

St. Mark's Church, Barrow in Furness

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Priest in Charge:

The Reverend Tony Ford
St. Mark's Vicarage
Rawlinson Street
Barrow in Furness

Banks:

Barclays Bank plc
Dalton Road
Barrow in Furness

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling
Kent

National Savings & Investments
Glasgow

Registered Charity No: 1139932

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Administrative Information:

St. Mark's Church is situated on the corner of Rawlinson Street and Buccleuch Street, Barrow in Furness. It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is St. Mark's Vicarage, Rawlinson Street, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 1BX.

The Parochial Church Council became a registered charity on 19th January 2011.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2020 until 31st December 2020 are:

Priest in Charge	Rev. Tony Ford	Chair
LLM (Reader)	Mr. David Nelson	Lay Chair - LLM (Reader)
Wardens	Mr. John Messenger Mrs. Christine Carruthers	Re-elected 2020 APCM Re-elected 2020 APCM
Deanery Synod Reps	Mr. Owen Dutton Mrs. Brenda Harrison Mrs Kath Raven	Elected 2017 APCM - until 2020 APCM Elected 2017 APCM - until 2020 APCM Re-elected 2020 APCM
Community Pastor	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale	PCC member Re-elected 2019 APCM
Elected Members	Ms. Danielle Benson Mr. Richard N. Carrick Mrs. Liz Currie Mrs. Lynda Dutton Mr. Owen Dutton Mr. Mark Fisher Mrs. Brenda Harrison Mrs. Linda Lawrence Mrs. Yvonne Maddison Mr. Alan McCracken Mr. Graham McTavish Miss Lisa Miller	Elected 2018 APCM - until 2020 APCM Elected 2018 APCM Elected 2017 APCM - until 2020 APCM - LLM from 2016 Elected 2018 APCM Elected 2020 APCM Elected 2020 APCM Elected 2020 APCM Re-elected 2019 APCM - Treasurer - LLM from 2013 Elected 2018 APCM Re-elected 2019 APCM Elected 2020 APCM Re-elected 2020 APCM
PCC Secretary	Mrs. Susan Benson	(From October 2018/Non PCC member and non-voting role)

Committees:

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Committee Members:

Priest in Charge	Revd. Tony Ford	Chair
Wardens	Mr. John Messenger Mrs Christine Carruthers	
PCC Members	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale Mr. Alan McCracken	
Treasurer	Mrs. Linda Lawrence	
Secretary	Mrs Susan Benson	(From October 2018/Non PCC member and non-voting role)

Support Groups:

These convene at need to discharge duties regarded by the PCC to be within their remit.

Fabric Committee:

The wardens gather skilled church members as and when necessary.

Structure, governance and management:

Members of the PCC are either (1) *ex-officio*, (2) elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, or (3) co-opted onto the PCC at its members' discretion. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and activities:

St. Mark's PCC has the responsibilities of co-operating, with the Priest in Charge, the Revd. Tony Ford, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral; evangelistic; social; and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of St. Mark's Church, Barrow in Furness.

Achievements and performance:

Church Attendance: The average weekly attendance on a Sunday, counted during October 2020, was 51, including 5 under the age of 16.

When Church Services were suspended during the March Lockdown a weekly Service was started online using YouTube and made available also from the Church web site and Facebook page. Even after the church reopened for Services we continued with the weekly online Service for those who for whatever reason were still unable to attend a Service in the church building itself.

Electoral Roll: At the end of the year there were 112 names on the Roll.

The PCC met six times during 2020 (January-December) for ordinary meetings. The average attendance was 12. There were no special meetings.

2020 - Review of the Year:

Where do we start with the year 2020? A year of so much pain, suffering, anxiety and death, yet a year when we have seen some of the best of humanity, Foodbanks, distribution hubs, NHS workers and scientists developing a vaccine to fight the horrors of Covid.

We at St. Mark's have experienced all of that and more, as life has continued and people have struggled with what has become known as the new normality. Lockdown, isolation and hospital appointments and surgery cancelled.

Yet God's goodness, His light shines through. The services and prayer meetings we have been able to share online and on and off in church have been so positive and uplifting.

We've all had to adapt and Gill's ministry changed when Church closed and yet she collected toiletries for patients and staff at the hospital and care homes. Then her Soaps of hope, even the vicar got one! Along with shop workers, bus drivers, council workers and so many we often take for granted.

God also brought people to faith, through studies both in person and online and we praise Him for his grace.

Lots of plans, Believe in Barrow, Jonathan Viera concert, Out of the Ashes event, all cancelled.

Yet you all as a church did well supporting each other and were generous, when some churches had no income at all, most of you gave generously who could and that has helped us as we now look forward to 2021.

Also a huge thanks to our PCC and Standing Committee, still lots of decisions to make but communications limited to emails.

Also a huge thanks to Alan McCracken for all his help, support and dedication putting services online for us weekly as we both experienced a steep learning curve and we are looking to develop the streaming of services in 2021.

Also a big thank you to our wardens, Christine and John and those who have supported them with maintenance jobs and managing projects. We are in good shape for moving forward.

Some of you will remember we had a couple of surveys early in 2020 and they still sit on my desk. The outcomes of those surveys were encouraging. The PCC, the church fellowship and the Mission community all agreed on certain priorities. For discipleship, outreach (especially to young families), to continue to care for our community and the homeless and to play our part in protecting the environment. All these priorities were listened to by the Diocese and Bishop Emma and the God for All team came up with four headings:

To Follow Daily *Discipleship,*
To Speak Boldly *Share the good news to all but especially young families*
To Care Deeply *Listen and serve our community), and*
To Tread Gently *Think about how we can protect the amazing world our good Father has entrusted to us.*

Brothers and Sister, we may be battered and bruised by the last year but by the grace of our loving Lord the future is forever good.

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen' (Ephesians 3 v20-21)

Safeguarding Annual Report to the PCC

1. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Jason Dobb

2. Safer Recruitment, and Training

Our parish supports the following groups working with children and young people, and with adults who are vulnerable:

Ark
 Music Group
 Clothes Bank
 Rock Solid
 Sunday Prayer Team
 Pastoral Care Team

The leaders and volunteers working with our groups are in the process of being safely recruited according to the Church's national guidance and we have ensured all leaders have received the level of training required by the Church. Recruitment and training of all volunteers has been interrupted by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic but will be completed by September.

3. Church Policy and Guidance

All parishes are required to have agreed a formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement', and of Church of England safeguarding policy and guidance. This statement will be signed on behalf of the PCC and displayed in our church.



Approved by the PCC on 15th May 2021 & signed on their behalf by Rev. Tony Ford (PCC Chairman)

Signed

Date 16/5/21

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2020 £
Monetary Assets					
CAF Cash - Current	11,947.15		-		11,947.15
Barclays Community - Current	-	-			-
Total Monetary Assets	11,947.15	-	-		11,947.15
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold		9,150.00	12,623.42	183,685.68	205,459.10
National Savings & Investments		1,035.49			1,035.49
Total Investment Assets		10,185.49	12,623.42	183,685.68	206,494.59

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2019

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2019 £
Monetary Assets					
CAF Cash - Current	34.21		-		34.21
Barclays Community - Current	-	-			-
Total Monetary Assets	34.21	-	-		34.21
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold		6,650.00	22,185.62	105,981.11	134,816.73
National Savings & Investments		1,028.09			1,028.09
Total Investment Assets		7,678.09	22,185.62	105,981.11	135,844.82

Approved by the PCC on 12th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Rev Tony Ford (PCC Chairman)

Signed 

Date 16/5/21

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2020	2019
	£	£
Incoming resources from donors		
Pledged Giving	50,567.76	47,903.99
Cash Collections	2,146.73	6,175.20
Sundry Donations	1,813.90	1,396.00
Git Aid Reclaimed	27,944.90	-
Sub Totals	82,473.29	55,475.19
Other voluntary incoming resources		
Legacies	77,600.18	-
Special events income	65.10	472.10
Sunday Night Live	-	45.00
Sub Totals	77,665.28	517.10
Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Contributions for use of Church building	512.50	1,420.50
Fees	453.00	888.00
Sale of Bible notes & Homegroup books	326.51	416.21
Sub Totals	1,292.01	2,724.71
Other ordinary incoming resources		
Insurance claims	-	-
Photocopying	90.00	42.50
Repayments	647.99	422.62
Misc	-	-
Sub Totals	737.99	465.12
Messy Marks	-	-
Community Groups		
Musical Marks	-	444.00
Sub Totals	-	444.00
Total Receipts - Unrestricted Funds	162,168.57	59,626.12
Restricted Income		
Mission Giving to Societies	11,989.71	8,028.39
Collections for charities	324.98	4,006.20
Gift Day - 2020	2,422.37	-
Gift Day - 2019	880.00	4,305.00
Gift Day - 2018	256.25	-
Gift Day - 2017	347.50	-
Restricted Donations	4,054.00	8,633.72
Sub Totals	20,274.81	24,973.31
Total Receipts	182,443.38	84,599.43
Excess of Receipts over Payments (Unrestricted Funds)	20,800.14	(31,566.76)
Transfer of Deficit Allocation from Legacy	0.00	2,500.00

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Payments	2020	2019
	£	£
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church		
Ministry		
Parish Share	40,000.00	60,934.00
Working Expenses of Clergy		
Vicar Expenses	1,440.00	1,440.00
Telephone	734.52	441.00
Curate Expenses	-	-
Telephone	-	-
Visiting Speakers	-	-
Sub Totals	2,174.52	1,881.00
Church Running Expenses		
Electricity, Gas, Water	6,344.50	6,269.62
Insurance	2,553.39	2,442.96
Cleaning	5,112.73	5,409.05
Sub Totals	14,010.62	14,121.63
Church maintenance		
General	1,194.00	3,685.14
Organ	-	919.51
Sub Totals	1,194.00	4,604.65
Upkeep of services		
Misc	-	236.77
Catering	59.20	228.28
Lay reader expenses	-	75.77
Leaflets & Literature	112.99	128.29
Deanery Synod & General Synod	-	-
Copyright Licence	1,005.97	879.59
Sub Totals	1,178.16	1,548.70
Support costs		
Training	-	520.00
Sunday School	32.94	44.14
Brownies	-	-
Sub Totals	32.94	564.14
Building Work		
Major repairs (structure)	-	-
Major repairs/replacement (installations)	-	-
Interior and exterior re-decoration	-	-
Sub Totals	-	-
Honoraria Organist	200.00	300.00
Special events expenses		
Sunday Night Live	1,005.62	2,150.00
Believe in Barrow	-	-
Marriage Preparation		
Ancillary Trading	273.38	402.83

Payments (cont)	2020	2019
	£	£
Church management and administration		
Stationery & Postage	473.90	260.87
Photocopying	458.44	742.76
Church Telephone	61.87	61.20
Computer/Website Expenses	-	-
Architect Fees	-	-
Misc	204.80	647.12
Sub Totals	1,199.01	1,711.95
Messy Marks	-	-
Community Groups		
Musical Marks	-	444.00
Sub Totals	-	444.00
Internal Transfers		
Designated Funds	2,500.00	2,000.00
General Reserves	-	-
Fabric Reserves	-	-
Legacy Reserves	77,600.18	-
Sub Totals	80,100.18	2,000.00
Total Payments - Unrestricted	141,368.43	91,192.88
Payment of Restricted Funds		
Mission Giving to Societies	11,989.71	8,028.39
Charity Collections/Donation	324.98	4,006.20
Gift Day - 2020	2,422.37	
Gift Day - 2019	205.00	-
Gift Day - 2018	256.25	-
Gift Day - 2017	347.50	-
Donations	13,616.20	3,220.92
Sub Totals	29,162.01	15,255.51
Total Payments	170,530.44	106,448.39
Notes re General Fund		
Current Balance of 2019 Gift Day (Windows)	4,980.00	
Gift Aid Reclaimed		
2019 General Pledged Giving	8,898.12	
2018 General Pledged Giving.	9,423.10	
2017 General Pledged Giving.	9,623.68	
Church Running Expenses		
Electricity	2,870.33	3,113.07
Gas	3,085.82	2,338.75
Water	388.35	817.80

Mission and Charitable Giving - Restricted

Receipts	2020	2019
Pledged Giving	5,581.55	7,087.28
Cash	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaimed	5,513.26	-
Home Communion	-	-
	11,094.81	7,087.28
Harvest Collections - Tap Twinning/Tearfund	606.90	629.18
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	152.50	
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	125.50	308.00
Leprosy Boxes	10.00	3.93
Total Receipts	11,989.71	8,028.39

Payments	2020	2019
Overseas Mission Fellowship (OMF)	2,588.79	1,653.70
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,588.79	1,653.70
Church Mission Society (CMS)	2,588.79	1,653.70
Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)	1,109.48	708.73
Church Army	1,109.48	708.72
Bible Society	1,109.48	708.73
	11,094.81	7,087.28
Harvest Collections - Tap Twinning/Tearfund	606.90	629.18
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	152.50	-
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	125.50	308.00
Leprosy Boxes	10.00	3.93
Total Payments	11,989.71	8,028.39

Restricted Funds

	Balances 31.12.2019	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31.12.2020
Funeral Collections/Donations for St Mark's:				
In memory of Mrs E Davies	15.08		-	15.08
In memory of Mr D Rodgers	22.96		-	22.96
In memory of Mr J Sharp (50%)	-	43.50	-	43.50
			-	-
			-	-
Community Fund	1,822.94	1,670.50	785.29	2,708.15
Children in Poverty	322.12		-	322.12
Leprosy Mission	-		-	-
Fabric Fund	435.00	340.00	-	775.00
Vicarage Garden	-	-	-	-
Organ Donation	200.00			200.00
Banners Donation	26.51	-	-	26.51
Audio Visual Fund				
Donations	-		-	-
Technicians - Funeral services	851.34	80.00	-	931.34
Messy Marks	429.27			429.27
Homeless Fund (Buried in Barrow)	3905.72	-	-	3,905.72
Music Group	70.00	-	-	70.00
Community Pastor Role Fund	14084.68	1,920.00	12,830.91	3,173.77
Interest	-			-
Totals at 31st December	22,185.62	4,054.00	13,616.20	12,623.42

Designated Funds

	Balances 31.12.2019	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31.12.2020
Childrens Work	1,019.93	-	-	1,019.93
Messy Marks (Families)	4,500.00	1,500.00	-	6,000.00
Training	650.00	500.00	-	1,150.00
Future Evangelism	1,500.00	500.00	-	2,000.00
Interest	8.16	7.40	-	15.56
Totals at 31st December	7,678.09	2,507.40	-	10,185.49

Reserves

	Balances 31.12.2019	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31.12.2020
Interest	391.19	104.39	-	495.58
General	-	-	-	-
Fabric	-	-	-	-
Legacy - John Hannah				
Building Work/Refurbishment	2,537.40	-	-	2,537.40
Community Pastor	-	-	-	-
Deficit	3,474.69	-	-	3,474.69
Reserves/Fabric	25,630.95	-	-	25,630.95
Special Projects	6,511.00	-	-	6,511.00
Technical Upgrade	480.78	-	-	480.78
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub Totals	38,634.82	-	-	38,634.82
Legacy - J Smart	500.00	-	-	500.00
Legacy - J K Harper	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Legacy - E Roberts (Piano)	437.64	-	-	437.64
Legacy - A Kaye	5,017.46	-	-	5,017.46
Legacy - R Walsh				
Building Work/Refurbishment	14,000.00	-	-	14,000.00
Community Pastor	-	-	-	-
Other (Unallocated)	42,000.00	77,600.18	-	119,600.18
Sub Totals	56,000.00	77,600.18	-	133,600.18
Totals at 31st December	105,981.11	77,704.57	0.00	183,685.68

Allocation of Restricted Collections/Donations for Charities

	2020
Funeral Collections	
Cancer Research (Waters)	57.00
Hospice at Home (Clayton)	25.00
Crisis Homeless Trust 50% (Sharp)	23.50
St Mary's Hospice (Nicholson)	123.00
Retiring Collections	
Children Society - Donations	30.00
Children Society - Christmas Card Donations	66.48
Totals	324.98

Fees Account

Receipts	2020	2019
Church Funeral Fees	1,185.00	2,118.00
Crematorium Funeral Fees	1,015.00	390.00
Banns	-	-
Wedding	-	-
Baptism Certificate		
Total Receipts	2,200.00	2,508.00
Payments		
Organist	160.00	240.00
Verger	80.00	140.00
Technicians - Audio Visual Fund	80.00	140.00
Retired Clergy	-	70.67
Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance	1,427.00	1,029.33
St Mark's PCC	453.00	888.00
Total Payments	2,200.00	2,508.00

