



2023 Report for the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar with St Mary, Walton le Wolds.

Aim and Purposes

Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar with St Mary, Walton le Wolds Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Clive Watts, and the Associate Priest the Reverend Fiona Cotton-Betteridge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar with St Mary, Walton le Wolds. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar and St Mary's Walton le Wolds are part of The Barrow and Wolds Group and share a common aim "to be welcoming churches to everyone, where the love of God is encountered through our worship and our life together as churches in our communities, and where lasting friendships are formed and nurtured." And our Vision Statement is "To have presence and impact in our local communities. We will grow our churches with effective pastoral leadership and collaborative ministry

founded on practical spirituality that will reach people of every background and age group.”

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar with St Mary, Walton le Wolds.

Achievements and Performance

This report is enhanced by the video presentation “The Barrow and Wolds Group - Year in Review 2023” which can be viewed on our website www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com and on our You Tube Channel “Barrow and Wolds Group”.

On 3rd July 2023 the Reverend Bob Edge was ordained Deacon and licensed as Assistant Curate to the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group. Having ministered within our churches for two years as an Ordinand on placement we are pleased that he will continue his ministry with our churches and look forward to his ordination as Priest, God willing, in 2024.

Our Ministry Team was further enhanced as we welcomed the Reverend Simon Richards as a retired Priest with Permission to Officiate, and Mr Jay Jones began training as an Associate Pioneer Minister with the Barrow and Wolds Group of churches. Mrs Hannah White resigned from the role of Benefice Administrator at the end of 2023 to pursue her own business, we wish her well for the future and wish to record our thanks for ten years of dedicated service. (N.B. by the time of completing this report recruitment for a replacement has been completed and Mrs Collette Webster-Jones has been appointed as Benefice Administrator).

On Sunday 12th February The Right Reverend Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough presided and preached at the Barrow and Wolds Group Annual Service of Thanksgiving with Authorisation of Local Ministries. During this service we authorised additional Locally Authorised Ministries, with people admitted to the roles of, Lay Worship Leader and Children’s / Youth Worker. This was followed by a highly successful community lunch provided by the Ministry Team.

We celebrated the coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla in May with a series of special commemorative services, bell ringing and community events. A Coronation exhibition was held at St Mary’s, Wymeswold, and a Coronation Concert took place at Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, with over 100 people, including many children, from across the villages of Barrow and the Wolds taking part. One reviewer commented that this was the best event ever held at any of our churches in her eighty year memory.

Community engagement remained a priority, with a number of events continuing to prove popular with the local community. These included plant sales and afternoon teas at Prestwold, ‘Strawberry Tea’ and ‘Harvest Home’ events at Walton, the annual ‘Christmas Tree Festival’ and the ‘Trinity Proms Concert’ and ‘Trinity Fest’ music and arts fair in October at Barrow and the ‘Easter Café’, ‘Harvest Lunch’ and ‘Christmas Tree

Welcome' at Wymeswold. The 'Annual Rectory Garden Party' provided a welcome opportunity for fellowship across the churches.

The Barrow and Wolds Group website, our group wide Social Media platforms on Facebook and Twitter and our dedicated You Tube Channel continue to be the significant means of communication offering up to date information and engagement with our churches.

The four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group have continued to work closely together planning a range of shared events and services in conjunction with each other. This has been particularly relevant as we have sought to become a single United Benefice and have worked together on the Leicester Diocese Shaped by God Together initiative and the process of Minster Community formation (further details elsewhere in this report).

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Regular services at Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar each month include Common Worship Holy Communion, Morning Praise, and a Healing Service. A midweek Book of Common Prayer service alternating between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer is also provided.

Nine annual services are offered at St Mary's, Walton le Wolds as part of the Festival Church programme, including Christmas, Easter, harvest, and summer songs of praise.

Other services within the Barrow and Wolds Group provide both morning and evening Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion and Evensong. Weekly Morning Prayer is offered via Zoom video conferencing. We continue to provide a significant number of Occasional Offices during the year.

Barrow and Wolds Group continues to offer a hybrid worship option with the Live Stream of the weekly service from Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, which is then also made available via our website and dedicated You Tube Channel and social media.

As well as the Annual Service of Thanksgiving with Authorisation of Local Ministries a number of other significant worship events took place during 2023, including the annual 'Raise a Ribbon' Mothering Sunday event, Harvest Festivals, Remembrance Sunday and our Patronal Festival service. Special services were held to mark the coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. We continue to worship together on 5th Sundays of the month as a group of churches.

More informal worship for young people is offered with a 'Little Angels' pram service held at Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar.

Electoral Roll

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are eighty-two parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll of Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, of which five are not resident in the parish. One name was added during the year and two were removed because they moved away from the parish.

In St Mary's, Walton le Wolds there are forty-seven parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll of which one is not resident in the parish. No names were added during the year and one name was removed through death.

The Electoral Roll Officer for Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar is Sue Jones and for St Mary, Walton le Wolds is Patricia Blossom.

Deanery Synod

The three 2023 meetings of the Akeley East Deanery Synod, chaired by The Revd Andrew Race took place in February (at All Saints, Thorpe Acre) June (St Mary's, Wymeswold) and October (St Andrew's, Kegworth). In addition to updates and news of clergy appointments and departures, each meeting featured a guest speaker or topic of discussion.

In February Chris York spoke of the work of the Exaireo Trust with homeless people across 15 houses in Loughborough. Support includes accommodation, health issues, life skills and getting back to work. A recovery programme works with others with addiction problems. The reuse project is another branch of Exaireo's work which allows residents to take items which would otherwise be going to landfill and upcycle them. All furniture and other items, including donated paint, are sold in a shop in Loughborough which is open Tuesday to Saturday. Deanery Synod questions focussed on the funding of Exaireo, how to contribute financially and whether volunteers can help.

There was also a report on the challenges of Diocesan finances in the coming months and years. Those churches with large reserves were challenged to release them to support other parishes and recruit clergy so there would be less draw down on Diocesan reserves. Financial challenges were greater than they had ever been. Dividends from assets were reducing as assets were sold. Parish contributions from around the Diocese had collapsed. Fewer stipendiary clergy in the future would result in eventual solvency for the Diocese. Parishes were encouraged to ask the Generous Giving team to their PCCs to give ideas for encouraging giving. Clergy were needed to preach the word of God, which would encourage giving. Andrew encouraged all to read the Bishop's letter about the Church's financial position and giving.

At the June meeting in Wymeswold The Revds Sue Willets and Liz Rawlings gave a presentation on the diverse vocations and training pathways, both lay and ordained, in our diocese. The discernment processes, recently updated by the Church of England, for both lay and ordained vocation are there to guide us and look at various personal qualities and characteristics. Alongside the vocations discussed in the presentation, in the ensuing discussion the importance of recognising the work and ministry of others in the church was noted, and thanks given for the work of PCCs, Treasurers,

Churchwardens, Sidespersons, and others without whom our churches could not keep going. The need to consider the home situation of those exploring ordination in the process was highlighted as was how we might broaden access to training pathways. There was a concern that the current drive for more unpaid ministry could limit access to vocations to those who can afford to do them unpaid. There was a danger that we will end up with considerable inequality between paid and unpaid roles in the Church.

At St Andrew's Kegworth in October the main discussion point was an update on Shaped By God Together. As we now know, it is proposed that there will be 4 Minster communities from the churches that make up Akeley East Deanery, NW Leics and Goscote. The importance of informing congregations about the discussion process was stressed from the floor and by the Lay Chair. As far as the continuance of deanery synods is concerned, Chair Revd Andrew Race was clear that the synodical structure of the Church of England will not change.

Pastoral Care

The ministry of pastoral care is coordinated across the three parishes of the Barrow and Wolds Group by the Reverend Fiona Cotton-Betteridge, who leads a group wide Pastoral Care Team. Mrs Beverley Lott is the Pastoral Care Coordinator for Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar and Mrs Pam Knowles is the Pastoral Care Coordinator for St Mary's, Walton le Wolds. In addition to the clergy and associate ministers, seven members of the congregations are Locally Authorised as Pastoral Care Workers. The ministry team and volunteers have continued to visit or contact members of the congregation, particularly those members of our parish who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Communion in hospital or at home is provided by members of the ministry team where appropriate. Within the wider Pastoral Care Team, Locally Authorised Baptism Visitors support the pastoral work with those families seeking baptism for their children, Mrs Jenny Boldrin is the Baptism Visitor for Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar and Mrs Pam Knowles for St Mary's, Walton le Wolds.

Mission and Evangelism

The PCC remains committed to reaching out in mission and evangelism to the local community.

Little Angels continues to offer fellowship, fun and a 'pram service' for toddlers and parents, attracting members from across all three parishes. Unfortunately, the Youth Group has been suspended since July 2023 due to a lack of interest among young people 10-16 years for this activity.

The Barrow and Wolds Group website continues to be developed offering up to date information along with our group wide Social Media platforms on Facebook, Twitter and our dedicated You Tube Channel.

A very successful Christmas Tree Festival was held at Barrow in December with visitors from across our group of churches and participation from many community groups. Our

'Lessons and Carols', 'Crib' and 'Christingle' services were well received by members of the church congregations and the wider community as were our Remembrance Day services across all four churches. A number of 'special' services and community events at St Mary Walton have contributed to the success of this church as a 'Festival Church'.

A particular highlight of our missional activity for 2023 was, once again, the third Raise a Ribbon event held for Mothering Sunday, with the names of mothers and significant women in our lives written on large ribbons flying from the tower flagpole. This caught the imagination of many local residents who valued our prayers for their loved ones past and present.

A highly successful and very well received concert by The Wolds Choir performing Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man – A Mass For Peace' was held at St Mary's Wymeswold. The 'Trinity Proms Concert' and 'Trinity Fest' music and arts fair in October, was once again well received by the local community with many people visiting the church over the weekend and many local artists and groups participating in the festival.

A Coronation exhibition was held at St Mary's, Wymeswold, and a Coronation Concert took place at Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, with over 100 people, including many children, from across the villages of Barrow and the Wolds taking part. One reviewer commented that this was the best event ever held at any of our churches in her eighty year memory.

The Barrow and Wolds Group has enjoyed a number of social events across our group of churches, including a fish and chip supper, a number of harvest meals and a "harvest home" party, regular coffee mornings and afternoon teas, and the Rectory Garden Party. The Wymeswold Church Appeal Fund holds social events, raising funds for the fabric of the church building at St Mary's Wymeswold.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and missional work, we continue to support a number of charities, local, national and international. St Andrew's, Prestwold continues to support Bishop Christopher's appeal for medical clinics in Malawi. Churches Together in Barrow has designated the Loughborough Wellbeing Café and the Exaireo Trust as its charitable recipients for 2023. Many boxes of Christmas gifts were provided for Samaritan's Purse along with Christmas Card sales for the Children's Society and a collection for Christian Aid Week. Harvest collections of non-perishable produce were distributed to foodbanks at Project 5,000 and The Carpenters Arms along with regular collections of food donations.

Two magazines are distributed monthly across the group of churches (Parish Magazine for Barrow and Walton and The Christian Link for the Wolds villages).

Schools

Our Priest in Charge, the Reverend Clive Watts, maintains regular contact with three Primary Schools and one Secondary School within our group of parishes.

Weekly Collective Worship is conducted in Hall Orchard Church of England Primary School by the Reverend Clive Watts, with contributions from the Ministers of Barrow Baptist and Methodist Churches. The Priest in Charge meets regularly with the Head Teacher and lead teacher for Religious Education and Collective Worship. There are three Foundation Governors at Hall Orchard School, the Reverend Clive Watts, Mrs Vickie Bowman and Mrs Jenny Boldrin.

Hall Orchard have visited Holy Trinity Church on numerous occasions throughout the year, including Nativity and Carol Services, and Easter Service, and the end school year Leavers Service. Class and year groups have attended for sessions including Baptism, Easter and a Church Treasure Hunt. In addition, Hall Orchard School have used the church as the venue for their regular productions and concerts. Children from the school entered the Christmas Drawing Competition, with the winner's artwork featuring on the Barrow and Wolds Group Christmas Card, and the covers of the various Christmas Orders of Service.

Both Hall Orchard School and Humphrey Perkins School played an active part in the Coronation Concert in May and their contributions to the programme were particularly well received.

The Reverend Clive Watts meets periodically with the Executive Principal of Humphrey Perkins Secondary School, and it is hoped that further links between the churches and this school will be developed in the future.

Ecumenical Relationships

There is a Churches Together group based in Barrow-upon-Soar with representation from the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches. The ministry teams and members of the churches meet together on the first Monday of each month for Ecumenical Prayers. The ministers of the various denominations continue to meet regularly and to pray together. Ecumenical Services involving Anglican, Methodist and Baptist ministers and congregations including the Roman Catholic community were held for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Good Friday, Remembrance Sunday. Weekly 'Lent Lunches' offering a frugal lunch continue to prove a popular ecumenical event.

Two new ecumenical initiatives took place during 2023 with an outdoor Worship Service taking place in Millennium Park during the summer and a Walking Nativity moving throughout the village in December, both were well received and attended, it is envisioned that these initiatives will be repeated.

Financial Review

Barrow:

Total Church funds increased considerably by 31st December to £56622 thanks to a bequest to the Church from Philip Shelton. We received £33470 in 2023 and a further smaller amount of about £3500 is due to be received in 2024. Most of the funds are

deposited with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund earning a respectable rate of interest. There are also long standing investments managed by the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance totalling £9116.

Last year there was a deficit of unrestricted normal and regular income to expenditure of £9825. Our outgoings increased by £5591 last year and our normal income receipts were insufficient to meet these costs in spite of excellent fundraising events. The Christmas Tree Festival was again very successful raising £5816 after expenses. The deficit was met from the Deposit Fund which included the bequest funds.

The restricted funds increased by £1125 following a donation from Tesco towards the Community Cafe.

Walton:

Total funds at 31st December were £2060. Of this £1989 is restricted funds and represents donations and fundraising towards the tower repairs.

Total expenditure exceeded income by £3013 reducing unrestricted funds to £71 at 31st December. Clearly this is a situation that cannot continue and an increase in income will be essential in 2024. This will be addressed in the early part of the year.

Consolidated Funds:

Total funds of the 2 Churches increased to £58684 at 31st December. This increase was due mainly to the bequest to Barrow Church from Philip Shelton.

The full set of accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023 can be found at Appendix One.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise.

For Barrow, last years Reserves increased considerably thanks to the bequest and are now well in excess of that figure. For Walton an increase in funds is urgently required to maintain that balance. For both Churches extra funds may be needed as both are due for quinquennial inspections in 2024.

Fabric Report

Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar:

Overall, the state of the fabric remains good and is regularly monitored with minor defects attended to as they become apparent. Roof leaks during wet weather conditions remain a persistent problem, given the aged state of the roof materials this is

expected to be an ongoing challenge until sufficient funds can be raised for more significant repairs or replacement to be undertaken. This year once again presented no breakdowns of heating plant or electrical system issues.

Doors and associated furnishings (both modern and historic) remain an ongoing maintenance issue, given the high usage of the building.

Externally, the outdoor store (to the north-west aspect of the site) roof and front wall has been rebuilt to a good standard in the summer of 2023 and has remained dry into the winter.

St Mary's, Walton le Wolds:

Overall, the state of the fabric remains fair and is regularly monitored. Repairs to the tower base were not completed during 2023 due to challenges regarding obtaining a suitable architect's specification, quotations, and the resulting faculty for the repairs as well as the funding to pay for the repairs.

Minor repairs to re-seat slipped roof tiles present an ongoing maintenance activity as these occur.

Volunteers

The mission, ministry, life and work of Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar and St Mary's, Walton le Wolds, is dependent on the generosity of time and energy given by the many volunteers who contribute in a myriad of different ways. We would like to express our grateful thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the vibrant community it is.

We held our third annual service of thanksgiving for our volunteers in February 2023, when all volunteers across the Barrow and Wolds Group are celebrated for the contribution they make, and thanks are expressed to all involved.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar with St Mary, Walton le Wolds the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge (Rector designate), The Associate Priest, churchwardens, the elected Deanery Synod representatives, the readers / Associate Ministers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met seven times during the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC of Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar and St Mary, Walton le Wolds has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include, the Standing Committee, Finance and Buildings, Trinity Rooms Management, Social and Events (Barrow) and Social and Events (Walton) are all responsible to the PCC their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Safeguarding

A safeguarding Policy has been signed and adopted by the PCC and is on display in the church. Mrs Sue Disley was appointed Safeguarding Co-Ordinator for the Barrow and Wolds Group in January 2022, taking over from the Reverend Clive Watts. The position of Safeguarding lead for Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar has remained vacant following the resignation of Mrs Frances Acton. Mrs Pam Knowles has continued as Safeguarding Lead for St Mary, Walton le Wolds. Contact details for the Diocesan safeguarding team, the safeguarding co-ordinator and safeguarding lead are displayed within the church building. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In addition, the PCC has developed a GDPR Privacy Notice, a Health and Safety Policy, Social Media Guidelines, and a Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy. The PCC seeks to conduct recruitment following the Safer Recruitment principles.

The Barrow and Wolds Group and United Benefice

During the period covered by this report the parishes of St Mary, Wymeswold and St Andrew, Prestwold together form one benefice. The churches of Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar and St Mary, Walton le Wolds together form one parish (and Benefice). The two benefices (comprising three parishes and four churches and including seven villages) are led by one Priest in Charge together with an Associate Priest and together are informally known as the Barrow and Wolds Group.

The process of consultation to form one united benefice across the two existing benefices, comprising of the three parishes and four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group has continued throughout 2023. Formal notification has been received for the formation of the united benefice, to be called 'The Benefice of Barrow-upon-Soar with Walton le Wolds, Wymeswold and Prestwold with Hoton', with effect from 1st January 2024. The Reverend Clive Watts will become Rector of the united benefice and the Reverend Fiona Cotton-Betteridge will be the Associate Priest.

Some services (Fifth Sundays, Patronal and other festivals) are held jointly around our churches. The Barrow and Wolds Group hosts a shared website and share the services of a paid administrator and weddings administrator.

Some financial aspects of the Barrow and Wolds Group are jointly administered, the annual accounts for these, year ended 31st December 2023, approved by the PCCs are attached at Appendix Two.

Minster Communities and Shaped by God Together

Throughout 2023 St Mary's Wymeswold, along with other local churches have actively engaged in the Diocesan process of Minster Community formation. Minster Communities are groups of churches and fresh expressions working collaboratively and sharing resources to enable effective mission. It is anticipated that further work will continue for Minster Community formation in the local area throughout 2024 and the PCCs look forward to participating in this process and in the life, ministry, and mission of a new Minster Community in the future.

More information on Minster Communities and the Shaped by God Together process can be found on the Leicester Diocese website at <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/sbgt/>

Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church is situated in Barrow-upon-Soar and St Mary's Church is situated in Walton le Wolds, in the County of Leicestershire. They operate as part of the Barrow and Wolds Group of churches. They fall within the Akeley East Deanery, in the Archdeaconry of Loughborough, and are part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 27 Cotes Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8JP. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Clive Watts. (Chairperson)
- Associate Priest: The Reverend Fiona Cotton-Betteridge
- Curate: The Reverend Bob Edge (from July 2023)
- Associate (Reader) Minister: Mrs Pam Knowles (Deanery Synod)
- Associate (Reader) Minister: Mr David Spencer (Deanery Synod)
- Mrs Beverley Lott (Deanery Synod)
- Churchwarden: Mr Richard Hudson
- Churchwarden: Mr Jeremy Bowman

- Churchwarden: Mrs Kath Eastwood-Paramore

Elected members:

- Miss Lynne Brookes (Secretary)
- Mr Martin Roberts (Treasurer)
- Mrs Patricia Blossom
- Mrs Louise Jackson
- Mrs Helen Woods

Approved by the PCC on XXth May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Clive Watts', written in a cursive style.

The Reverend Clive Watts. (PCC Chairperson)

Appendix One



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	PCC of - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BARROW UPON SOAR ST MARY'S CHURCH WALTON LE WOODS		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st DECEMBER 2023	Charity no (if any)	1140303
Set out on pages	1 - 9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: John Beaumont Date: 28/3/24

Name: JOHN BEAUMONT

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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	General Church Funds	Fabric Fund	Restricted Funds	Roof	Total
BARROW-UPON-SOAR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL					
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/2021					
RECEIPTS					
Incoming Resources from Donors					
Planned Giving	30181				30181
Gift Aid envelopes	818				818
Income Tax Recovered	8449				8449
Small Gift Aid collections	3245				3245
Gift aid donations	159				159
Non Gift Aid donations	510				510
Total Inc Res from Donors	43362				43362
Other Voluntary inc. resources					
Charitable Donations	3898				3898
Legacies	33470				33470
Total Voluntary inc.res	37368				37368
Fund Raising and Ancillary Income					
<u>Fundraising Events</u>					
Xmas Tree Festival	6683				6683
Concerts	6140				6140
DCC Fees	1851				1851
Mag sales/adverts/bk stall	892				892
Trinity Rooms lettings	14617				14617
Total F'raising / Anc income	30183				30183
Income From Investments	629	6		521	1156
CBF					
Total inc from Investments	629	6		521	1156
Other Ordinary Income					
Grant	550				550
Insurance Share - Babington	1300				1300
Walton Reims	493				493
Benefice Reimb	786				786
VAT refund	407				407
Others	663				663
Community Cafe			1125		1125
Total other ord income	4199		1125		5324
TOTAL RECEIPTS	115741	6	1125	521	117393
<i>See Note 1 on page 4</i>					

PAYMENTS	General Church Funds	Fabric Fund	Bell Fund	ROOF fund	Total
Charitable Giving (see note 2 on page 4)	4496				4496
Total Charitable Giving	4496				4496
Ministry					
Parish Contribution	31515				31515
Total Ministry	31515				31515
Church Maint/ Costs					
Gas/Elec/Water/Tel	16742				16742
Insurance	6074				6074
Cleaning	5797				5797
Reg and Minor Repairs	4445				4445
Total Maintenance costs	33058				33058
Church Imp/Major repairs					
External storeroom repairs	1610				1610
Moveable screen wall repairs	1920				1920
Total improvements/major repairs	3530				3530
Upkeep of services					
Altar req/flowers	773				773
Junior Church	132				132
Organists	960				960
RSCM affiliation	127				127
Total Upkeep of services	1992				1992
Fund Raising/ Publicity					
Xmas tree Fest	867				867
Concert expenses	628				628
Total Fundraising/Publicity	1495				1495
To Benefice Expenses Account	12750				12750
Total to Benefice Expenses	12750				12750
Management and Admin					
Admin/Stationery	758				758
Honoraria	350				350
Food tea & coffee	311				311
Benefice reimbursement	976				976
Walton reimbursement	493				493
Others	372				372
Total Management/Admin	3260				3260
TOTAL PAYMENTS	92096				92096

NOTE 1			
CHARITABLE DONATIONS			
For Charitable Giving			
Royal Br Legion - Church collection			456.42
Coffee collections			449
Childrens Soc - Christingle service			150.12
Childrens Society			115
CMS Boxes			227.38
CMS donations			115
Raise a Ribbon donation			200
Scouts/Guides Xmas Sce			156.23
Harvest Festivals - Water Aid			188
RNLI			1000
Rainbows - Folk concert			320.69
L'boro Town of Sanctuary-Concerts			456.40
Turkey E'quake appeal			62.50
TOTAL			3897
NOTE 2			
CHARITABLE GIVING			
	From Church Funds		From Char Funds
CMS - Ben & Katy Ray	200		342.38
Action Aid - from coffee coll			200
Fareshare - from coffee coll			249
RNLI - from concert			1000
Project 5000	75		
The Children's Society			265.12
Scouts/Guides - Rainbows			156.23
Beer/Folk Concert - Rainbows			320.69
Friends of Launde	75		
BOS Library - Raise a Ribbon			200
L'boro Town of Sanctuary - concerts			456.40
Royal British Legion			456.42
New Horizons bereavement group	75		
BOS Gd Neighbour scheme	75		
Harvest Festival-Water Aid			188
Turkey E'quake appeal			62.50
Trinity Lunch Group	100		
TOTAL	600		3897
GRAND TOTAL	4497		

	General Church Funds	Restricted Fabric Fund	Restricted Fund	Roof Fund	Total
SUMMARY					
Balance at 1. Balance at 31.12.2022	14530	196		16236	30962
Surplus/Deficit for year	23645	6	1125	521	25297
Jnt Benefice Account surplus/deficit	363				363
Transfers between funds					
Balance at 31.12.2023	38538	202	1125	16757	56622
STATEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Unrestricted/Designated	38538			16757	55294
Restricted		202	1125		1327
TOTAL	38538	202	1125	16757	56622
ASSETS and LIABILITIES					
MONETARY ASSETS					
Santander Current Account	-678		1125		447
Joint Benefice Account	478				478
CBF Funds	38741	202		16757	55699
	38538	202	1125	16757	56622
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Fund Accounts held by the Diocese and managed by the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustee					
				£	
Capt. and Mrs C E Huston Bequest Maintenance of Nave Roof				6988	
Chancel Fund Chancel Repairs				816	
Chancel Repair Fund Chancel Repairs				1312	
Total				9116	
ASSETS					
Consecrated Land and Buildings - These are not the property of the DCC					
Moveable Church Furnishings - These are vested in Wardens on special trust and it is not considered appropriate or cost effective to place a value on these items.					
Liquid Assets These are held in 3 Bank current accounts and CBF Deposit accounts.					
LIABILITIES					
NIL					
Accounting Policies					
The accounts have been prepared on an ongoing concern basis in accordance with Regular					

Table 1

ST MARY'S CHURCH WALTON LE WOLDS**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31.12.2023****RECEIPTS****Incoming Resources from Donors**

Planned giving	1897
Gift Aid Envelopes	95
Income Tax Recovered	686
Offertory	1396

Other Voluntary Income

Donations	330
Charitable Donations	50

Fundraising

Tower Project - Restricted	301
Other fundraising	1526

Fees

	299
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Other Income

	0
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TOTAL RECEIPTS**6580****PAYMENTS****Charitable Giving**

	88
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Ministry

Parish Contribution	3641
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Church Maintenance

Utilities, Cleaning, Servicing and Repairs	1438
Insurance	1548

Major Repairs and Quinquennial Report

Tower repairs	1438
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Leisurebench

	587
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Fundraising Costs

	856
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Management and Administration

Benefice	1290
Others	145

TOTAL PAYMENTS**9593****SUMMARY**

Balance 1.1.22	5039
Jnt Benefice 1.1.22	-10
Deficit	-3013

Jnt Benefice surplus	44
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Balance 31.12.2013	2060
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RESTRICTED FUNDS**Tower Fund****MONETARY ASSETS**

Current - unrestricted	37
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Current restricted	1989
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Joint Benefice	34
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TOTAL	2060
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JOINT BENEFICE INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31/12/2023							
	<u>Barrow</u>	<u>Hoton & Prestwold</u>	<u>Wymes</u>	<u>Walton</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>2022 Amounts</u>	<u>2021 Amounts</u>
Income							
Deposits	£12,750.00	£4,200.00	£4,200.00	£1,290.00	£22,440.00	£19,280.00	£16,470.00
TOTAL INCOME	£12,750.00	£4,200.00	£4,200.00	£1,290.00	£22,440.00		
Expenditure							
Rev. Clive Watts Expenses	£2,017.64	£976.97	£976.97	£276.09	£4,247.67	£3,599.79	£2,616.39
Rev. Fiona Cotton-Betteridge Exps	£528.04	£255.69	£255.69	£72.27	£1,111.69	£1,143.37	£1,041.48
Simon Richardson Expenses	£786.60	£380.88	£380.88	£107.62	£1,655.98	£2,477.00	£1,455.89
Rev. Bob Edge since July 23	£190.38	£92.18	£92.18	£26.06	£400.80	N/A	N/A
Rev. David Stoter	£100.79	£48.80	£48.80	£13.79	£212.18	N/A	N/A
Joint Benefice Office Expenses	£466.19	£225.72	£225.72	£63.81	£981.44	£880.18	£628.81
Church Office Administrator-Salary	£5,770.63	£1,361.25	£1,361.25	£384.81	£8,877.94	£8,340.00	£7,871.00
Church Office Administrator-Pension	£510.89	£120.51	£120.51	£34.13	£786.04	£740.52	£702.00
Hannah Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£366.37	£0.00
Pam Knowles Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£167.81	£0.00
Redemption Publication Hymn Sheets	£231.08	£111.95	£111.95	£31.56	£486.54		
Photocopying	£561.74	£272.01	£272.01	£76.86	£1,182.62	£1,138.17	£1,194.26
New Photocopier Purchase	£892.68	£432.24	£432.24	£122.20	£1,879.36	£1,879.36	£0.00
Baptism, Marriage and Service Prep	£273.09	£132.23	£132.23	£37.37	£574.92	£395.20	£499.95
Web Site & Hosting Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Candles	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£126.60
Pam Hallam-Flowers Barrow	£56.97	-	-	-	56.97	£228.94	£36.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£12,386.72	£4,410.43	£4,410.43	£1,246.57	£22,454.15		
Bank Balances							
1/1/23	£114.31	-£103.72	-£97.36	-£9.48	-£96.25		
12/31/23	£477.59	-£314.15	-£307.79	£33.95	-£110.40		

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS FOR BARROW-UPON-SOAR AND WALTON-LE-WOLDS CHURCH COUNCILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/2023

RECEIPTS	General Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
Incoming Resources from Donors			
-Planned Giving	32078		32078
-Income from Tax Refund	9135		9135
-Collections	6223		6223
Total	47436		47436
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources			
-Donations/Legacies	37748		37748
Fund Raising/Ancillary Income			
-Fund raising events	14349	301	14650
- Fees	2150		2150
- Mag sales /adverts	892		892
-Barrow Trinity Rooms Income	14617		14617
-Photocopying			
Total	32008	301	32309
Income from Investments			
-CBF/Dividends	1150	6	1156
Other Ordinary Income			
Grants	550	1125	1675
Insurance reimbursement	1300		1300
Walton Reims	493		493
VAT refunds	407		407
Benefice reimbursements	786		786
Other Ordinary Income	663		663
Total	4199	1125	5324
TOTAL RECEIPTS	122541	1432	123973
PAYMENTS			
Donations and Charitable giving			
-From Church Funds & Restricted Donations	4584		4584
Ministry			
-Parish Share	35156		35156
Church Maintenance/Running Costs	36044		36044
Church Improvements/Major Repairs			
-Barrow	3530		3530
-Walton	587		587
Total	4117		4117
Upkeep of Services	1992		1992
Fund Raising/Publicity	2351		2351
Benefice Expenses	14040		14040
Management/Administration			
Admin/Printing	758		758
Other Exp	1178		1178
Reimbursements	1469		1469
Total	3405		3405
TOTAL PAYMENTS	101689	0	101689

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS				General Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
Balance at 1.1.23				34105	1886	35991
Surplus/Deficit for year				20852	1432	22284
Joint Benefice Account Surplus/Deficit				407		407
Transfer / Adjustment						
Balance at 31.12.2023				55364	3318	58682
RESTRICTED / UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Unrestricted/ Designated				55366		55366
Restricted					3318	3318
TOTAL				55366	3318	58684
STATEMENT OF ASSETS and LIABILITIES						
MONETARY ASSETS						
Bank Accounts/Cash				-131	3116	2985
CBF Funds				55497	202	55699
TOTAL				55366	3318	58684
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS						
3 Fund Accounts held by the diocese and managed by the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustee Total value at 31.12.2023 - £9116						
ASSETS						
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-Liquid ASSETS - The bulk of these funds are held in CBF Investments						
LIABILITIES	Nil					
Accounting Policies -The accounts have been prepared on an ongoing concern basis and in accordance with Regulations						

Appendix Two

JOINT BENEFICE INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31/12/2023							
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