

# **St. Mark's Church, Barrow in Furness**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

### **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 2021 until 31st December 2021 are:

<b>Priest in Charge</b>	Revd. Tony Ford	Chair
<b>LLM (Reader)</b>	Mr. David Nelson	Lay Chair - until 2021 APCM
<b>Wardens</b>	Mr. John Messenger	Re-elected 2021 APCM
	Mrs. Christine Carruthers	Re-elected 2021 APCM
<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Susan Benson	Appointed June 2021
	Mrs. Liz Currie	Appointed September 2021, Elected to PCC 2021 APCM - Joint Lay Chair from July 2021 - LLM from 2016
	Mrs Kath Raven	Re-elected 2020 APCM
<b>Community Pastor</b>	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale	PCC member Re-elected 2019 APCM
<b>Elected Members</b>	Mr. Richard N. Carrick	Re-elected 2021 APCM
	Mrs. Lynda Dutton	Elected 2018 APCM - until January 2021
	Mr. Owen Dutton	Elected 2020 APCM - until January 2021
	Mr. Mark Fisher	Elected 2020 APCM
	Mrs. Brenda Harrison	Elected 2020 APCM
	Mr. Graham Hodgson	Elected 2021 APCM - Joint Lay Chair from July 2021
	Mrs. Linda Lawrence	Re-elected 2019 APCM - Treasurer - LLM from 2013
	Mr. Alan McCracken	Re-elected 2019 APCM
	Mr. Graham McTavish	Elected 2020 APCM
	Miss Lisa Miller	Re-elected 2020 APCM
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Mrs. Susan Benson	From October 2018 originally as 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:**

<b>Priest in Charge</b>	Revd. Tony Ford	Chair
<b>Wardens</b>	Mr. John Messenger Mrs Christine Carruthers	
<b>PCC Members</b>	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale Mr. Alan McCracken	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs. Linda Lawrence	
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs Susan Benson	From October 2018 originally as 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 2021, was 55, including 6 under the age of 16. Church Services were suspended during the Lockdown between January and April but Tony continued to provide a weekly Service from his study online using YouTube and made available also from the Church web site and Facebook page. After lockdown we restarted our 10.30am Sunday morning Service. When the church reopened for Services we made our 10.30am Service available online 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 108 names on the Roll.

**The PCC** met six times during 2021 (January-December) for ordinary meetings. The average attendance was 13. There were no special meetings.

## **2021 – Vicar's Review of the Year:**

What do we say about 2021? These last two years have been like no others and as I sit down to reflect (March 2022) I am filled with optimism.

Yes I know some of us are still struggling with bereavements, health and anxiety issues, I know finances are getting tighter and yet as we have been working our way through the Book of Acts, we can see how God is blessing us in so many ways and is in the midst of all our joys and sorrows.

At this stage I don't know who will be filling some of the key roles in our Church Leadership team but boy haven't we been blessed to have John Messenger and Christine Carruthers as our wardens over the last few years. Personally I am very thankful to you both as well as all those who lead, preach and serve on the Standing Committee.

I could pick out so many others, Audio Visual has been huge during lockdown and since our return, and the New Year will see us installing new Streaming equipment for those who are struggling to attend in person.

Finances, Linda again has served us so faithfully, assisted by the team who do all the counting. Whilst on about finances, thank you so much to you all for your generosity, you will see from our reports that we have done ok but are still eating into our reserves/legacies.

Music, cleaning, Clothes Bank, maintenance, setting up communion..... So many jobs that go under the radar but allow us to worship and reach out.

The big building project is now complete with new windows and soffits and fascia's all around the building which not only look great but will be maintenance free and save us some money on heating (as the price of gas & electricity goes through the roof literally). Thanks again to Graham Hodgson for sticking to the task and not losing heart.

We are still looking at flagging/block paving the front of church but awaiting to see the full impact of the quinquennial inspection, more on that next year.

Looking forward we want to reopen the Clothes Bank café, we want to have tea and coffee after church, we look forward to Lent courses and fellowship groups, we have plans for outreach events and starting toddler and youth groups, restarting the prayer meetings, prayer ministry, lots of exciting things that God has put on our hearts as we look to build on all the great work this church has done in the past.

Every one of you have a part to play in the future of St. Mark's, we are the body and Christ is the head, we are the living stones and Christ is the corner/capstone. We need to build up and encourage one another and reach out to the lost with passion. Each of us needs to play a part, giving sacrificially of our time, our energy, our finances and our prayer.

I can't wait to see how God is going to use St. Mark's in 2022 as we come out of this pandemic.

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, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.  
(Ephesians 3 v20-21)

Yours in Christ Jesus

Tony

## **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, including the agreement of role profiles. We are ensuring that all leaders and volunteers have received the level of training required by the Church. DBS checks are in progress for all personnel who need them

### **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 has been signed on behalf of the PCC and displayed in our church.

Approved by the PCC on 14th March 2022 & signed on their behalf by Revd. Tony Ford (PCC Chairman)

Signed .....  .....

Date ..... 14/3/22 .....

# St. Mark's Church, Barrow-in-Furness

## Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2021 £
Monetary Assets					
CAF Cash - Current	23,537.21	-	-		23,537.21
Barclays Community - Current	-	-			-
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>23,537.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>23,537.21</b>
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold		11,650.00	12,178.83	145,721.11	169,549.94
National Savings & Investments		1,035.59			1,035.59
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>12,685.59</b>	<b>12,178.83</b>	<b>145,721.11</b>	<b>170,585.53</b>

### 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	-	-			-
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>11,947.15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>11,947.15</b>
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
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>10,185.49</b>	<b>12,623.42</b>	<b>183,685.68</b>	<b>206,494.59</b>

**Approved by the PCC on 14th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by Rev Tony Ford (PCC Chairman)**

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Date ..... 14/3/22 .....

## General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>		
Pledged Giving	48,742.18	50,567.76
Cash Collections	1,156.93	2,146.73
Sundry Donations	16,095.53	1,813.90
Git Aid Reclaimed	-	27,944.90
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>65,994.64</b>	<b>82,473.29</b>
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>		
Legacies	-	77,600.18
Special events income	-	65.10
Sunday Night Live	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>77,665.28</b>
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>		
Contributions for use of Church building	340.00	512.50
Fees	913.12	453.00
Sale of Bible notes & Homegroup books	-	326.51
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>1,253.12</b>	<b>1,292.01</b>
<b>Other ordinary incoming resources</b>		
Insurance claims	-	-
Photocopying	20.00	90.00
Repayments	4,699.63	647.99
Misc	50.00	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>4,769.63</b>	<b>737.99</b>
<b>Messy Marks</b>	-	-
<b>Total Receipts - Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>72,017.39</b>	<b>162,168.57</b>
<b>Restricted Income</b>		
Mission Giving to Societies	7,674.57	11,989.71
Collections for charities	535.62	324.98
Gift Day - 2021	2,177.42	-
Gift Day - 2020	-	2,422.37
Gift Day - 2019	-	880.00
Gift Day - 2018	-	256.25
Gift Day - 2017	-	347.50
Restricted Donations	11,357.08	4,054.00
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>21,744.69</b>	<b>20,274.81</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>93,762.08</b>	<b>182,443.38</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments (Unrestricted Funds)	<b>9,629.87</b>	<b>20,800.14</b>
Transfer of Deficit Allocation from Legacy	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



# General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

<b>Payments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>		
Parish Share	40,000.00	40,000.00
<b>Working Expenses of Clergy</b>		
Vicar Expenses	1,440.00	1,440.00
Telephone	656.11	734.52
Curate Expenses	-	-
Telephone	-	-
Visiting Speakers	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,096.11</b>	<b>2,174.52</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>		
Electricity, Gas, Water	3,940.34	6,344.50
Insurance	2,632.72	2,553.39
Cleaning	5,183.25	5,112.73
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>11,756.31</b>	<b>14,010.62</b>
<b>Church maintenance</b>		
General	1,335.05	1,194.00
Organ	471.98	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>1,807.03</b>	<b>1,194.00</b>
<b>Upkeep of services</b>		
Misc	49.34	-
Catering	-	59.20
Lay reader expenses	-	-
Leaflets & Literature	403.60	112.99
Deanery Synod & General Synod	-	-
Copyright Licence	1,043.01	1,005.97
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>1,495.95</b>	<b>1,178.16</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Training	363.75	-
Sunday School	-	32.94
Brownies	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>363.75</b>	<b>32.94</b>
<b>Building Work</b>		
Major repairs (structure)	-	-
Major repairs/replacement (installations)	-	-
Interior and exterior re-decoration	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Honoraria Organist	-	200.00
<b>Special events expenses</b>		
Sunday Night Live	100.00	1,005.62
Believe in Barrow	-	-
<b>Ancillary Trading</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273.38</b>

<b>Payments (cont)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Church management and administration</b>		
Stationery & Postage	107.49	473.90
Photocopying	231.66	458.44
Church Telephone/Broadband	322.83	61.87
Computer/Website Expenses	-	-
Architect Fees	1,223.58	-
Misc	382.81	204.80
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,268.37</b>	<b>1,199.01</b>
<b>Messy Marks</b>	-	-
<b>Internal Transfers</b>		
Designated Funds	2,500.00	2,500.00
General Reserves	-	-
Fabric Reserves	-	-
Legacy Reserves	-	77,600.18
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>80,100.18</b>
<b>Total Payments - Unrestricted</b>	<b>62,387.52</b>	<b>141,368.43</b>
<b>Payment of Restricted Funds</b>		
Mission Giving to Societies	7,674.57	11,989.71
Charity Collections/Donation	535.62	324.98
Gift Day - 2021	2,177.42	-
Gift Day - 2020	-	2,422.37
Gift Day - 2019	4,980.00	205.00
Gift Day - 2018	-	256.25
Gift Day - 2017	-	347.50
Donations	13,979.09	13,616.20
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>29,346.70</b>	<b>29,162.01</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>91,734.22</b>	<b>170,530.44</b>
<b>Notes re General Fund</b>		
<b>Current Balance of 2019 Gift Day (Windows)</b>	-	(4,100.00)
<b>Gift Aid Reclaimed</b>		
2020 Received in January 2022		
2019 General Pledged Giving	-	8,898.12
2018 General Pledged Giving.	-	9,423.10
2017 General Pledged Giving.	-	9,623.68
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>		
Electricity	1,432.91	2,870.33
Gas	2,030.66	3,085.82
Water	476.77	388.35
<b>Repayments</b>		
British Gas - Electricity Refund	3,798.56	
HMRC - COVID Furlough repayment for Cleaner	871.07	
CAF - Refund of Overcharged Cheque Fee	30.00	

## Mission and Charitable Giving - Restricted

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Pledged Giving	7,054.57	5,581.55
Cash	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaimed	-	5,513.26
Home Communion	-	-
	<b>7,054.57</b>	<b>11,094.81</b>
Harvest Collections - Tap Twinning/Tearfund	608.00	606.90
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	-	152.50
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	12.00	125.50
Leprosy Boxes	-	10.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,674.57</b>	<b>11,989.71</b>

<b>Payments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Overseas Mission Fellowship (OMF)	1,646.07	2,588.79
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,646.07	2,588.79
Church Mission Society (CMS)	1,646.06	2,588.79
Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)	705.46	1,109.48
Church Army	705.46	1,109.48
Bible Society	705.45	1,109.48
	<b>7,054.57</b>	<b>11,094.81</b>
Harvest Collections - Tap Twinning/Tearfund	608.00	606.90
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	-	152.50
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	12.00	125.50
Leprosy Boxes	-	10.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>7,674.57</b>	<b>11,989.71</b>

## Restricted Funds

	Balances 31.12.2020	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31.12.2021
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	-
				-
Gift Day 2021 - Front Paving	-	2,177.42	-	2,177.42
Community Fund	2,708.15	1,180.00	842.00	3,046.15
Children in Poverty	322.12		-	322.12
Leprosy Mission	-		-	-
Fabric Fund	775.00	-	213.92	561.08
Christmas Tree	-	50.00	50.00	-
Organ Donation	200.00			200.00
Banners Donation	26.51	-	26.51	-
Audio Visual Fund				
Donations	-		-	-
Technicians - Funeral services	931.34	100.00	-	1,031.34
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	3173.77	10,027.08	12,765.12	435.73
Interest	-			-
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>12,623.42</b>	<b>13,534.50</b>	<b>13,979.09</b>	<b>12,178.83</b>
<b>Community Fund</b>				
Donations		1175.00		
Funeral Collection in memory of Margaret Weston		5.00		
<b>Community Pastor Role Fund</b>				
Donations		3250.00		
HMRC - COVID Furlough repayment for Community Pastor		6777.08		

## Designated Funds

	<b>Balances 31.12.2020</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balances 31.12.2021</b>
Childrens Work	1,019.93	-	-	1,019.93
Messy Marks (Families)	6,000.00	1,500.00	-	7,500.00
Training	1,150.00	500.00	-	1,650.00
Future Evangelism	2,000.00	500.00	-	2,500.00
Interest	15.56	0.10	-	15.66
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>10,185.49</b>	<b>2,500.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,685.59</b>

## Reserves

	<b>Balances 31.12.2020</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balances 31.12.2021</b>
Interest	495.58	<b>13.01</b>	-	508.59
General	-	-	-	-
Fabric	-	-	-	-
Legacy - John Hannah				
Building Work/Refurbishment	2,537.40	-	2,537.40 -	0.00
Community Pastor	-	-	-	-
Deficit	3,474.69	-	-	3,474.69
Reserves/Fabric	25,630.95	-	21,440.18	4,190.77
Special Projects	6,511.00	-	-	6,511.00
Technical Upgrade	480.78	-	-	480.78
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>38,634.82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,977.58</b>	<b>14,657.24</b>
Legacy - J Smart	500.00	-	-	500.00
Legacy - J K Harper	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Audio Visual Streaming Equipment				
Legacy - E Roberts (Piano)	437.64	-	-	437.64
Legacy - A Kaye	5,017.46	-	-	5,017.46
Audio Visual Streaming Equipment				
Legacy - R Walsh				
Building Work/Refurbishment	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	-
Community Pastor	-	-	-	-
Other (Unallocated)	119,600.18	-	-	119,600.18
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>133,600.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>119,600.18</b>
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>183,685.68</b>	<b>13.01</b>	<b>37,977.58</b>	<b>145,721.11</b>

## Allocation of Restricted Collections/Donations for Charities

	<b>2021</b>
Funeral Collections	
Animal Welfare (Hubbold)	5.00
St Mary's Hospice (Ainslie)	37.00
 Retiring Collections	
Chilstian Aid	32.00
Children Society - Donations	156.10
Furness Homeless - (Barrow Raiders Carol Service)	305.52
 <b>Totals</b>	 <b>535.62</b>

## Fees Account

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Church Funeral Fees	814.00	1,185.00
Crematorium Funeral Fees	199.00	1,015.00
Banns	138.00	-
Wedding	969.00	-
Baptism Certificate		
 <b>Total Receipts</b>	 <b>2,120.00</b>	 <b>2,200.00</b>
 <b>Payments</b>		
Organist	0.00	160.00
Verger	100.00	80.00
Technicians - Audio Visual Fund	100.00	80.00
Retired Clergy	100.21	-
Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance	906.67	1,427.00
St Mark's PCC	913.12	453.00
 <b>Total Payments</b>	 <b>2,120.00</b>	 <b>2,200.00</b>



