10,441)	(8,233)	-	(18,674)	(8,289)
	<u>285,393</u>	<u>287,086</u>	<u>615,145</u>	<u>1,187,624</u>	<u>1,297,208</u>

15. ENDOWMENT FUND

A Building Repair endowment fund is held for the PCC by the Diocese of London, which acts as sole trustee and has sole managerial responsibility for the capital value of this fund. The value of this fund held at the year end is £90,692 (2022: £82,894).

Accounts

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity registered number	1139504
Principal Address	St Margaret's Church Lothbury London EC2R 7HH
Bankers	Brown Shipley Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE HSBC Bank Plc PO Box 757 Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4SS
Main Safeguarding Officer	Mr Cliff Radmore
Building Manager	Mr Cliff Radmore
Independent Examiners	Winchester Bourne Ltd Sullivan Court Wessex Way Colden Common SO21 1WP
Investment Advisers	CCLA Investment Management Ltd St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ The CBF Church of England St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ

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The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) who are also the Trustees of the Charity by virtue of their membership of the Council are pleased to have the opportunity to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2022.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting Charities Statement of Recommended Practice as applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard set out in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities.

The Parochial Church Council have the responsibility of working with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church and they fulfil this call both conscientiously and enthusiastically.

The focus of our ministry is our parish in the City of London as well as all the networks and organisations associated with the Church. We seek to be a church that longs to ensure that everyone with whom we come into contact should have the opportunity to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. We seek to fulfil this aspiration not only through personal contacts and conversations but also through the public worship that is held each week.

Since the beginning of lockdown, we have done this online and since July 2020 in person as well. We have upgraded the quality of the equipment used for live streaming our services and have been encouraged that this offering is clearly valued by the growing numbers who join us at each of our services. The PCC's commitment to this has been particularly valuable as many who are employed in City firms are still working from home for the majority of each week which inevitably has had an impact on the numbers attending our services. Monday morning's Prayers for the City and Thursday morning's Men's Group remain online and have continued to grow.

During the second half of the year, we applied and were granted Faculties for the installation of a new AV system and a replacement heating system after our boilers failed in late September. The intense cold that gripped the building in the fourth quarter made life very difficult indeed and arrested the growth which we had hoped would come once again at that time of year. It is an enormous tribute to Cliff Radmore, our Operations Manager, to Will Jackson our Worship Pastor and to Richard Townend our Organist that all we had planned happened, albeit with much smaller numbers. The PCC has, of course, responsibility for the maintenance of a Grade 1 listed historic church building and has been conscious of maintaining its fabric in good repair.

In the summer of 2022, with the encouragement of the Archdeacon of Charing Cross we began a partnership with Trinity Church Central London who have been using our church on Sundays & Tuesday evenings. It has been encouraging to see the building used on Sundays for public worship by a growing congregation. The success of this joint venture has left both sides confident that this arrangement will almost certainly be regularised in 2023 if all continues as smoothly as at present.

Our support of the City Civic continues with a deep and genuine commitment: we value our relationships with those Livery Companies, Ward Clubs and the Unites Wards Club who are associated with the Church and to whom, in many cases, the Rector is Chaplain. Our membership of the Bank Churches Cluster, which began in 2007, has been both significant & great fun. As people return, we look forward to moving to in-person activity as well as having an online presence.

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The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on ecclesiastical charities for the advancement of true religion. The Council is satisfied that the activities of St Margaret's fall within such guidance.

We have been, as a Council, particularly fortunate to have had for yet another year Mrs Belinda McArdle as our Bookkeeper; for a church like ours to have the services of a qualified accountant & one who understands both the City and the Christian church has enabled all Council members to enjoy a much better sleep at night than might otherwise have been possible.

Financial review

The total funds of the PCC at the 31 December 2022 stand at £1,187,624, a decrease over the previous year of 8.5%, largely as a result of the previous year's investment gains of 8.7% being reversed.

For the General Unrestricted Fund, income stood at £217,031 with corresponding expenditure of £225,745, giving rise to a modest deficit for the year of £8,714.

Congregational giving remained steady. The PCC continue to look for alternative sources of income to maintain a strong reserve position.

The members of the PCC balance a low risk approach to investing against the requirement to generate a reasonable rate of return and take advice from qualified professionals as required and in accordance with the PCC investment policy. The current aims are to move funds away from short term bank balances and into investment funds generating better returns.

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley

27 September 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me any cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination); or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).'

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 financial statements to be reached.

Claire Clements
Accountant

Dated: 18 August 2023

Winchester Bourne Ltd
Sullivan Court
Wessex Way
Colden Common SO21 1WP

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	181,594	-	6,250	187,844	166,986
Charitable activities	2	8,783	-	-	8,783	4,735
Investment income	2	19	8,818	10,769	19,606	13,399
Other	2	15,952	8,768	-	24,720	15,062
TOTAL INCOME		206,348	17,586	17,019	240,953	200,182
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		2,484	-	-	2,484	2,630
Charitable activities	3	223,261	14,369	-	237,630	204,801
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		225,745	14,369	-	240,114	207,431
NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)						
		(19,397)	3,217	17,019	839	(7,249)
Transfers between funds						
		10,683	-	(10,683)	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	(24,519)	(85,904)	(110,423)	110,739
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(8,714)	(21,302)	(79,568)	(109,584)	103,490
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		294,107	308,388	694,713	1,297,208	1,193,718
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	285,393	287,086	615,145	1,187,624	1,297,208

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		3,575		5,482
Investments	7		927,527		1,037,950
			931,102		1,043,432
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	32,498		25,003	
Investments: cash deposits		106,656		101,273	
Cash at bank and in hand		136,042		135,789	
		275,196		262,065	
CREDITORS					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(18,674)		(8,289)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS					
			256,522		253,776
NET ASSETS					
			1,187,624		1,297,208
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12/14		285,393		294,107
Restricted funds	12/14		287,086		308,388
Designated funds	12/14		615,145		694,713
TOTAL FUNDS					
			1,187,624		1,297,208

The financial statements on pages to were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley

Chairman

Mr Mark Thomas

Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) second edition effective 1 January 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard applicable the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, given the level of reserves and the support of the Church of England, the church council have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due, except for Heritage Lottery Fund grants which are accounted for when the entitlement to the grant becomes certain. Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and investment properties are included in the statement of financial activities as 'Net gains/(losses) on investments'.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an accrual (though not a legal liability) and is included in the creditors shown on the balance sheet.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets over a purchase price of £500, so as to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated usual lives, as follows:

<i>Soft furnishings</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 10 years</i>
<i>Fixtures, fittings and office equipment</i>	<i>Straight line basis over 5 years</i>

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Cash balances are included as fixed asset investments if they are invested in accounts of an investment nature and are intended to be held for a period of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.6 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank, and are intended to be held for a period between 3 and 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.7 Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the value of volunteer help is not included in the Financial Statements.

Donated assets are recognised as income when the PCC has control over the item; any conditions attached to the donation have been met; the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the PCC of the item is probable; and that economic benefit can be reliably measured.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Donated assets and services (continued)

On receipt, donated assets are recognised as income on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC, which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain an asset of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as an asset in the period of receipt.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is 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. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the item value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risk specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.9 Pensions

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
Donations made under the Gift Aid scheme	84,336	-	5,000	89,336	61,976
Income tax recoverable	21,084	-	1,250	22,334	15,494
Other donations	50,184	-	-	50,184	57,894
Voluntary church rate	25,990	-	-	25,990	31,622
	<u>181,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,250</u>	<u>187,844</u>	<u>166,986</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Service fees	3,823	-	-	3,823	1,735
Use of church building	4,960	-	-	4,960	3,000
	<u>8,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,783</u>	<u>4,735</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Investment income</i>					
Dividends and interest	19	8,818	10,769	19,606	13,399
	<u>19</u>	<u>8,818</u>	<u>10,769</u>	<u>19,606</u>	<u>13,399</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<i>Other income</i>					
Grants	6,325	8,768	-	15,093	3,684
Salary contribution	9,627	-	-	9,627	11,378
	<u>15,952</u>	<u>8,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,720</u>	<u>15,062</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

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3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants					
Charitable giving	2,352	-	-	2,352	-
Activities directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry					
Diocesan quota	85,200	-	-	85,200	85,200
Clergy expenses	697	-	-	697	173
Outreach	2,773	-	-	2,773	2,185
Other clergy & service costs	1,996	-	-	1,996	2,460
CPD	423	-	-	423	50
Building/Production manager	40,360	-	-	40,360	36,336
Church running expenses	10,146	-	-	10,146	12,750
Church maintenance (inc. organ)	9,379	14,369	-	23,748	9,787
Housekeeper	5,056	-	-	5,056	3,713
Celebrate	43,140	-	-	43,140	31,660
Support costs allocated to activities:					
Personnel costs	14,132	-	-	14,132	11,298
Office costs	2,263	-	-	2,263	3,030
Professional fees	3,134	-	-	3,134	4,088
Bank interest and charges	303	-	-	303	48
Depreciation	1,907	-	-	1,907	2,023
	<u>223,261</u>	<u>14,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,630</u>	<u>204,801</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Professional fees include the following amounts due to the Independent Examiner:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examination fees	2,500	1,400

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4. PERSONNEL

Number of employees

The average monthly head count was 2 (2021: 2). The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1).

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,263	56,451
Social security costs	1,670	987
Other pension costs	3,047	2,751
	67,980	60,189

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Regular outsourced services:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bookkeeper	9,415	7,560
Housekeeper	5,056	3,713
	14,471	11,273

During the year, the PCC outsourced bookkeeping and housekeeping services, neither of whom earned more than £60,000.

The members of the PCC and the building manager comprise the key management personnel of the charity and received aggregate remuneration totalling £40,360 (2021: £40,830). The members of the PCC received no remuneration (see note 5).

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £697 were due to one member of the PCC for the year (2021: £173 to one member). No pension benefits are accruing to any member of the PCC.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Soft furnishings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	12,570	30,964	43,534
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>12,570</u>	<u>30,964</u>	<u>43,534</u>
Depreciation and Impairment			
At 1 January 2022	11,882	26,170	38,052
Charge for the year	288	1,619	1,907
31 December 2022	<u>12,170</u>	<u>27,789</u>	<u>39,959</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	===== 400	===== 3,175	===== 3,575
At 31 December 2021	===== 688	===== 4,794	===== 5,482

Net book value at 31 December 2022 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Market value	Unlisted Investments £	Cash or Equivalents £	Total £
At 1 January 2022	1,037,950	-	1,037,950
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals at book value	-	-	-
Net unrealised gains	(110,423)	-	(110,423)
At 31 December 2022	<u>927,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>927,527</u>

Investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

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8. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	22,334	15,494
Occasional services	2,284	1,845
Other debtors and prepayments	7,880	7,664
	32,498	25,003
	=====	=====

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	7,445	4,589
Accruals and deferred income	11,229	3,700
	18,674	8,289
	=====	=====

10. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT COMMITMENTS

Defined contribution scheme

The PCC 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 pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the PCC to the fund.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Contributions payable by the PCC for the year	3,047	2,751
	=====	=====

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the year other than as disclosed in note 5 (2021: £nil) and there were no balances outstanding with related parties as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £nil).

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12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

CURRENT YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	294,107	206,348	(225,745)	10,683	-	285,393
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	168,774	4,429	-	(4,429)	(19,868)	148,906
Organ investment capital fund	40,002	1,055	-	(1,055)	(4,651)	35,351
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	30,647	869	-	4,429		35,945
Organ repair fund	15,673	-	(976)	1,055		15,752
Building repairs	52,916	11,233	(13,393)	-		50,756
Historic difference	376	-	-	-		376
	308,388	17,586	(14,369)	-	(24,519)	287,086
Designated funds						
Reserve	692,227	10,769	-	(10,683)	(85,904)	606,409
Vicar's discretionary fund	436		-	-		436
Rectory repairs	2,050	6,250	-	-		8,300
	694,713	17,019	-	-	(85,904)	615,145
Total of funds	1,297,208	240,953	(240,114)	-	(110,423)	1,187,624

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Building repair fund

This comprises a restricted fund held for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the building and covers maintenance and repair work on the essential systems within the church, and other work in the church not covered by the Building fabric fund. The income of this fund is received from an endowment fund held for the PCC by the London Diocese, who is the sole trustee.

Building fabric capital fund and Building fabric fund

The Building fabric capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Building fabric fund with the same purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Building fabric fund.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

Organ investment capital fund and Organ repair fund

The organ investment capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintenance and repair work on the organ. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Organ repair fund.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

These represent funds set aside by the members of the PCC to cover specific aims. The Reserve fund is to ensure sufficient reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate for a period of twelve months. The Vicar's discretionary fund and the Rectory repair fund are to cover additional costs as described.

PRIOR YEAR	Balance at 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	303,583	186,795	(201,918)	5,647		294,107
107						
Restricted funds						
<i>Capital funds:</i>						
Fabric capital fund	147,652	4,283	-	(4,283)	21,122	168,774
Organ investment capital fund	35,032	1,029	-	(1,029)	4,970	40,002
<i>Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:</i>						
Fabric fund	26,333	31	-	4,283	-	30,647
Organ repair fund	15,740	-	(1,096)	1,029	-	15,673
Building repairs	54,949	2,384	(4,417)	-	-	52,916
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	<u>280,082</u>	<u>7,727</u>	<u>(5,513)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,092</u>	<u>308,388</u>
Designated funds						
Reserve	607,567	5,660	-	(5,647)	84,647	692,227
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	2,050	-	-	-	-	2,050
	<u>610,053</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,647)</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>694,713</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,193,718</u></u>	<u><u>200,182</u></u>	<u><u>(207,431)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>110,739</u></u>	<u><u>1,297,208</u></u>

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13. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

In November 2021 the PCC had entered into a contract for the purchase of a new sound system for the building at a total cost of £73,893. The equipment had not been received at 31 December 2022, and the cost has therefore not been provided for in the accounts (2021: £nil).

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
CURRENT YEAR					
Tangible fixed assets	3,575	-	-	3,575	5,482
Fixed asset investments	151,455	211,083	564,989	927,527	1,037,950
Current assets	140,804	84,236	50,156	275,196	262,065
Current liabilities	(10,441)	(8,233)	-	(18,674)	(8,289)
	<u>285,393</u>	<u>287,086</u>	<u>615,145</u>	<u>1,187,624</u>	<u>1,297,208</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
PRIOR YEAR					
Tangible fixed assets	5,482	-	-	5,482	4,206
Fixed asset investments	141,850	208,776	687,324	1,037,950	777,211
Current assets	155,064	99,612	7,389	262,065	418,045
Current liabilities	(8,289)	-	-	(8,289)	(5,744)
	<u>294,107</u>	<u>308,388</u>	<u>694,713</u>	<u>1,297,208</u>	<u>1,193,718</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

15. ENDOWMENT FUND

A Building Repair endowment fund is held for the PCC by the Diocese of London, which acts as sole trustee and has sole managerial responsibility for the capital value of this fund. The value of this fund held at the year end is £82,894 (2021: £93,953).

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The members of the Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") ("the Charity"), who are also the Trustees of the Charity by virtue of their membership of the Council, are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 December 2021.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury have the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, and they fulfil this task with zest, wisdom, commitment and style.

Our vision remains to be heart of our community in the City as well as serving all the networks associated with the Church and the area pointing all to Jesus Christ and his love.

One aspect of this is that the PCC has responsibility for the maintenance of the historic Parish Church of St. Margaret, maintaining its fabric while seeking to ensure that its ministry remains relevant and accessible in a rapidly changing context.

During 2021, the Rector and PCC have continued to focus on serving those who work in the Square Mile providing all our services both in person and online although Monday's Prayer for the City and Thursday morning's Men's Group remained online only. The church building which reopened on 6th July 2020 has additionally remained open during the working week for quiet reflection or private prayer & there is a popular weekly Organ recital, which also continued in 2021.

We continue to be enthusiastically supportive of the City Civic both through the Livery Movement and the Ward Clubs: the Incumbent is Chaplain of many such organisations. The Electoral Roll for 2021 was revised in the unusual circumstances of the year and remained static. No-one on the Roll was resident in the parish, but all had attended public worship at least once a month.

The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and is satisfied that the activities of St. Margaret's fall within such guidance.

We have continued in our efforts to sharpen our procedures and worked to clarify further our financial reporting to the PCC. We have also continued to develop our Safeguarding reporting procedures and have strengthened our Safeguarding Team. In addition, we have also begun to our response to the Quinquennial Report on the building as we undertook to do in last year's Annual Report. We have also made specific decisions and financial commitments to strengthen our social media presence in a way that we believe to be sustainable.

As we have begun to meet in person again, albeit in small numbers due to the working patterns in the City during the year we have continued to develop our relationship with other churches around Bank Junction. We believe that during 2021 we laid the foundations for life at St Margaret's in a changed City and we shall develop this in 2022.

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Charitable Status and Public Benefit

The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and is satisfied that the activities of St. Margaret's fall within such guidance. Having received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards works on the Tower in 2018 we have increased the opening hours of the building, continued to be hospitable to guided tours and developed our church guide. As a Parish Church we have continued to engage in any possible way with local firms and Ward Clubs

Governance and Internal Control

Although this is the responsibility of the PCC, it has been delegated to the Standing & Finance Committee of the Council whose minutes are always circulated to the whole PCC. We have continued in our efforts to sharpen our procedures and worked to clarify further our financial reporting to the PCC. We have also continued to develop our Safeguarding reporting procedures and are working to strengthen our Safeguarding Team.

Achievements and performance

Over the year we have increased our social media presence to complement our online presence as we have tried to sharpen our hybrid life as a Church. Although it is hard to assess fully the benefits, we have gained from this, it has clearly had an impact on which we will continue to build. We were encouraged that people have slowly come back to church and that a significant proportion of the annual round of special services and carol services also took place. It will be sometime before we find ourselves in the position we were pre-pandemic and so we are simply focusing on responding to what often feels like a new and uncertain context while being confident that God remains committed to the City of London and the life of the City Churches including St Margaret's. New working patterns have had a distinct impact on church life during the working week and we are looking carefully and consulting widely at whether our normal pattern needs to change.

Hope Church, with whom we had a good partnership, have suffered in the pandemic and will not be returning. We will miss them but understand completely the situation in which they found themselves. The preparation for the Installation of the new AV system has been long and sometimes tortuous but we hope that this project will be completed by the summer of this year.

Future plans

We are wanting to develop our presence on social media and complete our plans for the first proper updating of our AV equipment for nearly a quarter of a century. We are also reviewing our worshipping life and seeking to strengthen the pastoral care of the congregation.

Financial review

The total funds of the PCC at the 31 December 2021 stand at £1,297,208, an increase over the previous year of 8.7% helped largely by investment gains. Net income stood at £103,490. Church Rate was down on the previous year, as anticipated in the previous report, as businesses in the Square Mile tightened their belts in response to increasing pressures due to COVID-19 and continuing uncertainty over Brexit. Congregational giving remained steady. The PCC continue to look for alternative sources of income to maintain a strong reserve position.

Movements in, and change to specific funds are detailed in note 12 on pages 16 to 18 of the accounts.

Given the financial prudence adopted by the PCC over the last few years, the PCC is confident that any potential shortfall will be able to be covered out of unrestricted funds.

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Financial review (continued)

The members of the PCC balance a low risk approach to investing against the requirement to generate a reasonable rate of return and take advice from qualified professionals as required and in accordance with the PCC investment policy. The current aims are to move funds away from short term bank balances and into investment funds generating better returns.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that those funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to enable ongoing operation of the Church without the need to call on investment funds and the designated "reserve" fund has been created for this purpose. The members consider that maintaining the reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the PCC's current activities for at least twelve months while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year

Structure, Governing Documents and Management

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

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law and consists of the Rector, two Churchwardens, the Treasurer, the PCC Secretary and two other members with particular responsibilities.

New PCC members are given a high-level introduction to the running of the Church, its aims and future plans.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems and procedures are established to manage such risks.

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Legal and administrative information

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley
Associate Vicar	The Reverend Mark Fox
Elected Churchwardens	Mr Mike Buckley Mrs Bebe Coleman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Miss Jacqueline Foot Miss Beverley Ryan Ms Cheryl Stafford (appointed 26 April 2021)
Other elected members	Mrs Monica Buckle Mr Olly Gillet Mr Dennis Grante Miss Beverley Ryan Mr William Taylor Mr Mark Thomas Mr Peter Thornton
Chairman	The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley
Vice Chairman	Mrs Bebe Coleman
Treasurer	Mr Mark Thomas
Secretary	Mrs Monica Buckle
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Bebe Coleman
Safeguarding Officer	Miss Beverley Ryan

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Other legal and administrative information:

Charity Number	1139504
Principal Address	St. Margaret's Church Lothbury London EC2R 7HH
Bankers	Brown Shipley Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE HSBC Bank Plc PO Box 757 Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4SS
Main Safeguarding Officer	Mr Cliff Radmore
Building Manager	Mr Cliff Radmore
Independent Examiner	Chris Lockhart FCA Chris Lockhart Limited Chartered Accountant Suite 2015 Letraset Building Wotton Road Ashford Kent TN23 6LN
Investment Advisors	CCLA Investment Management Ltd St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ The CBF Church of England St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley

Dated: 25 May 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury ("the PCC") ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Chris Lockhart FCA
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Dated: 25 May 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Designated funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and endowments</u>							
<u>from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2a	166,986	-	-	-	166,986	178,646
Charitable activities	2b	4,735	-	-	-	4,735	11,552
Investment income	2c	12	7,727	-	5,660	13,399	14,350
Other	2d	15,062	-	-	-	15,062	46,427
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Total income		186,795	7,727	-	5,660	200,182	250,975
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds		2,630	-	-	-	2,630	2,622
Charitable activities	3	199,288	5,513	-	-	204,801	225,834
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Total expenditure		201,918	5,513	-	-	207,431	228,456
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Net gains on investments	7	-	26,092	-	84,647	110,739	39,792
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Net income/(expenditure)		(15,123)	28,306	-	90,307	103,490	62,311
Transfers between funds		5,647	-	-	(5,647)	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(9,476)	28,306	-	84,660	103,490	62,311
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances brought forward	12	303,583	280,082	-	610,053	1,193,718	1,131,407
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Fund balances carried forward	12	294,107	308,388	-	694,713	1,297,208	1,193,718
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		5,482		4,206
Investments	7		1,037,950		777,211
			<u>1,043,432</u>		<u>781,417</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	8	25,003		35,583	
Investments: cash deposits		101,273		96,946	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,789		285,516	
		<u>262,065</u>		<u>418,045</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,289)		(5,744)	
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Net current assets			<u>253,776</u>		<u>412,301</u>
Net assets			<u>1,297,208</u>		<u>1,193,718</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			294,107		303,583
Restricted funds	12		308,388		280,082
Endowment funds	12		-		-
Designated funds	12		694,713		610,053
			<u>1,297,208</u>		<u>1,193,718</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 25 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley
Chairman

Mr Mark Thomas
Treasurer

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (section 1A) and applicable accounting standards.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Whilst having a significant impact on the way on which the Church was able to operate in the year, the pandemic has fortunately not had a significant impact on the financial position of the PCC and donations continue to be forthcoming. No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern have been identified by the members.

1.2 Funds

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC will invest separately for each fund wherever practical or required but not exclusively. The purposes and uses of restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are funds for which the capital must be maintained. Only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used for specific charitable purposes and this is dealt with through a further restricted fund.

1.3 Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received on or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due except for Heritage Lottery Fund grants which are accounted for when the entitlement to the grant becomes certain. Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and investment properties are included in the statement of financial activities as "Net gains/(losses) on investments".

1.4 Expenditure

All costs are recognised when the liability is incurred and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Items of expenditure are allocated directly to grants or activities directly relating to the work of the Church. Support costs are directly allocated to activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an accrual (though not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

1.5 Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefited property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets over a purchase price of £500, so as to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Soft furnishings	Straight line basis over 10 years
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Straight line basis over 5 years

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Cash balances are included as fixed asset investments if they are invested in accounts of an investment nature and are intended to be held for a period of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.6 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and are intended to be held for a period between 3 and 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.7 Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the value of volunteer help is not included in the Financial Statements.

Donated assets are recognised as income when the PCC has control over the item, any conditions attached to the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the PCC of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

On receipt, donated assets are recognised as income on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain an asset of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as an asset in the period of receipt.

1.8 Financial Instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as other debtors and creditors, which are measured at settlement value. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Income and endowments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a. Donations and legacies <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>						
Donations made under the						
Gift Aid scheme	61,976	-	-	-	61,976	60,910
Income tax recoverable	15,494	-	-	-	15,494	15,228
Other donations	57,894	-	-	-	57,894	35,929
Voluntary Church rate	31,622	-	-	-	31,622	66,579
	<u>166,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,986</u>	<u>178,646</u>
b. Charitable activities <i>Income from operating activities to further the council's objectives</i>						
Service fees	1,735	-	-	-	1,735	5,219
Use of church building	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	6,333
	<u>4,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,735</u>	<u>11,552</u>
c. Investment income						
Dividends and interest	12	7,727	-	5,660	13,399	14,350
	<u>12</u>	<u>7,727</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>13,399</u>	<u>14,350</u>
d. Other income						
Grants	3,684	-	-	-	3,684	25,265
Salary contribution	11,378	-	-	-	11,378	21,162
	<u>15,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,062</u>	<u>46,427</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
a. Grants						
Charitable giving	-	-	-	-	-	8,742
b. Activities directly relating to the work of the Church						
Ministry						
Diocesan quota	85,200	-	-	-	85,200	85,200
Curate	-	-	-	-	-	23,537
Clergy expenses	173	-	-	-	173	115
Outreach	2,185	-	-	-	2,185	5,959
Other clergy & service costs	2,460	-	-	-	2,460	299
CPD	50	-	-	-	50	50
Building manager	36,336	-	-	-	36,336	35,646
Church running expenses	12,750	-	-	-	12,750	14,024
Church maintenance (inc. organ)	6,357	3,430	-	-	9,287	7,097
Organist's retainer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeper	3,713	-	-	-	3,713	4,610
Celebrate	31,660	-	-	-	31,660	12,149
St. Mary Woolnoth	-	-	-	-	-	11,487
<i>Support costs allocated to activities:</i>						
Personnel costs	11,298	-	-	-	11,298	10,469
Office costs	3,030	-	-	-	3,030	974
Professional fees	2,005	2,083	-	-	4,088	3,248
Bank interest and charges	48	-	-	-	48	32
Depreciation	2,023	-	-	-	2,023	2,196
	199,288	5,513	-	-	204,801	217,092
Total	199,288	5,513	-	-	204,801	225,834

Professional fees include the following amounts due to the Independent Examiner:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examination fees Current year	1,400	1,400

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Personnel

Number of employees

The average monthly head count was 2 (2020: 2). The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1).

Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	56,451	52,646
Social security costs	987	1,221
Other pension costs	2,751	2,632
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	60,189	56,499
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Regular outsourced services:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bookkeeper	7,560	6,615
Housekeeper	3,713	4,610
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	11,273	11,225
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During the year the PCC outsourced bookkeeping and housekeeping services, neither of whom earned more than £60,000. The organist did not receive his retainer of £1,000 this year (2020: £nil).

The members of the PCC and the building manager comprise the key management personnel of the charity and received aggregate remuneration totalling £40,830 (2020: £40,292). The members of the PCC received no remuneration (see note 5).

5 Transactions with Trustees

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £173 were due to one member of the PCC for the year (2020: £115 to one member). No pension benefits are accruing to any member of the PCC.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Soft furnishings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Brought forward	12,070	28,165	40,235
Additions	500	2,799	3,299
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Carried forward	12,570	30,964	43,534
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Depreciation			
Brought forward	11,477	24,552	36,029
Charge for the year	405	1,618	2,023
	_____	_____	_____
Carried forward	11,882	26,170	38,052
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Net book value At 31 December 2020	688	4,794	5,482
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At 31 December 2019	593	3,613	4,206
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Net book value at 31 December 2021 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

7 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £	Cash or cash equivalents £	Total £
Fair value at 1 January 2021	577,211	200,000	777,211
Additions	350,000	-	350,000
Disposals	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
Change in value in the year	110,739	-	110,739
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Fair value at 31 December 2021	1,037,950	-	1,037,950
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Investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	15,494	15,228
Occasional services	1,845	3,914
Other debtors and prepayments	7,664	16,441
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	25,003	35,583
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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	4,589	1,286
Accruals and deferred income	3,700	4,458
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	8,289	5,744
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10 Pensions and other post-retirement benefit commitments

Defined contribution scheme

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the PCC to the fund.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Contributions payable by the PCC for the year	2,751	2,632
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11 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year other than as disclosed in note 5 (2020: £nil) and there were no balances outstanding with related parties as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £nil).

In 2020 the funds of the John Simmons Charity, an endowment fund held by the PCC, were transferred to the Charity of Mary Barnes (registered number 279055). The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley is also a trustee of the Charity of Mary Barnes.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12 Funds

The PCC holds restricted and designated funds as follows:

Building repair fund

This comprises a restricted fund held for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the building and covers maintenance and repair work on the essential systems within the church and other work in the church not covered by the Building fabric fund. The income of this fund is received from an endowment fund held for the PCC by the London Diocese who is the sole trustee.

Building fabric capital fund and Building fabric fund

The Building fabric capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Building fabric fund with the same purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Building fabric fund.

Organ investment capital fund and Organ repair fund

The Organ investment capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the organ. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Organ repair fund to pay for maintenance and repair work on the organ. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Organ repair fund.

Heritage Lottery Fund Grant

This comprises a grant received to assist with the repair work needed on the Church Tower and is held in a restricted fund. Grant income falls due when the repair work has been carried out.

The F E Cleary Trust

This is a restricted fund whereby grants are paid for specific projects within the building or garden.

City Churches' Grants Committee

This is a restricted fund whereby grants are paid for specific projects.

The PCC also holds:

Designated funds

These represent funds set aside by the members of the PCC to cover specific aims. The Reserve fund is to ensure sufficient reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate for a period of twelve months. A separate fund was set aside for the cost of the curate in the current year and the Vicar's discretionary fund and the Rectory repair fund are to cover additional costs as described.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

12 Funds (continued)

Movements on each fund during the year are as follows:

Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Gain on investments	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capital funds:						
Fabric capital fund	147,652	21,122	4,283	-	(4,283)	168,774
Organ investment capital fund	35,032	4,970	1,029	-	(1,029)	40,002
Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:						
Fabric fund	26,333	-	31	-	4,283	30,647
Organ repair fund	15,740	-	-	(1,096)	1,029	15,673
Building repairs	54,949	-	2,384	(4,417)	-	52,916
Church Spire Project:						
City Churches' Grants Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	<u>280,082</u>	<u>26,092</u>	<u>7,727</u>	<u>(5,513)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308,388</u>

Endowment funds

A Building Repair endowment fund is held for the PCC by the Diocese of London, which acts as sole trustee and has sole managerial responsibility for the capital value of this fund. The value of this fund held at the year end is £93,953 (2020: £82,195).

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

12 Funds (continued)

Designated funds

	Brought forward	Gain on investments	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Reserve	607,567	84,647	5,660	-	(5,647)	692,227
Curate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	2,050	-	-	-	-	2,050
	<u>610,053</u>	<u>84,647</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,647)</u>	<u>694,713</u>

13 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Designated funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,482	-	-	-	5,482	4,206
Investments	141,850	208,776	-	687,324	1,037,950	777,211
Current assets	155,064	99,612	-	7,389	262,065	418,045
Current liabilities	(8,289)	-	-	-	(8,289)	(5,744)
	<u>294,107</u>	<u>308,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>694,713</u>	<u>1,297,208</u>	<u>1,193,718</u>

14 Capital Commitment

In November 2021 the PCC had entered into a contract for the purchase of a new sound system for the building at a total cost of £73,893. The equipment had not been received at 31 December 2021 and the cost has therefore not been provided for in the accounts (2020: £nil).

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1139504

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The members of the Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") ("the Charity"), who are also the Trustees of the Charity by virtue of their membership of the Council, are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury have the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley, in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, and they fulfil this task with zest, wisdom, commitment and style.

Our vision remains to be heart of our community in the City as well as serving all the networks associated with the Church and the area pointing all to Jesus Christ and his love.

One aspect of this is that the PCC has responsibility for the maintenance of the historic Parish Church of St. Margaret, maintaining its fabric while seeking to ensure that its ministry remains relevant and accessible in a rapidly changing context.

During 2020, the Rector and PCC have continued to focus on serving those who work in the Square Mile & providing the opportunity to worship, become part of our growing and inevitably changing congregation, to hear about the Christian faith and its application to daily life, to be prayed for, or simply to use the building for quiet reflection or private prayer.

In normal times there is a popular weekly Organ recital, a men's breakfast group which meets to pray and study the Bible, a weekly prayer meeting for the City and those who work there as well as daily prayers. This is in addition to the two main public services each week.

As the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic took hold and line with the Government's instructions, the Church building was closed between 21st March 2020 & 6th July 2020 and although it has been open for private prayer since then, there were only a few in person services as the Square Mile was almost deserted for the remainder of 2020.

In response to all that happened, life at St Margaret's went online with our services available on both our website & our YouTube Channel with other activities taking place on zoom. We owe an enormous debt to Cliff Radmore and Will Jackson whose dedication and hard work made all this possible and to James Gerry who held the men's ministry together on zoom and saw an encouraging growth in it. In the Autumn we launched an initiative called the Lothbury Conversations in which figures from the worlds of politics and the media reflected on events both at home & abroad & answered questions under the consummate chairmanship of Mark Fox.

We continue to be enthusiastically supportive of the City Civic both through the Livery Movement and the Ward Clubs of which the Incumbent is Chaplain. In November 2019 the Rector became Chaplain to one of the Sheriffs of London.

The Electoral Roll for 2020 was prepared in October due to the unusual circumstances of the year; there was an 8.95% fall in numbers from 143 to 127 with 15 people coming off the roll-14 because they had left the City & one through death. No-one on the Roll was resident in the parish, but all had attended public worship at least once a month.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Charitable Status and Public Benefit

The PCC has ever been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and is satisfied that the activities of St. Margaret's fall within such guidance. Having received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards works on the Tower in 2018 we have increased the opening hours of the building, continued to be hospitable to guided tours and developed our church guide. As a Parish Church we have continued to engage in any possible way with local firms and Ward Clubs

Governance and Internal Control

Although this is the responsibility of the PCC, it has been delegated to the Standing & Finance Committee of the Council whose minutes are always circulated to the whole PCC. We have continued in our efforts to sharpen our procedures and worked to clarify further our financial reporting to the PCC. We have also continued to develop our Safeguarding reporting procedures and are working to strengthen our Safeguarding Team. In addition, we hope that we will be in a position to plan our response to the Quinquennial Report on the building in the New Year.

Achievements and performance

A faculty was granted in 2019 for Hope Church UK to use our buildings on Sundays and this has proved a good partnership for both churches. Despite the pandemic and not always being able to meet in person we have also maintained our regular round of weekly church life while continuing to develop our relationship with other churches around Bank Junction and the various City Institutions who normally use our buildings.

Future plans

We are wanting to develop our presence on social media and complete our plans for the first proper updating of our AV equipment for nearly a quarter of a century. We are also reviewing our worshipping life and seeking to strengthen the pastoral care of the congregation.

Financial review

The total funds of the PCC at the 31 December 2020 stand at £1,193,718, an increase over the previous year of just in excess of 5.5%. Net income stood at £62,311. Church Rate was down on the previous year, as anticipated in the previous report, as businesses in the Square Mile tightened their belts in response to increasing pressures due to COVID-19 and continuing uncertainty over Brexit. Congregational giving was also down by around 24%. The PCC continue to look for alternative sources of income to maintain a strong reserve position.

Movements in, and change to specific funds are detailed in note 12 on pages 16 to 18 of the accounts.

The PCC has convened regularly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and expects the income for 2021 to be similar to that for 2020, from congregational giving and ward clubs / liveries; Hope Church; and also from Church Rate. Given the financial prudence adopted by the PCC over the last few years, the PCC is confident that any shortfall will be able to be covered out of unrestricted funds.

The members of the PCC balance a low risk approach to investing against the requirement to generate a reasonable rate of return and take advice from qualified professionals as required and in accordance with the PCC investment policy. The current aims are to move funds away from short term bank balances and into investment funds generating better returns.

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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC that those funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to enable ongoing operation of the Church without the need to call on investment funds and the designated "reserve" fund has been created for this purpose. The members consider that maintaining the reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the PCC's current activities for at least twelve months while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year

Structure, Governing Documents and Management

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

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law and consists of the Rector, two Churchwardens, the Treasurer, the PCC Secretary and two other members with particular responsibilities.

New PCC members are given a high-level introduction to the running of the Church, its aims and future plans.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems and procedures are established to manage such risks.

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Legal and administrative information

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent	The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley	
Associate Vicar	The Reverend Mark Fox	
Curates	The Reverend Sophie Bannister	(resigned 30 September 2020)
	The Reverend Greg Bannister	(resigned 30 September 2020)
Elected Churchwardens	Miss Adekemi Adebajo	(resigned 3 November 2020)
	Mr Mike Buckley	(appointed 3 November 2020)
	Mrs Bebe Coleman	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Ms Cheryl Stafford	
	Miss Jacqueline Foot	
Other elected members	Mrs Monica Buckle	
	Mr Olly Gillet	
	Mr Dennis Grante	
	Miss Beverley Ryan	
	Mr William Taylor	
	Mr Mark Thomas	
	Mr Peter Thornton	
Chairman	The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley	
Vice Chairman	Miss Adekemi Adebajo	(resigned 3 November 2020)
	Mrs Bebe Coleman	(appointed 3 November 2020)
Treasurer	Mr Mark Thomas	
Secretary	Mrs Monica Buckle	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Bebe Coleman	
Safeguarding Officer	Miss Beverley Ryan	

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Other legal and administrative information:

Charity Number	1139504
Principal Address	St. Margaret's Church Lothbury London EC2R 7HH
Bankers	Brown Shipley Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE HSBC Bank Plc PO Box 757 Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire HP2 4SS
Main Safeguarding Officer	Mr Cliff Radmore
Building Manager	Mr Cliff Radmore
Independent Examiner	Chris Lockhart FCA Chris Lockhart Limited Chartered Accountant Suite 2015 Letraset Building Wotton Road Ashford Kent TN23 6LN
Investment Advisors	CCLA Investment Management Ltd St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ The CBF Church of England St. Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley

Dated: 26 April 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Margaret, Lothbury ("the PCC") ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Chris Lockhart FCA
Chris Lockhart Limited

Chartered Accountant
Suite 2015 Letraset Building
Wotton Road
Ashford
Kent
TN23 6LN

Dated: 26 April 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Designated funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and endowments</u>							
<u>from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	2a	178,646	-	-	-	178,646	225,809
Charitable activities	2b	11,552	-	-	-	11,552	19,070
Investment income	2c	35	7,684	-	6,631	14,350	15,678
Other	2d	30,096	16,331	-	-	46,427	162,827
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Total income		220,329	24,015	-	6,631	250,975	423,384
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds		2,622	-	-	-	2,622	2,590
Charitable activities	3	191,596	2,119	8,582	23,537	225,834	450,192
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Total expenditure		194,218	2,119	8,582	23,537	228,456	452,782
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Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	11,606	(2,171)	30,357	39,792	89,356
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Net income/(expenditure)		26,111	33,502	(10,753)	13,451	62,311	59,958
Transfers between funds		6,546	-	-	(6,546)	-	-
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Net movement in funds		32,657	33,502	(10,753)	6,905	62,311	59,958
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances brought forward	12	270,926	246,580	10,753	603,148	1,131,407	1,071,449
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Fund balances carried forward	12	303,583	280,082	-	610,053	1,193,718	1,131,407
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020	2020	2019	2019
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		4,206		3,584
Investments	7		777,211		746,001
			<u>781,417</u>		<u>749,585</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	8	35,583		25,427	
Investments: cash deposits		96,946		92,487	
Cash at bank and in hand		285,516		311,803	
		<u>418,045</u>		<u>429,717</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(5,744)</u>		<u>(47,895)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>412,301</u>		<u>381,822</u>
Net assets			<u>1,193,718</u>		<u>1,131,407</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			303,583		270,926
Restricted funds	12		280,082		246,580
Endowment funds	12		-		10,753
Designated funds	12		610,053		603,148
			<u>1,193,718</u>		<u>1,131,407</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley
Chairman

Mr Mark Thomas
Treasurer

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (section 1A) and applicable accounting standards.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Whilst having a significant impact on the way on which the Church was able to operate in the year, the pandemic has fortunately not had a significant impact on the financial position of the PCC and donations continue to be forthcoming. No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern have been identified by the members.

1.2 Funds

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC will invest separately for each fund wherever practical or required but not exclusively. The purposes and uses of restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are funds for which the capital must be maintained. Only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used for specific charitable purposes and this is dealt with through a further restricted fund.

1.3 Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received on or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due except for Heritage Lottery Fund grants which are accounted for when the entitlement to the grant becomes certain. Sales of books and magazines from the Church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and investment properties are included in the statement of financial activities as "Net gains/(losses) on investments".

1.4 Expenditure

All costs are recognised when the liability is incurred and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Items of expenditure are allocated directly to grants or activities directly relating to the work of the Church. Support costs are directly allocated to activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an accrual (though not a legal liability) and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

1.5 Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefited property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets over a purchase price of £500, so as to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Soft furnishings	Straight line basis over 10 years
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Straight line basis over 5 years

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value at the balance sheet date. Cash balances are included as fixed asset investments if they are invested in accounts of an investment nature and are intended to be held for a period of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.6 Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the year end in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and are intended to be held for a period between 3 and 12 months from the balance sheet date.

1.7 Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the value of volunteer help is not included in the Financial Statements.

Donated assets are recognised as income when the PCC has control over the item, any conditions attached to the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the PCC of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

On receipt, donated assets are recognised as income on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount the PCC would have been willing to pay to obtain an asset of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised as an asset in the period of receipt.

1.8 Financial Instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as other debtors and creditors, which are measured at settlement value. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Income and endowments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a. Donations and legacies <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>						
Donations made under the						
Gift Aid scheme	60,910	-	-	-	60,910	78,517
Income tax recoverable	15,228	-	-	-	15,228	19,629
Other donations	35,929	-	-	-	35,929	48,139
Voluntary Church rate	66,579	-	-	-	66,579	79,524
	<u>178,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,646</u>	<u>225,809</u>
b. Charitable activities <i>Income from operating activities to further the council's objectives</i>						
Service fees	5,219	-	-	-	5,219	2,320
Use of church building	6,333	-	-	-	6,333	16,750
	<u>11,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,552</u>	<u>19,070</u>
c. Investment income						
Dividends and interest	35	7,684	-	6,631	14,350	15,678
	<u>35</u>	<u>7,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,631</u>	<u>14,350</u>	<u>15,678</u>
d. Other income						
Grants	8,934	16,331	-	-	25,265	143,820
Salary contribution	21,162	-	-	-	21,162	19,007
	<u>30,096</u>	<u>16,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,427</u>	<u>162,827</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a. Grants						
Charitable giving	160	-	8,582	-	8,742	1,132
b. Activities directly relating to the work of the Church						
Ministry						
Diocesan quota	85,200	-	-	-	85,200	82,800
Curate	-	-	-	23,537	23,537	31,845
Clergy expenses	115	-	-	-	115	1,245
Outreach	5,959	-	-	-	5,959	3,545
Other clergy & service costs	299	-	-	-	299	2,080
CPD	50	-	-	-	50	60
Building manager	35,646	-	-	-	35,646	38,026
Church running expenses	14,024	-	-	-	14,024	15,497
Church maintenance (inc. organ)	4,978	2,119	-	-	7,097	172,883
Organist's retainer	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Housekeeper	4,610	-	-	-	4,610	5,671
Celebrate	12,149	-	-	-	12,149	24,445
St. Mary Woolnoth	11,487	-	-	-	11,487	23,276
<i>Support costs allocated to activities:</i>						
Personnel costs	10,469	-	-	-	10,469	16,212
Office costs	974	-	-	-	974	1,041
Professional fees	3,248	-	-	-	3,248	27,597
Bank interest and charges	32	-	-	-	32	32
Depreciation	2,196	-	-	-	2,196	1,805
	191,436	2,119	-	23,537	217,092	449,060
Total	191,596	2,119	8,582	23,537	225,834	450,192

Professional fees include the following amounts due to the Independent Examiner:

	2020 £	2019 £
Independent Examination fees Current year	1,400	1,400

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4 Personnel

Number of employees

The average monthly head count was 2 (2019: 2). The average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was 1 (2019: 1).

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	52,646	56,796
Social security costs	1,221	2,474
Other pension costs	2,632	2,783
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	56,499	62,053
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

Regular outsourced services:

	2020 £	2019 £
Bookkeeper	6,615	10,955
Housekeeper	4,610	5,671
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	11,225	16,626
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During the year the PCC outsourced bookkeeping and housekeeping services, neither of whom earned more than £60,000. The organist did not receive his retainer of £1,000 this year (2019: £1,000).

One curate is on the payroll of another church in the parish. The curate's salary cost is partially recharged to the PCC and came to £23,537 (2019: £31,845).

The members of the PCC and the building manager comprise the key management personnel of the charity and received aggregate remuneration totalling £40,292 (2019: £43,948). The members of the PCC received no remuneration (see note 5).

5 Transactions with Trustees

No member of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Expenses totalling £115 were due to one member of the PCC for the year (2019: £1,245 to one member). No pension benefits are accruing to any member of the PCC.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Soft furnishings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Brought forward	12,070	25,347	37,417
Additions	-	2,818	2,818
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Carried forward	12,070	28,165	40,235
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Depreciation			
Brought forward	10,559	23,274	33,833
Charge for the year	918	1,278	2,196
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Carried forward	11,477	24,552	36,029
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Net book value At 31 December 2020	593	3,613	4,206
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At 31 December 2019	1,511	2,073	3,584
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Net book value at 31 December 2020 represents fixed assets used for direct charitable purposes.

7 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £	Cash or cash equivalents £	Total £
Fair value at 1 January 2020	546,001	200,000	746,001
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(8,582)	-	(8,582)
Change in value in the year	39,792	-	39,792
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Fair value at 31 December 2020	577,211	200,000	777,211
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Investments are held to provide an investment return for the PCC.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET, LOTHBURY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

8 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	15,228	19,629
Occasional services	3,914	2,430
Other debtors and prepayments	16,441	3,368
	<u>35,583</u>	<u>25,427</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	1,286	39,351
Accruals and deferred income	4,458	8,544
	<u>5,744</u>	<u>47,895</u>

10 Pensions and other post-retirement benefit commitments

Defined contribution scheme

The PCC operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the PCC to the fund.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Contributions payable by the PCC for the year	2,632	2,783

11 Related party transactions

The funds of the John Simmons Charity, an endowment fund held by the PCC were transferred to the Charity of Mary Barnes (registered number 279055) (see note 12 on page 17). The Reverend Prebendary Jeremy Crossley is also a trustee of the Charity of Mary Barnes.

There were no other transactions with related parties during the year other than as disclosed in note 5 (2019: £nil) and there were no balances outstanding with related parties as at 31 December 2020 (2019: £nil).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

12 Funds

The PCC holds endowment and restricted funds as follows:

Building repair fund

This comprises a restricted fund held for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the building and covers maintenance and repair work on the essential systems within the church and other work in the church not covered by the Building fabric fund. The income of this fund is received from an endowment fund held for the PCC by the London Diocese who is the sole trustee.

Building fabric capital fund and Building fabric fund

The Building fabric capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Building fabric fund with the same purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Building fabric fund.

Organ investment capital fund and Organ repair fund

The Organ investment capital fund comprises a fund held for the purpose of generating an investment return to be applied for the purpose of maintaining the organ. The income generated by the fund is paid into the Organ repair fund to pay for maintenance and repair work on the organ. The capital fund is protected and only to be used if there is no balance remaining on the Organ repair fund.

John Simmons Charity

This is an old historic charity fund held within the PCC intended to benefit the poor in the parish. Income is added to this endowment fund as there are no current beneficiaries of this charity.

Heritage Lottery Fund Grant

This comprises a grant received to assist with the repair work needed on the Church Tower and is held in a restricted fund. Grant income falls due when the repair work has been carried out.

The F E Cleary Trust

This is a restricted fund whereby grants are paid for specific projects within the building or garden.

City Churches' Grants Committee

This is a restricted fund whereby grants are paid for specific projects.

The PCC also holds:

Designated funds

These represent funds set aside by the members of the PCC to cover specific aims. The Reserve fund is to ensure sufficient reserves are held to enable the PCC to continue to operate for a period of twelve months. A separate fund was set aside for the cost of the curate in the current year and the Vicar's discretionary fund and the Rectory repair fund are to cover additional costs as described.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

12 Funds (continued)

Movements on each fund during the year are as follows:

Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Gain on investments	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capital funds:						
Fabric capital fund	138,152	9,500	4,197	-	(4,197)	147,652
Organ investment capital fund	32,926	2,106	1,009	-	(1,009)	35,032
Arising from endowments and restricted capital funds:						
Fabric fund	21,960	-	176	-	4,197	26,333
Organ repair fund	15,465	-	-	734	1,009	15,740
Building repairs	37,701	-	2,302	-	14,946	54,949
Church Spire Project:	-	-	6,331	1,385	(4,946)	-
City Churches' Grants Committee	-	-	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Historic difference	376	-	-	-	-	376
	<u>246,580</u>	<u>11,606</u>	<u>24,015</u>	<u>2,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,082</u>

The overspend arising on the Church Spire Project in 2019 was covered by a transfer from unrestricted reserves in that year. This has now been partly offset by additional income received in the current year. The original transfer from unrestricted reserves not now required has been transferred to the Building Repair fund rather than returned to unrestricted reserves.

Endowment funds

	Brought forward	Loss on investments	Dividends and interest	Expenditure	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
John Simmons Charity	10,753	(2,171)	-	(8,582)	-
	<u>10,753</u>	<u>(2,171)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,582)</u>	<u>-</u>

The John Simmons Charity is a separate historic charity (Removed Charity registration number 207626). It had no potential beneficiaries due to the stated aims now being obsolete. On 25 February 2020 the PCC agreed unanimously to transfer the funds of the John Simmons Charity to the Charity of Mary Barnes (Registered Charity number 279055), a charity whose aims include the prevention or relief of poverty, akin to the original aims of the John Simmons Charity, with potential beneficiaries. The value of the fund had declined since the start of the year due to the fall in the Stock Market resulting from the pandemic. The funds were transferred in accordance with the provisions of s281 Charities Act 2011.

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12 Funds (continued)

Endowment funds (continued)

A Building Repair endowment fund is held for the PCC by the Diocese of London, which acts as sole trustee and has sole managerial responsibility for the capital value of this fund. The value of this fund held at the year end is £82,195 (2019: £76,906).

Designated funds

	Brought forward	Gain on investments	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Reserve	600,662	30,357	6,631	-	(30,083)	607,567
Curate	-	-	-	(23,537)	23,537	-
Vicar's discretionary fund	436	-	-	-	-	436
Rectory repairs	2,050	-	-	-	-	2,050
	<u>603,148</u>	<u>30,357</u>	<u>6,631</u>	<u>(23,537)</u>	<u>(6,546)</u>	<u>610,053</u>

13 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Designated funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,206	-	-	-	4,206	3,584
Investments	-	182,685	-	594,526	777,211	746,001
Current assets	305,121	97,397	-	15,527	418,045	429,717
Current liabilities	(5,744)	-	-	-	(5,744)	(47,895)
	<u>303,583</u>	<u>280,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>610,053</u>	<u>1,193,718</u>	<u>1,131,407</u>