

# **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 2022

### **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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**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

**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 2022 until 31st December 2022 are:

<b>Priest in Charge</b>	Rev. Tony Ford	Chair
<b>LLM (Reader)</b>	Mr. David Nelson	
<b>Wardens</b>	Mr. John Messenger	Until 2022 APCM
	Mrs. Christine Carruthers	Until 2022 APCM
	Miss Lisa Miller	Elected 2022 APCM
<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Mrs. Susan Benson	Appointed June 2021- Secretary
	Mrs. Liz Currie	Appointed September 2021, - Joint Lay Chair from July 2021 - LLM from 2016
	Mrs Kath Raven	Re-elected 2020 APCM
<b>Community Pastor</b>	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale	
<b>Elected Members</b>	Mr. Richard N. Carrick	Re-elected 2021 APCM
	Mrs. Christine Carruthers	Elected 2022 APCM
	Mr. Mark Fisher	Elected 2020 APCM, resigned Apr. 2022
	Mrs. Brenda Harrison	Elected 2020 APCM
	Mrs. Rose Hazlehurst	Elected 2022 APCM
	Mr. Graham Hodgson	Elected 2021 APCM - Joint Lay Chair from July 2021
	Mrs. Linda Lawrence	Co-opted May 2022 - Treasurer - LLM from 2013
	Mr. Alan McCracken	Co-opted May 2022
	Mr. Graham McTavish	Elected 2020 APCM, resigned Jan. 2022

## **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	Until 2022 APCM
	Mrs Christine Carruthers	Until 2022 APCM
	Miss Lisa Miller	From 2022 APCM
<b>PCC Members</b>	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale	Until May 2022
	Mr. Alan McCracken	
	Mrs Christine Carruthers	From May 2022
<b>Community Pastor</b>	Mrs. Gillian Grisedale	From May 2022
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs. Linda Lawrence	
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs Susan Benson	

### **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 2022, was 81, including 5 under the age of 16, for the mid-week communion Service the average was 30. We have continued to Live Stream the Sunday morning Services making then available via YouTube, Facebook and the Church web site.

**Electoral Roll:** At the end of the year there were 111 names on the Roll.

**The PCC** met nine times during 2022 (January-December) for ordinary meetings. The average attendance was 15. There were no special meetings.

## **2022 - Vicar's Review of the Year:**

I look back at 2022 as a year of joy in many ways mixed with some sadness.

Joy that we have been able to meet together again weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays.

At the start of the year I have to admit I was really concerned in the drop in numbers attending church Services. Knowing how Carlisle Diocese are having to make severe financial decisions I was worried about the legitimacy of St. Mark's continuing as one church with one minister.

Thankfully we have gradually grown and now with several new members we are roughly where we were before lockdown.

We have had some fantastic outreach events including "*Out of The Ashes*" and *Jonathan Viera* and have also been blessed by "*Furness Churches United Choir*" performing concerts at St. Mark's also.

We have also been blessed by the ministry of those who serve the church in so many ways both upfront and behind the scenes. I am thankful to everyone who serves the church in everyway and I am reluctant to pick out individual ministries.

But to mention a few, the huge help received from the Audio Visual team, during Services, Weddings, Funerals, Baptism, special events and regularly streaming services for those unable to attend in person has been a real blessing.

The Music Group who quietly get on with rehearsing most weeks and help select songs for Sunday and enhance our worship.

Our wardens, John Messenger and Christine Carruthers who have served in those roles since I arrived in 2018 and have been a huge support, I am also thankful to Lisa standing as warden this year and for the support she has received from others, although I have to admit to being a little disappointed that from a congregation of our size that we couldn't manage to fill both wardens positions, perhaps something to pray about as we approach a new year.

The Clothes Bank and Café has also been a huge encouragement and has supported our community and asylum seekers magnificently this year. As a church we have blessed so many people through this ministry and I want to thank Gill for struggling on despite her own health issues and all the team for their hard work but also their love and service to others. God has blessed this ministry and through it we have seen many people come to faith and been baptised in the Wednesday and Sunday Services. The Wednesday Service has been quite a success in attracting people who wouldn't perhaps normally come to church and is acting as bridge to Sunday worship.

And please don't think we are not thankful to all those who contribute massively in many other ways, including prayer, effort, time, and financially, we couldn't do what we do without you and your ministries and support.

I did say the year also brought some sadness, we lost some very dear brothers and sisters over the last 12 months, church family members and personal family members and it hurts but we must hold on to the promises of God that all who die in faith in the Lord Jesus will be raised to everlasting life.

Sadly we have also had several brothers and sisters who have not made it back to church (*yet!*) since lockdown, this does not mean they are still not loved, prayed for and welcome back whenever they are able to and via the streamed services.

The other great sadness is the turning away in many churches from the teaching of Jesus and the apostles. The issues around human sexuality are really quite clear in the Bible and if we truly believe the Bible to be our authority and God's breathed out word, we should adhere to it faithfully. This certainly does not mean we should ever stop loving those who struggle with same sex attraction or with their sexual identity but we must remain faithful to God first and also remember that we are all sinners saved by grace alone.

The Church of England has some huge decisions to make in 2023, in February General synod will meet to discuss whether it should change its stance on sexuality. Our Bishops have a huge role to play but so do all on General Synod, please pray for them, especially our Bishop's James and Rob who thankfully remain biblical and faithful on this issue.

And so 2023 will have its challenges but that is nothing new and Jesus has promised "*to build His church and that the gates of Hell will not prevail*" and I am truly excited about what God is and will do through the faithful ministry of St. Mark's Church and other faithful churches in Barrow and beyond.

I should have been taking my first ever sabbatical in 2022 which I postponed because it just didn't seem right to leave the fellowship as we were coming out of lockdown. This is now planned for May to July 2023.

The only major building work in 2022 was the block paving at the front of church which is such an improvement and more importantly no longer a trip hazard. Thanks to Graham Hodgson for his work with the council planning department and contractors and for taking on board the vicar's idea of having a cross in the paving near the doors.

Personally I am excited for 2023 as we continue to grow and serve as a church and hold tight to biblical truth.

Yours in Christ  
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 complete for all but two of the personnel who need them, and these are approaching completion.

### 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 13th March 2023 & signed on their behalf by Revd. Tony Ford  
(PCC Chairman)

Signed .....

Date ...13/3/23.....

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

## Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2022


### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2022 £
Monetary Assets					
Barclays Community - Current	15,744.32				15,744.32
CAF Cash - Current		-	8,544.52		8,544.52
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>15,744.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,544.52</b>		<b>24,288.84</b>
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold				102,736.29	102,736.29
Barclays Premium		12,973.71			12,973.71
National Savings & Investments		1,036.55			1,036.55
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>		<b>14,010.26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,736.29</b>	<b>116,746.55</b>

### 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>

**Approved by the PCC on 13th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Rev Tony Ford (PCC Chairman)**

Signed ..... 

Date ..... 13/3/23 .....

## General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Incoming resources from donors</b>		
Pledged Giving	45,069.90	48,742.18
Cash Collections	2,516.83	1,156.93
Sundry Donations	4,869.35	16,095.53
Git Aid Reclaimed	19,424.24	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>71,880.32</b>	<b>65,994.64</b>
<b>Other voluntary incoming resources</b>		
Legacies	-	-
Special events income	153.00	-
Sunday Night Live	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>153.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</b>		
Contributions for use of Church building	1,486.00	340.00
Fees	1,402.00	913.12
Sale of Bible notes & Homegroup books	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,888.00</b>	<b>1,253.12</b>
<b>Other ordinary incoming resources</b>		
Insurance claims	-	-
Photocopying	-	20.00
Repayments	-	4,699.63
Misc	3.34	50.00
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>4,769.63</b>
<b>Messy Marks</b>	-	-
<b>Total Receipts - Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>74,924.66</b>	<b>72,017.39</b>
<b>Restricted Income</b>		
Mission Giving to Societies	9,797.17	7,674.57
Collections for charities	1,079.55	535.62
Gift Day - 2022	2,131.00	-
Gift Day - 2021	441.25	2,177.42
Gift Day - 2020	440.00	-
Restricted Donations	19,369.41	11,357.08
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>33,258.38</b>	<b>21,744.69</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>108,183.04</b>	<b>93,762.08</b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments (Unrestricted Funds)	<b>432.37</b>	<b>9,629.87</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>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>		
Parish Share	48,330.00	40,000.00
<b>Working Expenses of Clergy</b>		
Vicar Expenses	1,440.00	1,440.00
Telephone	736.76	656.11
Curate Expenses	-	-
Telephone	-	-
Visiting Speakers	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,176.76</b>	<b>2,096.11</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>		
Electricity, Gas, Water	7,864.51	3,940.34
Insurance	2,796.13	2,632.72
Cleaning	5,628.46	5,183.25
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>16,289.10</b>	<b>11,756.31</b>
<b>Church maintenance</b>		
General	1,237.44	1,335.05
Organ	338.28	471.98
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>1,575.72</b>	<b>1,807.03</b>
<b>Upkeep of services</b>		
Misc	415.18	49.34
Catering	178.98	-
Lay reader expenses	-	-
Leaflets & Literature	425.61	403.60
Copyright Licence	1,095.28	1,043.01
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,115.05</b>	<b>1,495.95</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Training	459.21	363.75
Sunday School	35.28	-
Brownies	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>494.49</b>	<b>363.75</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	-	-
<b>Special events expenses</b>	108.84	-
<b>Sunday Night Live</b>	-	100.00
<b>Ancillary Trading</b>	-	-

<b>Payments (cont)</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Church management and administration</b>		
Stationery & Postage	134.21	107.49
Photocopying	216.71	231.66
Church Telephone/Broadband	409.80	322.83
Computer/Website Expenses	-	-
Architect Fees	-	1,223.58
Misc	141.61	382.81
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>902.33</b>	<b>2,268.37</b>
<b>Messy Marks</b>	-	-
<b>Internal Transfers</b>		
Designated Funds	2,500.00	2,500.00
General Reserves	-	-
Fabric Reserves	-	-
Legacy Reserves	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Total Payments - Unrestricted</b>	<b>74,492.29</b>	<b>62,387.52</b>
<b>Payment of Restricted Funds</b>		
Mission Giving to Societies	9,797.17	7,674.57
Charity Collections/Donation	1,079.55	535.62
Gift Day - 2022	2,131.00	-
Gift Day - 2021	441.25	2,177.42
Gift Day - 2020	440.00	4,980.00
Donations	23,003.72	13,979.09
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>36,892.69</b>	<b>29,346.70</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>111,384.98</b>	<b>91,734.22</b>
<b>Notes re General Fund</b>		
<b>Gift Aid Reclaimed</b>		
2021 General Pledged Giving.	9,099.94	
2020 General Pledged Giving.	10,324.30	-
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>		
Electricity	2,570.06	1,432.91
Gas	4,808.49	2,030.66
Water	485.96	476.77

## Mission and Charitable Giving - Restricted

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Pledged Giving	6,145.50	7,054.57
Cash	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaimed	3,013.88	-
Home Communion	-	-
	<b>9,159.38</b>	<b>7,054.57</b>
Harvest Collections - Tearfund/Tap Twinning	503.00	608.00
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	106.25	-
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	18.00	12.00
Leprosy Boxes	10.54	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>9,797.17</b>	<b>7,674.57</b>

<b>Payments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Overseas Mission Fellowship (OMF)	2,137.19	1,646.07
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,137.19	1,646.07
Church Mission Society (CMS)	2,137.19	1,646.06
Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)	915.93	705.46
Church Army	915.94	705.46
Bible Society	915.94	705.45
	<b>9,159.38</b>	<b>7,054.57</b>
Harvest Collections - Tearfund/Tap Twinning	503.00	608.00
Gift Aid Reclaimed - Tearfund	106.25	-
Toilet Twinning (Includes Gift Aid reclaimed)	18.00	12.00
Leprosy Boxes	10.54	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>9,797.17</b>	<b>7,674.57</b>

## Restricted Funds

	Balances 31.12.2021	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31.12.2022
Funeral Collections/Donations for St Mark's:				
In memory of Mrs D Jackson	-	156.40	99.99	56.41
In memory of Mrs J Twyford	-	174.50	-	174.50
	-	-	-	-
	-			-
Gift Day 2021 - Front Paving	2,177.42	-	2,177.42	-
Community Fund	3,046.15	1,878.51	3,955.65	969.01
Children in Poverty	322.12		-	322.12
Fabric Fund	561.08	-	-	561.08
Organ Donation	200.00			200.00
Audio Visual Fund				
Donations	-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
Technicians - Funeral services	1,031.34	180.00	-	1,211.34
Messy Marks	429.27			429.27
Homeless Fund (Buried in Barrow)	3905.72	-	500.00	3,405.72
Music Group	70.00	-	-	70.00
Community Pastor Role Fund	435.73	15,580.00	14,870.66	1,145.07
Interest	-			-
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>12,178.83</b>	<b>19,369.41</b>	<b>23,003.72</b>	<b>8,544.52</b>

### Community Fund

Donations includes Gift Aid reclaimed	718.75	
Transfer from Homeless Fund	250.00	
Nathan Clothes Savers (Clothes Bank)	188.40	
Clothes Bank Petty cash		600.00
Clothes Bank Banner		76.85
Snooker Table & Table Tennis Table		648.94
Pantomime Tickets (Ramsden Infants)		408.50

### *Discretionary Fund*

Funeral Collection in memory of Lily Robinson	721.36	721.36
Discretionary Fund		1,500.00

### Community Pastor Role Fund

Donations	580.00	
Transfer from Legacy (R Walsh)	15000.00	
Salary		14,390.66
Replacement Laptop		480.00

### Homeless Fund (Buried in Barrow)

Furness Homeless Shelter Donation		250.00
Transfer to Community Fund		250.00

### Funeral collection in memory of Dot Jackson

Small portable communion set		99.99
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## Designated Funds

	<b>Balances 31.12.2021</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balances 31.12.2022</b>
Childrens Work	1,019.93	-	-	1,019.93
Messy Marks (Families)	7,500.00	1,500.00	-	9,000.00
Training	1,650.00	500.00	-	2,150.00
Future Evangelism	2,500.00	1,928.84	2,616.04	1,812.80
Interest	15.66	-	-	27.53
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>12,685.59</b>	<b>3,928.84</b>	<b>2,616.04</b>	<b>14,010.26</b>
<b>Future Evangelism</b>				
Out of the Ashes		708.88	1,504.11	(795.23)
Jonathan Viera		719.96	1,111.93	(391.97)

## Reserves

	<b>Balances 31.12.2021</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balances 31.12.2022</b>
Interest	508.59	<b>463.76</b>	-	972.35
General	-	-	-	-
Fabric	-	-	-	-
Legacy - John Hannah				
Building Work/Refurbishment	- 0.00	-	- -	0.00
Community Pastor	-	-	-	-
Deficit	3,474.69	-	-	3,474.69
Reserves/Fabric	4,190.77	-	-	4,190.77
Special Projects	6,511.00	-	-	6,511.00
Technical Upgrade	480.78	-	-	480.78
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>14,657.24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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	-	1,046.00	3,971.46
Audio Visual Streaming Equipment				
Legacy - R Walsh				
Building Work/Refurbishment	-	27,000.00	22,402.58	4,597.42
Community Pastor	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Other (Unallocated)	119,600.18	(42,000.00)	-	77,600.18
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>119,600.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,402.58</b>	<b>82,197.60</b>
<b>Totals at 31st December</b>	<b>145,721.11</b>	<b>463.76</b>	<b>43,448.58</b>	<b>102,736.29</b>

## Allocation of Restricted Collections/Donations for Charities

	<b>2022</b>
Funeral Collections	
St Mary's Hospice (Anderson)	102.20
St Mary's Hospice (Martin)	54.31
British Heart Foundation (Jackson 50%)	156.40
British Heart Foundation (Hunter 50%)	22.50
Cancer Research (Hunter 50%)	22.50
Cardiac Risk in the Young (Dwyer)	104.07
Retiring Collections	
Christian Aid	116.00
Children Society - Christingle	93.00
Children Society - Carols by Candlelight	50.21
Children Society - Gift Aid Reclaimed	12.50
Furness Churches United Choirs Performances	
Torn Curtain - £257.61	
Three Wise Camels - £72.00	
Sovereign Music UK	34.76
Christian Music Ministries Trust	156.43
St Mary's Hospice	138.42
Children Society - Christmas cards donations	16.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,079.55</b>

## Fees Account

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Church Funeral Fees	2,390.00	814.00
Crematorium Funeral Fees	206.00	199.00
Interment	30.00	
Banns	50.00	138.00
Wedding	480.00	969.00
Baptism Certificate		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,156.00</b>	<b>2,120.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Organist	-	-
Verger	180.00	100.00
Technicians - Audio Visual Fund	180.00	100.00
Retired Clergy	-	100.21
Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance	1,394.00	906.67
St Mark's PCC	1,402.00	913.12
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,156.00</b>	<b>2,120.00</b>