

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARY MAGDALENE WHISTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1142311

## Details

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**Other names** PCC FOR THE PARISH OF WHISTON

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2011-06-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

**Activities:** Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups. .

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Rotherham

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£112,031	£99,678	-	-
2023-12-31	£106,328	£117,233	-	-
2022-12-31	£107,863	£113,199	-	-
2021-12-31	£107,570	£97,904	-	-
2020-12-31	£122,205	£107,798	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Karen Rachel Skidmore</b>	Chair	2021-02-10
Alan David Teale		2017-04-30
Alan James Bradbury		2011-06-08
Colette Antoinette Jeanne Therese White		2020-10-21
Dr MARY ELIZABETH HOLT		2013-03-19
Janet Sparrow		2024-09-10
John Sparrow		2024-05-14
Kathryn Pamela Jackson		2018-04-15
MATTHEW DAVID HOPPS MA		2013-04-01
MR RAY GALLAGHER		2011-06-08
Malcolm Rodney Ellson		2023-04-26
Marilyn Ellson		2023-04-26
PATRICK WHITE		2011-05-24
Raymond Kelly		2024-05-14
Rev Caroline Natalie Wyman		2024-12-05
Rev Louise Elizabeth McInnes		2025-06-12
Suzanne Booker		2017-04-30
Valerie Ann Dunsford MBE		2019-03-24

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# Accounts

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**Trustees Annual Report (TAR) for the year 2024  
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Patrick J White, Vice-chair of PCC



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Date:

21 March 2025

Name:

Mr Timothy Scruton

Relevant professional  
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Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st December 2024

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General £	Designated £				
<b>Receipts</b>							
Voluntary Receipts-Regular Giving							
Planned giving	1.01	50,328	-	-	-	50,328	51,452
Open plate collection	1.02	2,707	-	-	-	2,707	2,086
Income Tax recovered	1.03	14,776	-	-	-	14,776	15,040
Other service collections	1.04	2,244	-	-	-	2,244	1,773
Other voluntary receipts	1.05	11,192	870	6,438	-	18,500	13,671
Activities for generating funds	1.06	1,624	1,436	-	-	3,060	3,826
Funerals & Weddings	1.07	19,017	-	-	-	19,017	17,867
Income from Investments	1.08	864	-	240	-	1,104	613
Extra income		295	-	-	-	295	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>103,047</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,031</b>	<b>106,328</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Church activities							
Diocesan Common Fund	2.01	33,000	-	-	-	33,000	49,920
Building expenses	2.02	13,329	-	1,335	-	14,664	19,692
Churchyard expenses	2.03	20,814	-	-	-	20,814	14,734
Cost of services incl. clergy expend	2.04	12,308	19	291	-	12,618	11,869
Parish	2.05	325	-	10,538	-	10,863	15,339
Church Management & Administration	2.06	5,574	-	-	-	5,574	1,984
Diocesan Fees	2.07	2,145	-	-	-	2,145	3,695
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>87,495</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,678</b>	<b>117,233</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure) for Year</b>		<b>15,552</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>(5,486)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>(10,905)</b>
<b>Net Gains on Investment Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>745</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>(13,220)</b>	<b>7,713</b>	<b>5,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Movement of Funds in Year</b>		<b>2,332</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>12,551</b>	<b>(10,160)</b>
Balances brought forward 1st January 2024		20,545	35,626	27,388	8,658	92,217	102,377
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2024</b>		<b>22,877</b>	<b>45,626</b>	<b>27,409</b>	<b>8,856</b>	<b>104,768</b>	<b>92,217</b>


Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet)  
For the year to 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment	3.01	8,856		8,658	
			8,856		8,658
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank - current account		32,964		20,899	
Churchyard account		1,608		1,368	
CBF Deposit account		1,000		1,000	
Virgin Money Savings Charities account		60,148		60,000	
Petty Cash		192		292	
			95,912		83,559
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Total Net Assets - Net Worth</b>			104,768		92,217

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Parish Funds</b>					
Unrestricted - General	3.02	22,877		20,545	
Unrestricted - Designated		45,626		35,626	
Restricted		27,409		27,388	
Endowment		8,856		8,658	
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29/4/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Chairman

  
Honorary Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Notes on Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024

**1.01 Voluntary Receipts - Planned Giving**

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gift Aid - Bank	42,265	40,684
Gift Aid - Envelopes	6,230	7,628
Periodic	1,833	3,140
	<b>50,328</b>	<b>51,452</b>

**1.02 Voluntary Receipts - Open Plate**

This relates to regular services only. See Note 1.04.

**1.03 Income Tax recovered**

This is based on a standard rate of income tax of 20%.

**1.04 Other Service Collections**

	2024			Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Baptisms	252	-	-	363
Funerals	1,399	-	-	802
Special	578	-	-	479
Weddings	15	-	-	129
	<b>2,244</b>	-	-	<b>1,773</b>

**1.05 Other Voluntary Receipts**

	2024			Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Children & Youth	-	-	3,792	4,003
Churchyard Upkeep	-	-	-	200
Donations, Appeals	976	870	40	2,275
Fabric Fund	-	-	2,606	2,493
Heating allowance	-	-	-	1,650
Legacies	10,000	-	-	3,000
New Hymn Books	30	-	-	-
One-off Gift Aided Donations	186	-	-	50
	<b>11,192</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>6,438</b>	<b>13,671</b>

**1.06 Activities for Generating Funds**

	2024			Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Christmas Fair	-	1,436	-	1,679
Coffee Sales	1,232	-	-	911
Other	-	-	-	520
Room Hire	36	-	-	30
Sale of Goods	9	-	-	-
Summer Fair	347	-	-	630
Youth Fellowship	-	-	-	56
	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,436</b>	-	<b>3,826</b>

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**1.07 Funerals & Weddings**

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Funerals - Diocese	2,507	-	-	2,507	2,349
Funerals - PCC - Fees	8,649	-	-	8,649	7,832
Funerals - PCC - Reimbursable	2,733	-	-	2,733	1,551
Monuments - Diocese	84	-	-	84	284
Monuments - PCC	934	-	-	934	1,504
Weddings - Diocese	872	-	-	872	720
Weddings - PCC - Fees	2,353	-	-	2,353	2,256
Weddings - PCC - Reimbursable	885	-	-	885	1,371
	<b>19,017</b>	-	-	<b>19,017</b>	<b>17,867</b>

**1.08 Income from Investments**

The Unrestricted Investment income of £864 comes from the interest on the Virgin Money Charity account which has a balance of £60,148 and the CBF Deposit account which has a balance of £1,000.

The Restricted Investment income of £240 is the income from the CBF Income shares of which 383 are held (see Note 3.01).

**2.01 Diocesan Common Fund Contribution**

In 2024 the Parish has made a contribution of £33,000 to the Common Fund.

**2.02 Building Expenses**

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Architect - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	1,202
Bells	30	-	-	30	-
Cleaning materials	189	-	-	189	172
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	2,325
Equipment replacement	-	-	-	-	2,860
Heating and lighting fund	-	-	811	811	168
Insurance	3,999	-	-	3,999	3,946
Maintenance - cleaning	2,160	-	-	2,160	523
Maintenance - fabric	720	-	-	720	-
Maintenance - organ	-	-	524	524	520
Utilities - Gas	5,259	-	-	5,259	7,124
Utilities - Electricity	691	-	-	691	645
Utilities - Water	281	-	-	281	207
	<b>13,329</b>	-	<b>1,335</b>	<b>14,664</b>	<b>19,692</b>

**2.03 Churchyard Expenses**

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Car park rent	60	-	-	60	60
Drive & pathways	-	-	-	-	90
Grave digging	825	-	-	825	545
Maintenance	19,552	-	-	19,552	13,758
Refuse collection	377	-	-	377	281
	<b>20,814</b>	-	-	<b>20,814</b>	<b>14,734</b>

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

Notes on Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024

## 2.04 Cost of Services

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Bell ringers' fees	30	-	-	30	30
Choristers' fees	100	-	-	100	-
Choir material expenses	107	19	-	126	972
Flowers	-	-	291	291	183
Organists' fees	1,259	-	-	1,259	1,060
Organists' stipends	7,200	-	-	7,200	7,200
Upkeep of services	1,993	-	-	1,993	1,239
Verger's fees	360	-	-	360	720
Visiting clergy fees	1,259	-	-	1,259	465
	<b>12,308</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>12,618</b>	<b>11,869</b>

## 2.05 Parish

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Children & Youth expenses	-	-	575	575	734
Children & Youth fees	-	-	9,963	9,963	13,101
Donations	-	-	-	-	370
Gifts	325	-	-	325	-
Incumbent's expenses	-	-	-	-	1,134
	<b>325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,538</b>	<b>10,863</b>	<b>15,339</b>

## 2.06 Administration

	2024				Total 2023 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Equipment	3,247	-	-	3,247	129
Giving stationery	81	-	-	81	81
Photocopying	773	-	-	773	886
Stationery	120	-	-	120	100
Subscriptions	320	-	-	320	177
Telephone & broadband	1,033	-	-	1,033	611
	<b>5,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>1,984</b>

## 2.07 Diocesan Fees

These are the components of statutory fees received for funerals and weddings that are classified "Payable Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)".

They are paid to the diocese which is responsible for paying the incumbent's stipend.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**3.01 Gains/Losses on Investment Assets**

The holding of 383 CCLA CBS Investment Fund shares comprising the Parker Rhodes fund is an Endowment Fund meaning the capital may not be expended.  
Only the investment income may be spent with that restricted to maintaining the family grave.

Funds were priced at £23.12 per share by CCLA on 31/12/2024.

No of Shares	Year End 2023		Year End 2024		Change in Value
	p/Share	Total	p/Share	Total	
383	£22.61	£8,658	£23.12	£8,856	£198

**3.02 Fund Balances held by Parish**

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
<b>Bank Account</b>	£	£
Current Account	32,964	20,899
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**Funds - Nominal**

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	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	-	40	-	40	40
Children & Youth	-	1,443	121	1,564	1,443
Choir	-	-	251	251	371
Churchyard Parker Rhodes	-	-	1,608	1,608	1,368
Craft group	-	-	194	194	194
Fabric	-	1,709	12,962	14,671	11,431
Flowers	-	-	971	971	1,262
General	22,877	-	-	22,877	20,545
Heating fund	-	-	4,348	4,348	4,348
Legacy fund	-	15,434	-	15,434	5,434
Memorials	-	-	323	323	323
Memorial - cremated remains	-	-	591	591	3,574
Organ	-	-	5,425	5,425	5,611
Quinquennial repair fund	-	27,000	-	27,000	27,000
Worship resources	-	-	615	615	615
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WHISTON PARISH CHURCH

APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT  
AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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(Charity Commission Number: 1142311)



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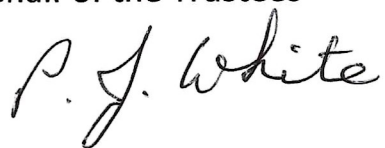
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Patrick J White (Vice-Chair of PCC/Trustees)

Date 25 September 2024



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Income Tax recovered	1.03	15,040	-	-	-	<b>15,040</b>	13,214
Other service collections	1.04	1,773	-	-	-	<b>1,773</b>	939
Other voluntary receipts	1.05	4,068	3,042	6,561	-	<b>13,671</b>	10,914
Activities for generating funds	1.06	3,826	-	-	-	<b>3,826</b>	1,997
Funerals & Weddings	1.07	17,867	-	-	-	<b>17,867</b>	25,842
Income from Investments	1.08	376	-	237	-	<b>613</b>	400
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>96,488</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,328</b>	<b>107,863</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Church activities							
Diocesan Common Fund	2.01	49,920	-	-	-	<b>49,920</b>	48,000
Building expenses	2.02	19,004	-	688	-	<b>19,692</b>	14,791
Churchyard expenses	2.03	14,734	-	-	-	<b>14,734</b>	19,305
Cost of services incl. clergy expend	2.04	10,804	882	183	-	<b>11,869</b>	13,648
Parish	2.05	1,504	-	13,835	-	<b>15,339</b>	11,415
Church Management & Administration	2.06	1,984	-	-	-	<b>1,984</b>	1,725
Diocesan Fees	2.07	3,695	-	-	-	<b>3,695</b>	4,165
Wedding refund		-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>	150
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>101,645</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>14,706</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,233</b>	<b>113,199</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure) / Income for Year</b>		<b>(5,157)</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>(7,908)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,905)</b>	<b>(5,336)</b>
<b>Net Gains / (Losses) on Investment Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>(1,044)</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>(355)</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Movement of Funds in Year</b>		<b>(5,512)</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>(8,343)</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>(10,160)</b>	<b>(6,380)</b>
Balances brought forward 1st January 2023		26,057	32,676	35,731	7,913	<b>102,377</b>	108,757
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2023</b>		<b>20,545</b>	<b>35,626</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>8,658</b>	<b>92,217</b>	<b>102,377</b>

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

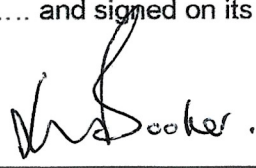
## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet) For the year to 31st December 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment	3.01	8,658		7,913	
			8,658		7,913
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank - current account		20,899		32,044	
Churchyard account		1,368		1,132	
CBF Deposit account		1,000		1,000	
Virgin Money Savings Charities account		60,000		60,000	
Petty Cash		292		288	
			83,559		94,464
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Total Net Assets - Net Worth</b>			92,217		102,377

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Parish Funds</b>					
Unrestricted - General	3.02	20,545		26,057	
Unrestricted - Designated		35,626		32,676	
Restricted		27,388		35,731	
Endowment		8,658		7,913	
			92,217		102,377

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17/14/24 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Chairman

  
Honorary Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**1.01 Voluntary Receipts - Planned Giving**

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gift Aid - Bank	40,684	39,454
Gift Aid - Envelopes	7,628	8,730
Periodic	3,140	3,515
	<b>51,452</b>	<b>51,699</b>

**1.02 Voluntary Receipts - Open Plate**

This relates to regular services only. See Note 1.04.

**1.03 Income Tax recovered**

This is based on a standard rate of income tax of 20%.

**1.04 Other Service Collections**

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total 2022 £
Baptisms	363	-	-	363	456
Funerals	802	-	-	802	422
Special	479	-	-	479	30
Weddings	129	-	-	129	31
	<b>1,773</b>	-	-	<b>1,773</b>	<b>939</b>

**1.05 Other Voluntary Receipts**

	2023				Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Children & Youth	-	-	4,003	4,003	5,032
Churchyard Upkeep	200	-	-	200	3
Donations, Appeals	2,168	42	65	2,275	2,753
Fabric Fund	-	-	2,493	2,493	2,888
Heating allowance	1,650	-	-	1,650	-
Legacies	-	3,000	-	3,000	-
One-off Gift Aided Donations	50	-	-	50	238
	<b>4,068</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>13,671</b>	<b>10,914</b>

**1.06 Activities for Generating Funds**

	2023				Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Christmas Fair	1,679	-	-	1,679	1,516
Coffee Sales	911	-	-	911	471
Other	520	-	-	520	10
Room Hire	30	-	-	30	-
Summer Fair	630	-	-	630	-
Youth Fellowship	56	-	-	56	-
	<b>3,826</b>	-	-	<b>3,826</b>	<b>1,997</b>

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**1.07 Funerals & Weddings**

	2023			Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Funerals - Diocese	2,349	-	-	3,309
Funerals - PCC - Fees	7,832	-	-	10,730
Funerals - PCC - Reimbursable	1,551	-	-	4,038
Monuments - Diocese	284	-	-	225
Monuments - PCC	1,504	-	-	1,322
Weddings - Diocese	720	-	-	1,308
Weddings - PCC - Fees	2,256	-	-	2,405
Weddings - PCC - Reimbursable	1,371	-	-	2,505
	<b>17,867</b>	-	-	<b>25,842</b>

**1.08 Income from Investments**

The Unrestricted Investment income of £376 comes from the interest on the Virgin Money Charity account which has a balance of £60,000 and the CBF Deposit account which has a balance of £1,000.

The Restricted Investment income of £237 is the income from the CBF Income shares of which 383 are held (see Note 3.01).

**2.01 Diocesan Common Fund Contribution**

In 2023 the Parish has made a contribution of £49,920 to the Common Fund.

**2.02 Building Expenses**

	2023			Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Architect - Quinquennial	1,202	-	-	-
Cleaning materials	172	-	-	176
Cleaning	2,325	-	-	-
Equipment replacement	2,860	-	-	5,831
Heating and lighting fund	-	-	168	-
Insurance	3,946	-	-	3,491
Organ maintenance	-	-	520	176
Maintenance	523	-	-	2,783
Utilities - Gas	7,124	-	-	1,760
Utilities - Electricity	645	-	-	419
Utilities - Water	207	-	-	155
	<b>19,004</b>	-	<b>688</b>	<b>14,791</b>

**2.03 Churchyard Expenses**

	2023			Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	
Car park rent	60	-	-	60
Car park repairs	-	-	-	8,760
Drive & pathways	90	-	-	-
Grave digging	545	-	-	-
Maintenance	13,758	-	-	10,204
Refuse collection	281	-	-	281
	<b>14,734</b>	-	-	<b>19,305</b>

## Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

Notes on Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023

**2.04 Cost of Services**

	2023				Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Bell ringers' fees	30	-	-	30	480
Choristers' fees	-	-	-	-	300
Choir material expenses	90	882	-	972	233
Flowers	-	-	183	183	239
Organists' fees	1,060	-	-	1,060	2,065
Organists' stipends	7,200	-	-	7,200	6,828
Upkeep of services	1,239	-	-	1,239	1,376
Verger's fees	720	-	-	720	885
Visiting clergy fees	465	-	-	465	1,207
Visiting clergy travel	-	-	-	-	35
	<b>10,804</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>13,648</b>

**2.05 Parish**

	2023				Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Children & Youth expenses	-	-	734	734	475
Children & Youth fees	-	-	13,101	13,101	8,133
Donations	370	-	-	370	462
Gifts	-	-	-	-	288
Incumbent's expenses	1,134	-	-	1,134	1,216
Social events	-	-	-	-	671
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	50
Worship resources	-	-	-	-	120
	<b>1,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,835</b>	<b>15,339</b>	<b>11,415</b>

**2.06 Administration**

	2023				Total 2022 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Equipment	129	-	-	129	10
Giving stationery	81	-	-	81	108
Photocopying	886	-	-	886	653
Stationery	100	-	-	100	59
Subscriptions	177	-	-	177	160
Telephone & broadband	611	-	-	611	735
	<b>1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>1,725</b>

**2.07 Diocesan Fees**

These are the components of statutory fees received for funerals and weddings that are classified "Payable Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)".

They are paid to the diocese which is responsible for paying the incumbent's stipend.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**3.01 Gains/Losses on Investment Assets**

The holding of 383 CCLA CBS Investment Fund shares comprising the Parker Rhodes fund is an Endowment Fund meaning the capital may not be expended.

Only the investment income may be spent with that restricted to maintaining the family grave.

Funds were priced at £22.61 per share by CCLA on 31/12/2023.

No of Shares	Year End 2022		Year End 2023		Change in Value
	p/Share	Total	p/Share	Total	
383	£20.66	£7,913	£22.61	£8,658	£745

**3.02 Fund Balances held by Parish**

	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
<b>Bank Account</b>	£	£
Current Account	20,899	32,044
Churchyard account	1,368	1,132
CBF Deposit account	1,000	1,000
Virgin Money Savings	60,000	60,000
Petty Cash	292	288
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,559</b>	<b>94,464</b>

**Funds - Nominal**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	-	40	-	40	40
Children & Youth	-	1,443	-	1,443	8,644
Choir	-	-	371	371	1,189
Churchyard Parker Rhodes	-	-	1,368	1,368	1,132
Craft group	-	-	194	194	194
Fabric	-	1,709	9,722	11,431	11,369
Flowers	-	-	1,262	1,262	1,405
General	20,545	-	-	20,545	26,057
Heating fund	-	-	4,348	4,348	4,348
Legacy fund	-	5,434	-	5,434	2,434
Lighthouse project	-	-	-	-	50
Memorials	-	-	323	323	281
Memorial - cremated remains	-	-	3,574	3,574	3,574
Organ	-	-	5,611	5,611	6,132
Quinquennial repair fund	-	27,000	-	27,000	27,000
Worship resources	-	-	615	615	615
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>20,545</b>	<b>35,626</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>83,559</b>	<b>94,464</b>

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# Accounts

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St Mary Magdalene  
WHISTON PARISH CHURCH

APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT  
AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

(Charity Commission Number: 1142311)



Reverend Karen Skidmore

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**St Mary Magdalene**  
**WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING**  
**Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7.00 pm**

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Churchwardens

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022
3. Reports: Chairman of PCC Church Activities in 2022; PCC; Financial (for adoption); Gift Aid; Churchwarden's; Safeguarding; Children's Ministry; Deanery Synod; Electoral Roll.
4. Appointments:
  - a) PCC members – 4 vacancies
  - b) Deanery Synod – 2 vacancies
  - c) Independent Examiner
5. Any other business
6. Closing Prayer

**FIRST MEETING of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Agenda

Election of Officers:

Vice-chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Standing Committee; Electoral Roll Officer

## **WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Karen Skidmore

The Vicarage, 493 Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham S60 4LB

**Associate Priest:** Reverend Toby Gibbons

The Vicarage, 10 Clifton Crescent North, Rotherham S65 2AS

Both priests are Oversight Ministers for the Rotherham East Central Mission Area, within the Rotherham Deanery. The Mission Area comprises three parishes, namely, St Mary Magdalene, Whiston; St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe; and St James, Clifton.

### **Bank:**

TSB Bank

### **Independent Examiner:**

Tim Scruton FCA ICAEW

69 Altbara Road

Teddington

TW11 8SY

## **Report on the Activities of the Church in 2022**

Any reflection in Britain in 2022 must include two events. The first is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the second is her death a few months later. For the life of St Mary Magdalene, it is no different. We celebrated the Jubilee wholeheartedly and it was a highlight of our life together last year. It was an opportunity to gather and relax socially in a way that we'd not been able to do since the pandemic struck. The relief and joy that this brought was clear to see. We enjoy being a church community.

St Mary Magdalene grieved over the Queen's death in a way that embraced our parish community. Our bell was tolled, and our doors were open for people to sign the book of condolence and to light candles. When we shared a Mission Area Service of Condolence it was moving and well attended. We were able to place Jesus in the centre, as we remembered the Queen's personal faith.

Both these events in our church's life demonstrate something about our identity; the importance of a Jesus centred church family and our witness to and interaction with the wider community – with a glimpse of the growing relationship and significance of our wider Mission Area.

The year was also a time of rebuilding. As the year progressed our Sunday morning and midweek services built back up to strength. Visitors came, stayed, and became a full part of our church, serving alongside us and joining in with our midweek groups. While our eucharistic services have remained consistent in character we have experimented with our evening worship and our offer for family friendly worship.

Evening choral services have been carefully crafted with seasons and festive times in mind. Seasons have been marked with a variety of moving and uplifting music which have delighted and stimulated the congregation and our choir members alike.

In the Autumn, online family services gave way to a new afternoon service – Refresh@4. This offered a family friendly relaxed and informal environment to gather, learn together and worship Jesus. We have seen brand new families join us as well as stalwart families return to in person worship. As well as our new family service we also held Harvest and Remembrance parade services which gave the opportunity for the whole church community to come together at these special times. Both of these expressions of worship were

significant – a new offer for those we struggle to reach and also a larger whole church gathering for special festivals. With our outdoor/indoor crib service gathering the crowds again it is right that we continue to explore and be open to different ways of drawing others to worship with us.

Our children's and youth provision has continued to be a great strength, including our wonderful and ever-growing relationship with our schools. This roots our life in the community and grows our opportunity to share the gospel.

Looking forward we will continue to need to be rooted in one another and in Christ – both through regular worship and through the lifeline of our midweek groups. Our foundations need to go into Jesus and our identity in him. The stronger our foundation the more confident we will be as we reach out to others and across divides. We have been rebuilding as a church, there is still building to be done across the Mission Area. We will need to continue to develop our relationship with our sister churches in the Mission Area.

Occasional joint services, regular prayer meetings, study groups and visioning meetings will carry on. Together with Christ as our cornerstone we can be built together as a church, in the community and across our Mission Area. He is the one around who we are centred and in whom we can trust.

**Reverend Karen Skidmore**  
**Priest in Charge, St Mary Magdalene Whiston**  
**Oversight Minister, Rotherham East Central Mission Area**

## **Parochial Church Council (PCC) Report for APCM 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Following the 2022 APCM on 24<sup>th</sup> May, there were 12 elected members and three ex-officio.

There were seven meetings of PCC in 2022, four of which were held via Zoom. All meetings were chaired by Revd Karen Skidmore. Standing Committee did not meet formally in 2022, but, between PCC meetings, reached financial decisions, when necessary, via email correspondence.

Churchwarden, Financial, Safeguarding and Children's Ministry reports were discussed at every PCC meeting; likewise reports from the Deanery and Diocesan Synod, as available. In addition, the PCC's work included the following:

### **i. Covid-19 pandemic issues:**

- a. Omicron variant – in January 2022, although the R rate for Rotherham was above the national average, PCC concluded that normal church activities could continue but some less structured activities would have a longer Christmas break.
- b. Gradual relaxation of COVID-19 safety measures in church – had already occurred by the May 2022 PCC, with the abolition of the 'one-way' system and the return of singing of hymns/full vocal participation in Sung Eucharist services by the congregation. Given the, by then, low prevalence of Covid infections locally and the protection offered by vaccinations, PCC considered and agreed to relaxations recommended by the Oversight Ministers for face mask wearing, social distancing and the resumption of refreshments after services. Distribution of Communion would remain from a single station and in one kind (bread), pending review at the July PCC.
- c. Reintroduction of the shared chalice – at the July PCC and in accordance with C of E guidance, PCC members supported the proposed re-introduction of the shared chalice from the Patronal Service (24<sup>th</sup> July), thereby providing individual communicants with the opportunity to receive in both kinds. 'Dipping' or intinction of Communion wafers would not be permitted.
- d. Cleaning of Church – at the September PCC, review of the enhanced Covid prevention cleaning arrangements in place since the first re-opening of Church in July 2020, concluded that, normally, the church would no longer need to be cleaned more than once on a Sunday. Cleaning would occur before or after life event services, unless 48hrs had elapsed since the last service or would elapse before the next.

### **ii. Mission and Ministry:**

- a. Revd Louise Castle, Associate Priest (SSM) - was welcomed to her first Whiston PCC meeting in January. After she had taken 'time out' in March, it was announced that she would not be continuing in the Mission Area.
- b. Mission Area Vision Days – were discussed at PCC meetings before and after each of the two days which were held at St James Church Hall on Saturdays in February and September. The first, entitled 'Leading Your Church into Growth' was led by Revd John Day, Acting Archdeacon of York. In the second, Revd Julie Bacon, Associate Archdeacon Rotherham & Laughton had led a bible study on Acts 2.37-47, often regarded as describing 'the birth

of the Church'. PCC members who were able to attend either or both days found working together and sharing knowledge with members of the other two parishes valuable.

- c. Care and well-being of the clergy – this C of E publication, entitled 'A Document for Reflection and Action for Local Congregations' approved by General Synod in 2019, was considered at the July PCC meeting, having also been the subject of an 'initial conversation' with the Churchwarden and members of the congregation who stayed behind after the service on the preceding Sunday. PCC members resolved to consider each of the document's four subsections separately and more fully in subsequent meetings.
  - d. Introduction of clergy 'church, coffee and chat' sessions – also at the July PCC meeting, members welcomed the initiative offered by both Oversight Ministers (OM) to compensate for their rarely being able to remain at St Mary Magdalene Whiston following the 9.45am Sunday Eucharist Services, given their requirement to progress to St Cuthbert's for their 11.00 am service. The initiative offered by the OM was that on alternate Wednesdays, on a trial basis to end September 2022, one or other of them would be in Church from 11-12 noon or 6-7 pm, to chat informally with parishioners.
  - e. New All Age Sunday Family Services at 4pm – later known as 'Refresh @4', were also introduced by the OM at the July PCC meeting, with the explanation that the timing of the service would hopefully be found more convenient for families. The intention was to hold them twice monthly starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Given the subsequent timing of the late Queen's funeral, the start date was deferred to October 2022.
  - f. Focal Ministry – in the September PCC, members welcomed Revd Julie Bacon (JB) who explained that an important aspect of her role as Archdeacon Transition Enabler was to work with clergy who were transitioning from Parochial Ministry to Oversight Ministry. Moving on to speak about Focal Ministers, she said the intention was for them to be 'visible persons in the local community who could be contacted as the public face of the Church'. Where Focal Ministry had already become established, it was usually carried out by a team of three or more people, each with different gifts. JB then described the process of discernment that might lead to the appointment of one or more Focal Ministers in a parish.
- iii. **Church and Churchyard:**
- a. Lighting – over the year, PCC members, or Standing Committee members acting on their behalf, approved the expenditure necessary to enable (i) the replacement of all lights in the Church and meeting rooms and (ii) all the external light fittings and bell tower lights to be changed to LED.
  - b. Church carpark resurfacing – given concern about potholes, in March, PCC members agreed that contact should be made with a local contractor, recommended by the Diocesan Surveyor. Several months delay then ensued whilst a property agent, acting on behalf of the Diocese, assessed the carpark's potential for housing development, with negative result. Shortly before the September PCC, Standing Committee approved the £8,760

expenditure necessary to enable the local contractor to proceed with the work in early October 2022.

- c. National Bats in Churches Survey 2022 – at the March PCC, members agreed that the Churchwarden should invite the Project (working in partnership with the C of E, conservation, and heritage organisations) to undertake their survey. This was performed on 12<sup>th</sup> August, using a recording device capable of capturing ultrasonic emissions from any bats. At the September PCC, members received the news that no evidence of bat presence had been found.
- d. Upper meeting room – at the May meeting of PCC, members recognised that work needed to be undertaken to make this room more suitable for use by the Starfish Gang and that a small group of volunteers would be needed to assist the Churchwarden with this work. At the September meeting, the time and effort invested by Anthea Goodman and Lucy Luckock was gratefully acknowledged, but it was noted that further work was needed.
- e. Church audio system – increasingly unreliable over the preceding months, by late November it was apparent that replacement of the 18-year-old lapel VHF microphones and amplifier was urgently required. Further to advice from a sound engineer in the company that had provided audio support to the church for >20 years, PCC members gave unanimous support for the purchase of new UHF microphones, amplifier, and handheld channel.

**iv. Financial matters:**

- a. QR code facility for donations – at the January PCC, members were pleased to hear from the Honorary Treasurer, that payments from Stripe.com had started to come through to the PCC bank account consequent upon use of the QR code donation facility in Church.
- b. Organist & Choirmaster's Stipend – at the July PCC, members unanimously agreed to the proposal that this be increased by 11.5%.
- c. Independent Examiner – further to his election at the APCM in May, Mr Tim Scruton, FCA, ICAEW, was formally approved as Independent Examiner for 2022 at the September PCC meeting.
- d. New gas contract 10.01.2023 – 09.01.2026 – with the existing contract with British Gas Direct due to expire in January 2023, and rising energy prices generally, Standing Committee were very grateful to John Sparrow for his research and, in August, followed his recommendation that the Church should change supplier to Pozitive Energy, via Green Journey (recommended by the Diocese). A new contract was signed in early August. Although the cost per year would now be almost four times as much as previously, it was significantly lower than it would have been if continuing with the previous supplier. To reduce church heating costs, PCC moved back to Zoom meetings from November 2022 – March 2023, inclusive.
- e. Common Fund Pledge – further to a letter received from the Diocese, encouraging Parishes to increase their 2023 pledge by 4% on their 2022 pledge, following discussion at the July PCC meeting, members unanimously agreed to this, thus making a pledge of £49,920 to the Common Fund for 2023.

**v. Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

- a. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's Accession – in January, PCC were pleased to learn of the Organist and Choirmaster's plans to enable a special Choral Evensong on 6<sup>th</sup> February to mark this.
- b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration – at the May PCC, members were pleased to hear of the progress made by the planning group, led by Anthea Goodman towards an afternoon tea celebration in Whiston Parish Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. An application had been made to RMBC for a grant of £500 towards costs and PCC unanimously awarded £250. At the July PCC, members rejoiced that the grant application to RMBC had been successful and at the joyfulness of the occasion on 4<sup>th</sup> June, the first Church social gathering since before the start of the pandemic. Grateful appreciation of the hard work put in by Anthea and her Jubilee Planning Team was specially recorded in the minutes.
- c. Response to the death of Her Late Majesty 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – at the November PCC, Revd Karen thanked all who had enabled the Church to be open between the Queen's death and her state funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> September so people could attend, light a candle, and make an entry in the condolence book, if they wished. The evening service commemorating Her Late Majesty on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September had been well attended and much appreciated.

**vi. Other:**

- a. Eco-Church - next steps – has been a standing item on the agenda for PCC meetings since July 2022. In November 2020, the Diocesan Synod supported the General Synod motion that all parts of the Church should reach 'Net Zero' carbon emissions by 2030 and committed to the A Rocha UK Eco Church and Eco Diocese programmes. St Mary Magdalene Parish Whiston has registered as an Eco Church with A Rocha.
- b. Cost of living crisis – due to the rising costs of energy and inflation, this was an important topic for discussion at the November PCC meeting. Taking a Mission Area approach, it was hoped that members of the congregation would feel able to assist initiatives in the other two parishes where (i) frequency of coffee mornings (and thus warm space provision) at St James Church, had increased from fortnightly to weekly; and (ii) at St Cuthbert's Church where 'Coffee Pot' mornings were now occurring twice monthly, for two hours. At Whiston, the Natter Group meetings in the Parish Hall would continue monthly.

**Dr Mary E. Holt**  
**PCC Secretary**

## **Gift Aid Report to APCM April 2023**

We are grateful to everyone who signs up to the Gift Aid scheme.

This year a total of £14,044.41 has been received from Revenue and Customs from quarterly gift aid claims, of this sum £665.75 was due to the Children's Ministry Fund and £478.84 to the Fabric Fund

We also received a further £314.18 from the annual Gift Aid and Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), which is paid against all the Open Plate donations from every service throughout the year.

The grand total for the year 01/01/22 to 30/12/22 is **£14,358.59**.

Thank you all.

**Elizabeth Hacon**  
**Gift Aid Secretary**

## **WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**

**(Saint Mary Magdalene)**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

#### **Report from the Churchwarden on the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

##### **Introduction**

The church started the year still under the restrictions of the guidelines implemented by the government. These restrictions were gradually eased as the year progressed until they finally ceased with the return of refreshments after the Sunday morning service at the beginning of June. There was also a welcome return to holding meetings again in church, with several groups taking the opportunity to have face to face gatherings again.

A number of the practices introduced during the Covid restrictions have continued as good practice, for example – the use of hand sanitiser before communion and the use of the one way system during communion. The church continues to have a thorough clean before each regular and life event service unless there is a sufficient time gap between services to make this unnecessary.

##### **Care of the Church Building**

During the year work to care for the church building was carried out follows:

1. The annual check of the fire extinguishers took place.
2. The contract for the church's broadband was renewed.
3. Work was carried out on the lighting in church. All of the LED light bulbs in the main body of the church were replaced with the latest version of LED bulbs and all of the remaining lighting in church not already converted to LED lighting were changed as well. This means more economical lighting and a better quality of lighting in church.
4. The external lighting at the front of church, which was originally installed as part of the Millennium project, has been replaced with LED lighting. The lighting to the rear of church will be replaced at some point in 2023.
5. In August the church took part in the National Bats in Church survey. This included having specialist recording equipment installed in church for two nights to detect the presence of bats. No evidence was found of any bat presence in church.
6. In October a periodic survey was carried out by our insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG). The last survey with EIG was in 2014, when a representative of the insurers visited Whiston. The telephone survey has replaced the visit. During the survey around 25 specific questions about the church were asked, covering a range of topics from security and health and safety to risk assessments. The survey was

completed satisfactorily, and a Risk Management Report was received. There were no required (ie mandatory) actions and two recommended actions: to prepare and carry out health and safety risk assessments and to prepare and carry out a fire risk assessment. With the exception of the Covid risk assessments, it is some years since such assessments were carried out and documented. It would be well worthwhile to carry out relevant assessments over a period of time (say 12 months) but it will require setting up a small team of people to do this.

7. An upgrade to the sound system was carried out in December at the quoted cost of £3,066. The major part of the upgrade was to change the radio mic system to UHF to overcome the dropping out and distortions associated with the old system. The new system appears to be working very well.
8. Regrettably it was not possible to make any progress with the proposed replacement of the Rainwater Dispersal System or the installation of an aumbry. It is hoped that faculties for both of these projects will be submitted during 2023.

### **Care of the Churchyard**

It was another busy year in the churchyard, with the following work being carried out:

1. In terms of routine maintenance, the grass was cut regularly and the churchyard continued to be maintained to a high standard by our grounds maintenance contractor, Andy Marshall.
2. The usual heavy fall of leaves in the autumn was cleared by Andy Marshall over a period of several days, a big job for two men. They also removed the Christmas wreaths and tidied up the churchyard prior to Easter.
3. The storms in the early part of the year caused damage to an ash tree which overhangs the public footpath between the west side of church and Lychgate House. Initial damage was dealt with by Andy Marshall, but subsequent more serious damage meant that a tree surgeon had to be brought in and the public footpath closed temporarily by the Council.
4. In several areas of the churchyard the problem of grave subsidence, which is a recurring problem at Whiston, had become more serious. This was dealt with by Andy Marshall, but the work involved was more substantial than was first thought.

### **Church Car Park**

1. As reported last year, the state of the car park was a concern as there were several areas where potholes were a problem. The cost of carrying out the repairs falls to the church as the lessee of the car park. As the year progressed it became apparent that urgent action would be required before the winter as it had become a health and safety hazard. Following a recommendation from the Diocesan Surveyor, Hillcrest Surfacing of Maltby were appointed to carry out the repair at a cost of £8,760. The work was carried out satisfactorily in October.

## **Summary**

2022 was the year when normality – a new normality – returned and we were able to make progress and catch up with the maintenance and improvements that need to be done in a number of areas. There is, however, still much to do, particularly in relation to the rainwater dispersal system, to ensure that this beautiful Grade 2\* building remains a beautiful place to worship God.

Thank you everyone who has helped in any way to care for the church and the churchyard during these difficult times, it is greatly appreciated. Particular thanks are given to Alan Bradbury for his continuing support as Assistant Churchwarden.

**As Churchwarden I am pleased to report that the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the Church are in good order, subject to the concerns about the rainwater dispersal system highlighted in this report.**

Alan Teale

Churchwarden

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

## **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

At Whiston Parish Church we take our collective responsibility for creating a safe and welcoming place for all and in particular for safeguarding those most vulnerable in our community. Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda for every PCC meeting. The PCC complies with the following:

- the safeguarding requirements laid down by the Diocese of Sheffield
- the Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance
- the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

In line with Church of England guidelines, enhanced DBS checks have now been carried out for 14 PCC members and for 18 volunteers who support our work with children and young people. These checks will be repeated every three years. Val Dunsford (Parish Safeguarding Officer) has completed the safeguarding leadership qualification and will be trained to deliver basic safeguarding training for PCC members and volunteers from April 2023.

Over the past year no safeguarding issues have been raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officer and no referrals have been made to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

**Valerie Dunsford**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer**

30 March 2023

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting for Charities published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

All expenditure is accounted for and when paid.

Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct cost of activities. Where cash costs relate to more than one functional category, they have been split as appropriate.

### **Categories of Funds found in the accounts:**

- **Unrestricted Funds** which are for general use in promoting any of the church's purposes.
- **Designated Funds** which are Unrestricted Funds that the PCC has set aside for a specific purpose. An example is the charitable donations of the net income from the summer and Christmas Fairs.
- **Restricted Funds** which have been donated for a specific purpose, e.g. Organ Renovation Fund.
- **Endowment Funds** which have been donated with the condition that they are to be invested, the income only to be used for a specific purpose. Our only example is the Parker Rhodes legacy invested with CCLA, with the income used for the upkeep of the family grave.

### **Reserves Policy:**

Our policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least three months in the unlikely event of our receiving no income from any source. When unrestricted reserves fall below this level, the PCC makes their replenishment high priority.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1142311

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

5 March 2023

**Name:**

Mr Timothy Scruton

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA, ICAEW

**Address:**

69 Atbara Road, Teddington, TW11 9PA

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st December 2022

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total	Total
		General £	Designated £			2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>							
Voluntary Receipts-Regular Giving							
Planned giving	1.01	51,699	-	-	-	<b>51,699</b>	52,936
Open plate collection	1.02	2,858	-	-	-	<b>2,858</b>	389
Income Tax recovered	1.03	13,214	-	-	-	<b>13,214</b>	14,932
Other service collections	1.04	939	-	-	-	<b>939</b>	859
Other voluntary receipts	1.05	2,793	92	8,029	-	<b>10,914</b>	11,543
Activities for generating funds	1.06	1,997	-	-	-	<b>1,997</b>	-
Funerals & Weddings	1.07	25,842	-	-	-	<b>25,842</b>	21,602
Income from Investments	1.08	158	-	242	-	<b>400</b>	309
Extra Income		-	-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>99,500</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8,271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,863</b>	<b>107,570</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Church activities							
Diocesan Common Fund	2.01	48,000	-	-	-	<b>48,000</b>	47,722
Building expenses	2.02	14,615	-	176	-	<b>14,791</b>	9,252
Churchyard expenses	2.03	19,305	-	-	-	<b>19,305</b>	11,473
Cost of services incl. clergy expend	2.04	13,276	233	139	-	<b>13,648</b>	12,530
Parish	2.05	2,687	170	8,558	-	<b>11,415</b>	10,600
Church Management & Administration	2.06	1,725	-	-	-	<b>1,725</b>	1,592
Diocesan Fees	2.07	4,165	-	-	-	<b>4,165</b>	3,325
Wedding refund		150	-	-	-	<b>150</b>	1,410
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>103,923</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>8,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,199</b>	<b>97,904</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure) / Income for Year</b>		<b>(4,423)</b>	<b>(311)</b>	<b>(602)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,336)</b>	9,666
<b>Net (Losses) / Gains on Investment Assets</b>		-	-	-	(1,044)	<b>(1,044)</b>	1,110
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		1,393	(765)	(628)	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement of Funds in Year</b>		<b>(3,030)</b>	<b>(1,076)</b>	<b>(1,230)</b>	<b>(1,044)</b>	<b>(6,380)</b>	10,776
Balances brought forward 1st January 2022		29,087	33,752	36,961	8,957	<b>108,757</b>	97,981
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2022</b>		<b>26,057</b>	<b>32,676</b>	<b>35,731</b>	<b>7,913</b>	<b>102,377</b>	<b>108,757</b>

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet)

For the year to 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment	3.01	7,913		8,957	
			<b>7,913</b>		<b>8,957</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank - current account		32,044		37,809	
Churchyard account		1,132		896	
CBF Deposit account		1,000		1,000	
Virgin Money Savings Charities account		60,000		60,000	
Petty Cash		288		95	
			<b>94,464</b>		<b>99,800</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			-		-
<b>Total Net Assets - Net Worth</b>			<b>102,377</b>		<b>108,757</b>

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Parish Funds</b>					
Unrestricted - General	3.02	26,057		29,087	
Unrestricted - Designated		32,676		33,752	
Restricted		35,731		36,961	
Endowment		7,913		8,957	
			<b>102,377</b>		<b>108,757</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14.03.2023 and signed on its behalf by:

P. J. White  
(Vice) Chairman

Suzanne Booker  
Honorary Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**1.01 Voluntary Receipts - Planned Giving**

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Gift Aid - Bank	39,454	34,645
Gift Aid - Envelopes	8,730	16,786
Periodic	3,515	1,505
	<b>51,699</b>	<b>52,936</b>

**1.02 Voluntary Receipts - Open Plate**

This relates to regular services only. See Note 1.04.

**1.03 Income Tax recovered**

This is based on a standard rate of income tax of 20%.

**1.04 Other Service Collections**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Baptisms	456	-	-	456	42
Funerals	422	-	-	422	209
Special	30	-	-	30	-
Weddings	31	-	-	31	608
	<b>939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>859</b>

**1.05 Other Voluntary Receipts**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Children & Youth	-	-	5,032	5,032	3,591
Churchyard Upkeep	3	-	-	3	235
Donations, Appeals	2,576	92	85	2,753	2,523
Fabric Fund	-	-	2,888	2,888	2,855
Memorial Inscriptions	-	-	-	-	58
One-off Gift Aided Donations	214	-	24	238	2,281
	<b>2,793</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8,029</b>	<b>10,914</b>	<b>11,543</b>

**1.06 Activities for Generating Funds**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Christmas Fair	1,516	-	-	1,516	-
Sale of goods	10	-	-	10	-
Coffee Sales	471	-	-	471	-
	<b>1,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>-</b>

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**1.07 Funerals & Weddings**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Funerals - Diocese	3,309	-	-	3,309	3,286
Funerals - PCC - Fees	10,730	-	-	10,730	8,641
Funerals - PCC - Reimbursable	4,038	-	-	4,038	2,576
Monuments - Diocese	225	-	-	225	69
Monuments - PCC	1,322	-	-	1,322	419
Weddings - Diocese	1,308	-	-	1,308	989
Weddings - PCC - Fees	2,405	-	-	2,405	4,078
Weddings - PCC - Reimbursable	2,505	-	-	2,505	1,544
	<b>25,842</b>	-	-	<b>25,842</b>	21,602

**1.08 Income from Investments**

The Unrestricted Investment income of £158 comes from the interest on the Virgin Money Charity account which has a balance of £60,000 and the CBF Deposit account which has a balance of £1,000.

The Restricted Investment income of £242 is the income from the CBF Income shares of which 383 are held (see Note 3.01).

**2.01 Diocesan Common Fund Contribution**

In 2022 the Parish has made a contribution of £48,000 to the Common Fund.

**2.02 Building Expenses**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Cleaning Materials	176	-	-	176	-
Equipment Replacement	5,831	-	-	5,831	743
Insurance	3,491	-	-	3,491	3,397
Organ Maintenance	-	-	176	176	680
Maintenance	2,783	-	-	2,783	1,641
Utilities - Gas	1,760	-	-	1,760	2,213
Utilities - Electricity	419	-	-	419	477
Utilities - Water	155	-	-	155	101
	<b>14,615</b>	-	<b>176</b>	<b>14,791</b>	9,252

**2.03 Churchyard Expenses**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Car Park Rent	60	-	-	60	60
Maintenance	10,204	-	-	10,204	11,113
Refuse Collection	281	-	-	281	275
Car Park Repairs	8,760	-	-	8,760	25
	<b>19,305</b>	-	-	<b>19,305</b>	11,473

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**2.04 Cost of Services**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Bell Ringers' Fees	480	-	-	480	80
Choisters Fees	300	-	-	300	-
Choir Material Expenses	-	233	-	233	323
Flowers	100	-	139	239	77
Organists' Fees	2,065	-	-	2,065	1,445
Organists' Stipends	6,828	-	-	6,828	6,456
Upkeep of Services	1,376	-	-	1,376	1,569
Verger's Fees	885	-	-	885	1,165
Visiting Clergy Fees	1,207	-	-	1,207	1,368
Visiting Clergy Travel	35	-	-	35	47
	<b>13,276</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>13,648</b>	12,530

**2.05 Parish**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Children & Youth Expenses	-	-	475	475	50
Children & Youth Fees	-	50	8,083	8,133	7,914
Donations	462	-	-	462	2,500
Gifts	288	-	-	288	-
Incumbent's Expenses	1,216	-	-	1,216	136
Refreshments	50	-	-	50	-
Social Events	671	-	-	671	-
Worship Resources	-	120	-	120	-
	<b>2,687</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>8,558</b>	<b>11,415</b>	10,600

**2.06 Administration**

	2022				Total 2021 £
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	
Equipment	10	-	-	10	-
Giving Stationery	108	-	-	108	122
Photocopying	653	-	-	653	753
Stationery	59	-	-	59	-
Subscriptions	160	-	-	160	160
Telephone & Broadband	735	-	-	735	557
	<b>1,725</b>	-	-	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,592</b>

**2.07 Diocesan Fees**

These are the components of statutory fees received for funerals and weddings that are classified "Payable Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)".

They are paid to the diocese which is responsible for paying the incumbent's stipend.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
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**3.01 Gains/Losses on Investment Assets**

The holding of 383 CCLA CBS Investment Fund shares comprising the Parker Rhodes fund is an Endowment Fund meaning the capital may not be expended.

Only the investment income may be spent with that restricted to maintaining the family grave.

Funds were priced at £20.66 p/share by CCLA on 31/12/2022

No of Shares	Year End 2021		Year End 2022		Change in Value
	p/Share	£ Total	p/Share	£ Total	
383	2,339	8,957	2,066	7,913	(1,044)

**3.02 Fund Balances held by Parish Bank Account**

	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
	£	£
Current Account	<b>32,044</b>	37,809
Churchyard account	<b>1,132</b>	896
CBF Deposit account	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Virgin Money Savings	<b>60,000</b>	60,000
Petty Cash	<b>288</b>	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,464</b>	<b>99,800</b>

**Funds - Nominal**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Bells	-	40	-	40	-
Children & Youth	-	1,443	7,201	8,644	10,534
Choir	-	-	1,189	1,189	619
Churchyard - Parker Rhodes	-	-	1,132	1,132	898
Craft Group	-	-	194	194	194
Fabric	-	1,709	9,660	11,369	11,294
Flowers	-	-	1,405	1,405	1,539
General	26,057	-	-	26,057	29,087
Heating Fund	-	-	4,348	4,348	4,348
Legacy Fund	-	2,434	-	2,434	3,500
Lighthouse Project	-	50	-	50	50
Memorials	-	-	281	281	239
Memorial-Cremated Remains	-	-	3,574	3,574	3,574
Organ	-	-	6,132	6,132	6,309
Quinquennial Repair Fund	-	27,000	-	27,000	27,000
Worship Resources	-	-	615	615	615
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>26,057</b>	<b>32,676</b>	<b>35,731</b>	<b>94,464</b>	<b>99,800</b>

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# Accounts

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St Mary Magdalene  
WHISTON PARISH CHURCH

APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

(Charity Commission Number: 1142311)



Reverend Karen Skidmore

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**St Mary Magdalene**  
**WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00 pm**

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Churchwardens

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021
3. Reports: Chairman of PCC Church Activities in 2021; PCC; Financial; Parish Giving; Churchwarden's; Safeguarding; Children's Ministry; Deanery Synod; Electoral Roll.
4. Appointments:
  - a) PCC members – 4 vacancies
  - b) Independent Examiner
5. Any other business
6. Closing Prayer

**FIRST MEETING of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Agenda

Election of Officers:

Vice-chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Standing Committee; Electoral Roll Officer

## **WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Incumbent:** Vacant from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Following their licensing as Oversight Ministers for the Rotherham East Central Mission Area, by Bishop Sophie of Doncaster, on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Karen Skidmore

The Vicarage, 493 Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham S60 4LB

**Associate Priest:** Reverend Toby Gibbons

The Vicarage, 10 Clifton Crescent North, Rotherham S65 2AS

### **Bank:**

Royal Bank of Scotland - until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

TSB Bank - from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Independent Examiner:**

Tim Scruton FCA ICAEW

69 Altbara Road

Teddington

TW11 8SY

## **Report on the Activities of the Church in 2021**

When we look back over 2021 it is clear that it has been a time of tremendous challenge and also a time when St. Mary Magdalene has shown tremendous resilience. We have navigated a constantly changing landscape of legal requirements and recommendations and in the midst of this we have begun a new phase in our life as a church.

In February, Rev Toby Gibbons and Rev Karen Skidmore were licensed as Oversight Ministers for the Mission Area of Whiston, Herringthorpe and Clifton. Bishop Sophie presided over the online service which was a strange but joyful time. When the church opened again on Easter Day, Karen and Toby went to each church together as they began their new ministry across the churches. The Mission Area offers us many opportunities. We can look beyond parish boundaries to discover richness from one another as we serve and share our love for Jesus. Nevertheless, it has been a time of great adjustment. Having Oversight Ministers rather than a designated Parish Priest for each church, is something which will take time to feel normal. This is a part of a wider Diocesan vision which includes not just having Oversight Ministers for Mission Areas but also lay Focal Ministry Teams in each place which are able to provide that local attention which is so important. We are at the beginning of this journey together. We have not yet reached the stage where we can commission Focal Ministry Teams, but this will be something which we will work towards. We *have* been able to grow our relationships across the Mission Area; spending time together in various ways as the pandemic allowed. We held Lent and Advent courses together; we celebrated Ascension Day at St. James and shared a Boxing Day service at St Mary Magdalene. These have been significant times which have been built on going into 2022.

Throughout the year we have carried on worshipping and 'being church'. The Choir has been a constant for our in-person worship. They have consistently lifted the congregation through their music. The Bulletin has also provided consistency and kept in touch with many who have been more distant from church (and everyone in lockdown). Using video conferencing has remained an important way in which we have been able to stay connected. This was used all year for our PCC meetings, for Open the Book Assemblies and the monthly online Family Time.

Many of our groups resumed face to face meeting in the Autumn, from Healing Prayers to Mother's Union, from YouthZone to Little Fishes, from Nourish and Natter to the Wednesday Eucharist. Flexibility has been needed as sometimes positive Covid tests have necessitated going back online, but we have persisted, and people have been grateful for the extra contact they have had.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was Christmas. It was a time of joy - with Rainbows and Guides Christingles, a shared café Christingle, an outdoor Nativity, Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day services. It wasn't quite everything we would normally do but it was so much closer than the experience in 2020.

Looking back at 2021 it is clear that we have been stretched in different ways. Some dear church members have gone to glory, and others have faced considerable difficulties. It is love that sustains and love that can move us forward – God's love for us, our love for him and our love for each other. Jesus said, 'a new commandment I give to you – that you love one another'. This means loving the whole of our church community, our Church Officers, and Oversight Ministers; our Organist and our Centenary Project Worker; our cleaner and our

Reader; officiating priests and worshipping congregants and our sister church communities. Jesus challenges us that the quality of our love is noticed by those around us. As we forge plans for the future, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to but at the heart of it all must be love.

**Reverend Karen Skidmore**  
**Priest in Charge, St Mary Magdalene Church Whiston**  
**Oversight Minister, Rotherham East Central Mission Area**

## **Parochial Church Council (PCC) Report for APCM 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Following the 2020 APCM on 21<sup>st</sup> October, there were 12 elected members and 5 ex-officio. After the 2021 APCM on 25<sup>th</sup> May, the number of ex-officio members reduced initially to 4, with Janine Teale's retirement as Reader, and to 3 from 31<sup>st</sup> August, at the conclusion of Colette White's term of office as Churchwarden. Colette did not seek re-election as Churchwarden in May. In the absence of other nominees, Alan Teale was re-elected as sole Churchwarden. From May 2021, the number of elected members on PCC remained at 12 and included Colette White, now duly elected for a three-year term.

There were seven meetings of PCC in 2021, six of which were held via Zoom. The first meeting was chaired by Patrick White. Following her licensing as Priest in Charge of St Mary Magdalene Whiston in February, Revd Karen Skidmore chaired the remaining meetings; and the five meetings of Standing Committee, which were also held via Zoom. Churchwarden, Financial, Safeguarding and Children's Ministry reports were discussed at every PCC meeting; likewise, reports from the Deanery and Diocesan Synod meetings, as available. In addition, the PCC's work included the following:

### **i. COVID-19 pandemic issues:**

- a. Reopening of the Church for worship on Easter Day morning 4.04.2021 – PCC members voted in favour of this on 9<sup>th</sup> March, having considered not only the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown in England' and the recent Ad Clerum from Bishops Pete and Sophie; but also, the relatively high prevalence of COVID-19 infections locally. It was anticipated that most of the congregation would have received at least their first COVID vaccination by early April. All COVID-19 safety precautions, identified by the Risk Assessment, would be remaining in place for the foreseeable future. For Easter Day, a booking system would be used to manage the anticipated increased demand.
- b. Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings – following discussion on 11<sup>th</sup> May, PCC determined funeral directors should be advised that the number of attendees who could be safely accommodated in the church building, given COVID-19 safety requirements, was 50. Baptism services would be held separately from the Sunday Parish Eucharist services, most likely on Sunday afternoons, following necessary church cleaning. Each service would be limited to one family, with total attendees restricted to 30. For weddings, the total number of attendees would be 30.
- c. Response to Government's ending of all COVID-19 legal restrictions from 19.07.2021 – on 13<sup>th</sup> July, PCC members supported the slow, phased approach to easing of COVID-19 safety restrictions proposed by both Oversight Ministers, commencing no earlier than the first Sunday of September and with communication about this to rest of the congregation and other attendees to be of central importance. Subsequently, Wednesday morning Communion services recommenced in October; Choir robing recommenced from Remembrance Sunday; and reusable service booklets and hymn books were re-introduced from Advent.

- d. Bell ringing updated COVID-19 Risk Assessment - was ratified by PCC in September. Following their refurbishment and formal inspection, occasional ringing of the bells had recommenced on 21st July.

ii. **Mission and Ministry:**

- a. Children's Ministry – in March, PCC approved expenditure of £150 on audio-visual equipment to support Lucy Luckock's work with children and families, the majority of which continued via Zoom meetings. In late September, face-to-face meetings for Little Fishes resumed, followed by Starfish Gang, YouthZone and the Nourish Group meetings, from October. PCC also approved the minimal cost of hiring the Message bus for a visit to YouthZone.
- b. Reader retirement – at the meeting in May, PCC members learned that Janine Teale (JT) would not be seeking Bishop's Permission to Officiate, following her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and that she would thus be retiring from her role as Reader. KS thanked JT for her many years of ministry as Reader and as an ex-officio member of PCC.
- c. Vision for Parish and Mission Area – at the July meeting, KS said that she and TG had begun to meet with small groups from the three churches to begin conversations and 're-focussing' as a prelude to considering 'what we should be doing'. Conversations had included worship and other activities. Difficulties caused by the need for the priest officiating at the 9.45 am St Mary Magdalene Parish Eucharist on Sunday mornings to move swiftly to the 11 am St Cuthbert service were noted.
- d. Part-time Non-stipendiary Associate Priest – in September, PCC members learned that Revd Louise Castle would be joining the Mission Area. She was subsequently licensed as Associate Priest on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, in a service at St James Clifton.

iii. **Church and Churchyard:**

- a. Replacement of Church path – in January, PCC approved expenditure on replacement of the crazy paving path (which had become a tripping hazard) with a straight concrete path. This has since been well used and appreciated.
- b. Replacement of Rainwater Dispersal System – in May, PCC members gave unanimous approval to Faculty application being made for removal of the Church's existing rainwater dispersal system and installation of a new system, in accordance with the Drainage Plan, Specification and Schedule of Work (February 2021) prepared by the Church Architect. PCC also approved the costing of £36,731.75 + VAT, based on an initial quote from Keystone (Yorkshire) Ltd, noting that further quotes might be sought. (VAT, once paid, should be recoverable via a Listed Places of Worship Grant.)
- c. Benches in the new Churchyard – in May, following discussion, PCC agreed to the provision of two new benches in the paved area of the new Churchyard, one inscribed in memory of those who had lost their lives to COVID-19; and the other to carry a line of Scripture.
- d. Aumbry – in July, PCC members confirmed their agreement to Faculty application being made for installation of an aumbry in Church, having approved

the costing of £4,040 + VAT, based on the quote provided by Keystone in March.

- e. Amended Churchyard Rules – in July, once the faculty for the new cremated remains had been issued, PCC members approved adoption of Churchyard Rules which had been amended to include (i) Revd Karen Skidmore replacing Bishop of Sheffield as person in charge; and (ii) text relating to burials in the new cremated remains area, specifying use of biodegradable caskets.
- f. Hedging saplings from the Woodland Trust for the new Churchyard – 105 arrived in November. Local community and church members were involved in their planting.
- g. Church carpark upkeep and repairs – in November, following review of the lease, PCC accepted that it was responsible for upkeep of the carpark and repairs to ‘wear and tear’ damage. Quotations for repair of potholes would be sought.

**iv. Financial matters:**

- a. Diocesan Common Fund contributions – in January, PCC members approved payment of an additional £1,470 to the Fund. The total amount paid for 2020 was by then 7% more than pledged. In July, given that, consequent upon COVID-19, the Diocese’s annual income had decreased by £730,000, PCC members agreed to accelerate the rate at which the amount pledged for 2021 was paid. In September, PCC approved the donation of an additional £2,500 to the Common Fund. It was also agreed that, for 2022, the total amount pledged to the Diocesan Common Fund would be £5,000 higher than for 2021, thus, a total of £48,000. In December, PCC donated a further £2,500 to the Common Fund.
- b. Change of Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts – in July, Suzanne Booker, Honorary Treasurer, advised PCC members that Ian Saunders, who had acted as Independent Examiner for many years, was currently unable to do this for the 2020 Accounts, for health-related reasons. PCC were happy to accept SB’s suggestion that she invite her son-in-law, Tim Scruton, a Chartered Accountant in London, to take on the role, for a year in the first instance. SB anticipated that he, like Ian, would be content to provide this service free of charge. In September, PCC were pleased to learn that Mr Scruton had approved the Accounts and would shortly be providing the signed paperwork necessary for the PCC’s 2020 submission to the Charity Commission.

**Dr Mary E. Holt**  
**PCC Secretary**

## **Giving Report to APCM 2022**

As the pandemic rolled on throughout 2021, we continued to worship together in safety and our giving also continued with generosity.

On your behalf I have claimed £14,457.74 from Inland Revenue on our giving for the year.

We have been pleased to welcome some new regular givers, but rest assured, if you do prefer to give through donations outside the envelope or bank giving schemes, we are still able to claim Gift Aid on that within certain guidelines, any amounts should be in cash and under £30.00. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the printed envelopes available in church.

My thanks go to you all for all your generosity and your many talents that contribute so richly to our church life.

**Elizabeth Hacon**  
**Giving Director and Gift Aid Secretary**

**WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**(Saint Mary Magdalene)**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Report from the Churchwarden on the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the  
Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Introduction**

Last year's report from the Churchwardens started with the statement 'The report of the Churchwardens for 2020 is made against a background of unique circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, which has affected – and continues to affect – every part of society.' These unique circumstances continued in to, and throughout, 2021, with the year starting with the third national lockdown.

Church was closed from 7<sup>th</sup> January until 4<sup>th</sup> April, when church re-opened for Easter Sunday, and has remained open since. Strict government restrictions were in force during 2021 and into the early part of 2022. The church complied with these restrictions, which were in place nationally; the Church of England provided helpful information on the interpretation and implementation of these restrictions, which were updated frequently as the status of the pandemic continued to change.

**Church Building and Services**

During the first quarter of the year when the church was closed the building was checked on a frequent basis by a small number of designated individuals. Prior to the church re-opening for Easter full risk assessments in accordance with government guidelines were carried out by the PCC.

The bells remained out of use until July. Following a risk assessment, the bells became available for ringing again, for the first time in 16 months. This was subject to the availability of bell ringers and adherence to the guidelines for using the bell tower. When possible, a single bell has been rung before the Sunday morning service. Up until that point the Ellacombe chimes had been used to ring for special occasions, notably Easter Sunday and in remembrance of the Duke of Edinburgh. The bell tower was open on Yorkshire Day for people to have an escorted and socially distanced look at the bells.

The PCC has a legal responsibility to keep the church safe for all users at all times. This included the requirement to keep the church clean in accordance with government guidelines and to undertake whatever additional cleaning is required to fulfil this obligation. The church had a thorough clean before each service and each wedding, baptism and funeral. Cleaning continues to be carried out by one individual on a paid basis.

## **Care of the Church Building**

Despite the Coronavirus pandemic, work to care for the church building was carried out during the year:

1. The annual check of the fire extinguishers took place.
2. A smart meter to monitor electricity usage and submit meter readings was installed.
3. A periodic test of the lightning conductor was carried out successfully.
4. The contract for the church's broadband was renewed at a reduced fee of £40.95 per month (from £47.45).
5. A Bose free standing sound system (including microphone and stand) has been purchased at a cost of £589. As it can be battery operated, it can be used at outdoor as well as indoor events.
6. Regrettably it was not possible to make any progress with the proposed replacement of the Rainwater Dispersal System or the installation of an aumbry. It is hoped that faculties for both of these projects will be submitted during 2022.
7. An appeal of assistance to help with some of the necessary routine activities undertaken at church was made to the congregation. The appeal generated some useful offers of help, including a new intercessor, an offer to assist at baptisms, offers to help with the gardening and an offer to do the weekly photocopying. This assistance is gratefully received, as is the continuing support of the many people who already provide help with the life of the church. New volunteers to do things are always welcome.

## **Care of the Churchyard**

A substantial amount of work has been carried out in the churchyard during the year:

1. In terms of routine maintenance, the grass was cut regularly and the churchyard maintained to a high standard by our grounds maintenance contractor, Andy Marshall.
2. There was a successful tidying of the churchyard at Easter, with Andy Marshall removing the material collected. However, the heavy fall of leaves in the autumn was cleared by Andy Marshall as this was too onerous to be carried out by volunteers from the congregation – it took two men over a week to do this.
3. The crazy paved path which ran from the drive to the corner of the churchyard had become a serious trip hazard and so was replaced, at a cost of £2,985. A number of paving stones were donated, which helped to reduce the cost, and a £100 gift aided donation towards the cost was also received.
4. The fencing alongside the public footpath at the side of the cricket field showed further signs of deteriorating – it is over 15 years old. To prolong its life a number of the fence posts were reinforced with angle iron. This was done at a cost of £428.

5. The faculty for the burial of cremated remains in a biodegradable casket in a designated area of the new churchyard was approved and burials have commenced. In this area of the churchyard the plots are half the size of a full burial plot and can hold up to four caskets. Each plot can have its own full sized headstone (either York stone or black marble).
6. A further application for 105 hedging saplings was made to the Woodland Trust and was successful. A new hedge has been planted in the new churchyard, with help from the Starfish Gang, Brownies and two classes from Whiston Worrygoose (including the Head Teacher) and Whiston J and I. Everyone involved seemed to enjoy themselves and have a good time.
7. The state of the car park is now a concern as there are several areas where potholes are a problem. The cost of carrying out the repairs falls to the church as the lessee of the car park. Options for carrying out the repairs are to be investigated, including seeking support from the residents who use it.

### **Summary**

Thank you everyone who has helped in any way to care for the church and the churchyard during these difficult times, it is greatly appreciated. Particular thanks are given to Colette White, who was involved with these activities for most of the year until standing down as Churchwarden at the end of August, and Alan Bradbury for his continuing support as Assistant Churchwarden.

**Given all that has taken place during 2021, it is pleasing for me as Churchwarden to report that the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the Church are in good order, subject to the concerns about the rainwater dispersal system highlighted in this report.**

Alan Teale

Churchwarden

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting for Charities published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

All expenditure is accounted for and when paid.

Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct cost of activities. Where cash costs relate to more than one functional category, they have been split as appropriate.

### **Categories of Funds found in the accounts:**

- **Unrestricted Funds** which are for general use in promoting any of the church's purposes.
- **Designated Funds** which are Unrestricted Funds that the PCC has set aside for a specific purpose. An example is the charitable donations of the net income from the summer and Christmas Fairs.
- **Restricted Funds** which have been donated for a specific purpose, e.g. Organ Renovation Fund.
- **Endowment Funds** which have been donated with the condition that they are to be invested, the income only to be used for a specific purpose. Our only example is the Parker Rhodes legacy invested with CCLA, with the income used for the upkeep of the family grave.

### **Reserves Policy:**

Our policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least three months in the unlikely event of our receiving no income from any source. When unrestricted reserves fall below this level, the PCC makes their replenishment high priority.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31st December 2021

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	Note	Unrestricted	Funds	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>							
Voluntary Receipts-Regular Giving							
Planned giving	1.01	52,936	0	0	0	52,936	54,536
Open plate collection	1.02	389	0	0	0	389	486
Income Tax recovered	1.03	14,932	0	0	0	14,932	17,960
Other service collections	1.04	251	608	0	0	859	458
Other voluntary receipts	1.05	4,297	40	7,206	0	11,543	19,422
Receipts from Church activities						0	
PCC Activities	1.06	0	0	0	0	0	227
Funerals & Weddings	1.07	21,602	0	0	0	21,602	17,857
Income from Investments	1.08	81	0	228	0	309	520
From RBS re transfer to TSB		5,000	0	0	0	5,000	810
Insurance claim		0	0	0	0	0	9,928
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>99,488</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,570</b>	<b>122,205</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Church activities							
Diocesan Common Fund	2.01	47,722	0	0	0	47,722	43,470
Building expenses	2.02	8,572	0	680	0	9,252	26,069
Churchyard expenses	2.03	11,473	0	0	0	11,473	18,333
Cost of services incl. clergy expend	2.04	12,150	323	57	0	12,530	10,148
Parish	2.05	2,636	50	7,914	0	10,600	6,971
Church Management & Administration	2.06	1,592	0	0	0	1,592	1,398
Diocesan Fees	2.07	3,325	0	0	0	3,325	1,309
Wedding refund		1,410	0	0	0	1,410	100
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>88,880</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>8,651</b>		<b>97,904</b>	<b>107,798</b>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for Year</b>		<b>10,608</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>-1,217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,666</b>	<b>14,406</b>
<b>Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>522</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>-6,889</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>4,114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Movement of Funds in Year</b>		<b>3,719</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>10,776</b>	<b>14,928</b>
Balances brought forward 1st January 2021		25,368	30,702	34,064	7,847	97,981	83,053
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2021</b>		<b>29,087</b>	<b>33,752</b>	<b>36,961</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>108,757</b>	<b>97,981</b>

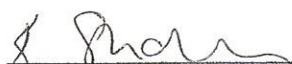
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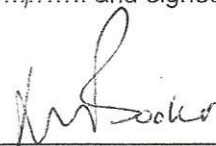
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet)  
For the year to 31st December 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment	3.01	8,957		7,847	
			8,957		7,847
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank - current account		37,809		28,370	
Churchyard account		896		669	
CBF Deposit account		1,000		1,000	
Virgin Money Savings Charities account		60,000		60,000	
Petty Cash		95		95	
			99,800		90,134
<b>Liabilities</b>			0		0
<b>Total Net Assets - Net Worth</b>			108,757		97,981

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Parish Funds</b>					
Unrestricted - General	3.02	29,087		25,368	
Unrestricted - Designated		33,752		30,702	
Restricted		36,961		34,064	
Endowment		8,957		7,847	
			108,757		97,981

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10/05/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Chairman

  
Honorary Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Notes on Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021

**1.01 Voluntary Receipts - Planned Giving**

	Total 2021	Total 2020
Gift Aid - Bank	34,645	35,927
Gift Aid - Envelopes	16,786	18,134
Periodic	1,505	475
	<b>52,936</b>	<b>54,536</b>

**1.02 Voluntary Receipts - Open Plate**

This relates to regular services only. See Note 1.04

**1.03 Income Tax recovered**

This is based on a standard rate of income tax of 20%

**1.04 Other Service Collections**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Designated	Total	
Baptisms	42	0	42	60
Funerals	209	0	209	398
Special	0	608	608	0
	<b>251</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>458</b>

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**1.05 Other Voluntary Receipts**

Children & Youth  
 Churchyard Upkeep  
 Donations, Appeals  
 Fabric Fund  
 Memorial Inscriptions  
 One-off Gift Aided Donations

2021				Total 2020
General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
0	0	3,591	3,591	5,944
235	0	0	235	42
2,223	40	260	2,523	5,758
0	0	2,855	2,855	3,498
58	0	0	58	1,365
1,781	0	500	2,281	2,815
<b>4,297</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7,206</b>	<b>11,543</b>	<b>19,422</b>

**1.06 PCC Activities**

Baptism Certificates  
 Coffee Sales

Total 2021	Total 2020
0	14
0	213
<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Notes on Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021

**1.07 Funerals & Weddings**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Restricted	Total	
Funerals - Diocese	3,286	0	3,286	1,604
Funerals - PCC - Fees	8,641	0	8,641	10,809
Funerals - PCC - Reimbursable	2,576	0	2,576	2,901
Monuments - Diocese	69	0	69	143
Monuments - PCC	419	0	419	931
Weddings - Diocese	989	0	989	70
Weddings - PCC - Fees	4,078	0	4,078	1,254
Weddings - PCC - Reimbursable	1,544	0	1,544	145
	<b>21,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,602</b>	<b>17,857</b>

**1.08 Income from Investments**

The Unrestricted Investment income of £81 comes from the interest on the CBF  
Deposit account which has a balance of £1,000

Virgin Money Charity account with a balance of £60,000

The Restricted Investment income of £228 is the income from the CBF Income  
shares of which 383 are held (see Note 3.01)

**2.01 Diocesan Common Fund Contribution**

In 2021 the Parish has made a contribution of £47,722 to the Common Fund.

**2.02 Building Expenses**

	2021				Total 2020
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Architect-Quinquennial	0	0	0	0	1,764
Bell Restoration	0	0	0	0	4,200
Cleaning Materials	0	0	0	0	296
Equipment Replacement	743	0	0	743	331
Insurance	3,397	0	0	3,397	3,392
Organ Maintenance	0	0	680	680	307
Maintenance	1,641	0	0	1,641	12,486
Utilities - Gas	2,213	0	0	2,213	1,994
Utilities - Electricity	477	0	0	477	1,201
Utilities - Water	101	0	0	101	98
	<b>8,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>26,069</b>

**2.03 Churchyard Expenses**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Restricted	Total	
Car Park Rent	60	0	60	60
Maintenance	11,113	0	11,113	16,217
Memorial	0	0	0	1,662
Refuse Collection	275	0	275	270
Car Park Repairs	25	0	25	0
Security	0	0	0	124
	<b>11,473</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,473</b>	<b>18,333</b>

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**2.04 Cost of Services**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Designated	Restricted	
Bell Ringers' Fees	80	0	0	30
Bell Ringing Fees	0	0	0	0
Choristers' Fees	0	0	0	0
Choir Material Expenses	0	323	0	0
Flowers	20	0	57	112
Linen and vestments	0	0	0	0
Organists' Fees	1,445	0	0	265
Organists' Stipends	6,456	0	0	6,455
Upkeep of Services	1,569	0	0	1,020
Verger's Fees	1,165	0	0	435
Visiting Clergy Fees	1,368	0	0	1,791
Visiting Clergy Travel	47	0	0	40
	<b>12,150</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10,148</b>

**2.05 Parish**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Designated	Restricted	
Children & Youth Expenses	0	50	0	209
Children & Youth Fees	0	0	7,914	5,610
Donations	2,500	0	0	0
Gifts	0	0	0	27
Incumbent's Expenses	136	0	0	0
Magazine Cost Contribution	0	0	0	1,125
	<b>2,636</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7,914</b>	<b>6,971</b>

**2.06 Administration**

	2021			Total 2020
	General	Designated	Total	
Equipment	0	0	0	105
Giving Stationery	122	0	122	118
Photocopying	753	0	753	418
Stationery	0	0	0	30
Subscriptions	160	0	160	157
Telephone & Broadband	557	0	557	570
	<b>1,592</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>1,398</b>

**Diocesan Fees**

These are the components of statutory fees received for funerals and weddings that are classified "Payable Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)". They are paid to the diocese which is responsible for paying the incumbent's stipend.

**Gains/Losses on Investment Assets**

The holding of 383 CCLA CBS Investment Fund shares comprising the Parker Rhodes fund is an Endowment Fund meaning the capital may not be expended. Only the investment income may be spent with that restricted to maintaining the family grave.

Funds were priced at £23.3867p p/share by CCLA on 31/12/ 2021

No of Shares	Year End 2020		Year End 2021		Change in Value
	p/Share	£ Total	p/Share	£ Total	
383	2,048.73	7,846.64	2,338.67	8,957.11	1,110.47

FUND BALANCES

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3.02 Fund Balances held by Parish	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
<b>Bank Account</b>	£	£
Current Account	37,809	28,370
Churchyard account	896	669
CBF Deposit account	1,000	1,000
Virgin Money Savings	60,000	60,000
Petty Cash	95	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,800</b>	<b>90,134</b>

Funds - Nominal

	Unrestricted	Funds	Restricted	Total	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£		£	£
Children & Youth	0	1,493	9,041	10,534	11,841
Choir	0	0	619	619	0
Churchyard - Parker Rhodes	0	0	898	898	669
Craft Group	0	0	194	194	194
Fabric	0	1,709	9,585	11,294	7,731
Flowers	0	0	1,539	1,539	1,360
<b>General</b>	<b>29,087</b>	0	0	<b>29,087</b>	25,368
Heating Fund	0	0	4,348	4,348	4,348
Legacy Fund	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
Lighthouse Project	0	50	0	50	50
Memorials	0	0	239	239	197
Memorial-Cremated Remains	0	0	3,574	3,574	3,242
Organ	0	0	6,309	6,309	7,019
Quinquennial Repair Fund	0	27,000	0	27,000	24,000
Worship Resources	0	0	615	615	615
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>29,087</b>	<b>33,752</b>	<b>36,961</b>	<b>99,800</b>	<b>90,134</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1142311

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date:

21/5/22

Name:

Tim Scruton

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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# Accounts

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St Mary Magdalene  
WHISTON PARISH CHURCH

APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT  
AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020



Reverend Karen Skidmore

25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## **WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Incumbent:** Vacant from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Following their licensing as Oversight Ministers for the Rotherham East Central Mission Area, by Bishop Sophie of Doncaster, on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

**Priest in Charge:** Reverend Karen Skidmore

The Vicarage, 493 Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham S60 4LB

**Associate Priest:** Reverend Toby Gibbons

The Vicarage, 10 Clifton Crescent North, Rotherham S65 2AS

### **Bank:**

Royal Bank of Scotland - until 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

TSB Bank - from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr Tim Scruton FCA ICAEW

69 Atbara Road

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**St Mary Magdalene**  
**WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 pm**

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Churchwardens

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020
3. Reports: Chairman of PCC Church Activities in 2020; PCC; Financial; Parish Giving; Churchwardens; Safeguarding; Children's Ministry; Deanery Synod; Electoral Roll.
4. Appointments:
  - a) PCC members – 4 vacancies
  - b) Independent Examiner
5. Hearing from our Oversight Ministers
6. Closing Prayer

**FIRST MEETING of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Agenda

Election of Officers:

Vice-chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Standing Committee; Electoral Roll Officer

## **Report on the Activities of the Church in 2020**

The year seemed to start quite normally despite the early signs of the spread of coronavirus with no news either of an end to the interregnum. Services in January followed their usual pattern as we celebrated Epiphany and then Candlemas. In February some of our congregation joined with Saint Cuthbert's in a Lent course. One baptism took place and Communion was taken to residents of both Ackroyd House and Whiston Hall. We started to address the problem of Climate change when the Revd. Patrick Coghlan came to preside at the Eucharist on the 16th of February and to give a presentation on the Climate Emergency. One month later Archdeacon Malcolm Chamberlain came to preach and preside at what was to be the last Eucharist in church until July when he returned for our reopening of the church for worship on our patronal festival.

At the beginning of that first lockdown it was decided to send out our weekly reading sheets to members of the congregation and very soon a weekly bulletin evolved which kept church members connected to each other by offering a simple act of worship and other reading material either by post or by email. This continued after church was reopened for worship.

Our services were maintained by a number of visiting clergy, often those with an important diocesan role. On two occasions a service of the Word took place when no clergy were available and these were taken by our readers, Patrick White and Jan Teale. There were no further baptisms and no weddings and during the first lockdown there were no funerals in church.

In the autumn, our Children's Minister, Lucy Luckock, started a series of Zoom services called Family Time. These were held on the second Sunday of the month and included Harvest, Remembrance and Christingle. There was also a Crib service held on Zoom. These also involved St. Cuthbert's Herringthorpe. Lucy also restarted Little Fishes online. In the run up to Christmas she organised a Christmas trail through the village, concluding at church.

Services in church were again suspended in November and were resumed on the second Sunday of Advent. The choir prepared a recording of Nine Lessons and Carols for distribution and a live service was held on the Wednesday before Christmas. There was no Christmas Eve Communion and Bishop Tim Ellis celebrated Communion on Christmas morning, the last service of 2020.

These events together with the weekly bulletin and countless telephone calls have bound us together and given us the strength to face the difficulties which surrounded us throughout the year. None of our activities happen without the input of a team giving of their very best to God in the way they serve him. We

are grateful to Ray Gallagher, our organist and choirmaster and the choir, for leading us first of all in music and then in singing and for providing the uplift of Nine Lessons and Carols before Christmas. There are then those who have read, led our prayers, and prepared our church for worship, and especially those who have cleaned it during these times of Covid-19. Above all we are grateful to our churchwardens, Alan Teale and Wendy Whittaker who was followed later in the year by Colette White. Together with Assistant Warden, Alan Bradbury, they have ensured every week that our church was warm and welcoming and 'Covid-19 compliant'.

**Patrick White**  
**Vice-Chair of the PCC**

**May 2021**

## Parochial Church Council (PCC) Report for APCM 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

In 2020, there were 12 elected members and 5 ex-officio, both before and after the APCM which was held virtually, via Zoom, on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. This had been postponed from 29<sup>th</sup> March, following the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's call, on 17<sup>th</sup> March, for cessation of public worship and church meetings on account of the coronavirus pandemic.

There were seven meetings of PCC in 2020, each chaired by the Chairman, Patrick White. Five of the meetings were held virtually, via Zoom, given ongoing COVID-19 safety requirements. Standing Committee met twice, once via Zoom. Churchwardens', Financial, Safeguarding and Children's Ministry reports were discussed at every PCC meeting; likewise reports from the Deanery and Diocesan Synod meetings, as available. In addition the PCC's work included the following:

- i. COVID-19 pandemic issues:
  - a. Furlough of Children's and Families Centenary Project Worker – this was arranged by the Diocese via the Government scheme, initially for six weeks from 16/4/2020 and, because of a 24 hour deadline from the Diocese, it had to be agreed by PCC Standing Committee, rather than the full PCC. Reviews at subsequent PCC meetings provided for extensions of the furlough which was terminated on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.
  - b. Risk Assessments for reopening of the Church for public worship – in June 2020, a subgroup of PCC, led by Val Dunsford, undertook a detailed risk assessment, guided by the Church of England template. Version 8 of the Risk Assessment was agreed by PCC members via email 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July, ahead of the first re-opening of the church for the Patronal Service on 19<sup>th</sup> July. An updated Version 9 was approved by PCC in September 2020, as was the Risk Assessment provided by Ray Gallagher for music in live services, based on information from the Royal School of Church Music. Following a second period of closure, PCC approved the reopening of the church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.
  - c. Diocese of Sheffield Common Fund Shortfall – PCC considered the letter received from Katie Bell, Diocesan Secretary and CEO, in May 2020, which estimated a 'best case scenario' loss of between £600K and £1m. Further to the options paper prepared by the churchwardens and honorary treasurer, PCC voted in favour of paying double the usual monthly amount to the Common Fund June to August 2020, followed by the normal amount in September, which would be the last of the seven remaining instalments.
- ii. Mission and Ministry:
  - a. Bishop's Permission to Officiate for Reader Patrick White – PCC warmly supported his intention to reapply in March for a Bishop's Permission to Officiate for up to three years.
  - b. Rotherham & Laughton Deaneries Plan – the consultation document was considered by PCC in March, following its launch at Rotherham Deanery Synod in February. PCC welcomed the news that the Rotherham East Central Mission Area was to have two Oversight Ministers and, via the consultation process, fed back a need for urgency given the duration of the interregna at Whiston and Clifton.
  - c. Appointment of new priest to the Mission Area – announced via email from the Archdeacon in June, plus Mission Area Parish Profile. Working with Revd Karen

Skidmore, he/she would have Oversight of the three parishes in the Mission Area. PCC approved Alan Teale as the Whiston Parish representative in the recruitment process. Following a second advertisement and interview on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, PCC learned at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November, that a formal announcement of the appointment was imminent.

iii. Church & Churchyard:

- a. Aumbry – January 2020, PCC chose one from four design options submitted by the Church Architect. Following the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), Patrick White wrote to Bishop Pete to seek his permission for installation of an aumbry in the Church. He replied in March, giving his consent, on condition that the reserved sacrament is held for specific purposes, week by week. Faculty Application delayed thereafter as DAC staff furloughed.
- b. Bells – in July 2020, PCC received the detailed report prepared by the Diocesan Bells Adviser, following his visit in March, requested by the DAC. The Adviser's recommendations included repainting of the bell frame and regular checking of clappers, bearings and pulleys. By November, work on the bells was in progress.
- c. Approval of amendment to Whiston churchyard rules regarding maximum and minimum dimensions of headstones was given at the January 2020 PCC meeting.
- d. Approval of text of the Notification of Advice to be displayed, regarding the Diocesan Advisory Committee's requirement that biodegradable caskets must be used in the dedicated area for burial of cremated remains in the churchyard extension was given at the July 2020 PCC meeting.

iv. Financial matters:

- a. Quinquennial Repair Fund – agreed at the January 2020 PCC, to be set up within the PCC Accounts, to cover small and large expenditures to the church fabric.
- b. PCC Bank Account – in September, the Honorary Treasurer reported that the Royal Bank of Scotland was offering a financial incentive to move the business account to another bank. Pros and cons of suggested alternatives were considered. After further research, a move to TSB was approved by PCC in November 2020. The PCC bank account subsequently moved in April 2021.
- c. QR code – was set up in November for online giving via mobile phone or tablet primarily to aid those in church who wish to give without using cash.

v. Thank you letters:

- a. Whiston Villager – Janine Teale wrote to thank Lynne Cooper, who was retiring after >25 years, given that production of the monthly magazine was no longer viable.
- b. Revd Jenny Park, Minister Whiston Methodist Church – Patrick White wrote, on her retirement, to thank her for the many years of joint ministry and fellowship.
- c. Revd Sue Davies – Patrick White wrote to thank her for her contribution to ministry at St Mary Magdalene. Sue had officiated at two Sunday Eucharist services per month and alternate midweek Communion services, as well as conducting a number of baptisms, weddings and funerals, since September 2017.

**Dr Mary E. Holt**  
**PCC Secretary**

## **Giving Report to APCM 2021**

This has been a difficult year for us all, but your generous giving has continued.

Thanks are due to Patrick and Colette White for all the work done by them to keep us united through the regular weekly bulletins, and to Alan Teale for receiving cheques from envelope givers and making deposits to the bank.

The church has been very grateful for some extra monetary gifts to contribute to the additional expenses caused by the pandemic, these including extra cleaning costs and the printing and distribution of the bulletins.

Gift Aid reclaims have continued quarterly and our thanks are due to all of you who participate in the scheme, resulting in refunds of over £17,000, and again to everyone for their contribution to God's Church here in Whiston.

**Elizabeth Hacon**  
**Gift Aid Secretary**

## **WHISTON PARISH CHURCH**

**(Saint Mary Magdalene)**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

#### **Report of the Churchwardens on the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the Parish Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

##### **Introduction**

The report of the Churchwardens for 2020 is made against a background of unique circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, which has affected – and continues to affect – every part of society. Since the early part of the year the church has needed to comply with the strict government guidelines that have been in place nationally; the Church of England has, throughout this time, provided helpful information on the interpretation and implementation of these guidelines, which were updated frequently as the status of the pandemic continued to change. National guidelines remain in place at the time of writing.

##### **Church Building and Services**

It was necessary for the church to close for a number of weeks on two separate occasions during the year. At these times of lockdown the church was checked on a frequent basis by a small number of designated persons. During the first long lockdown it was not possible to hold normal Sunday services nor any others such as baptism, wedding and funeral services. When a funeral involved a burial, the service was held at the graveside. In the second lockdown (November to early Dec) there were no services but funerals were allowed to take place in church with restricted numbers.

At times when the church could re-open, full risk assessments in accordance with government guidelines were carried out by the PCC. The bells, however, have remained out of use since the initial lockdown in March.

The PCC has a legal responsibility to keep the church safe for all users at all times. This includes the requirement to keep the church clean in accordance with government guidelines and to undertake whatever additional cleaning is required to fulfil this obligation.

The Churchwardens give their grateful thanks to the cleaning team, who did an excellent job in getting the church ready for the first re-opening in July. However, as the pandemic worsened the safety and protection of the cleaning team became a primary concern and it was decided that just one person would take on these duties. The church was cleaned before each Sunday service and every funeral.

##### **Care of the Church Building**

Despite the Coronavirus pandemic a substantial amount of work was carried out on the church building during the year, some planned but, regrettably, some enforced.

1. Repairs were carried out to the hearing loop system, with the opportunity being taken to replace the amplifier, which was 25 years old, at the same time.
2. The annual check of the fire extinguishers took place.
3. A number of paving stones at the entrance to the church were re-set and made safe.

4. Consent was received from the Bishop to allow the installation of an aumbry, subject to the proper process being followed. The application to obtain faculty approval was delayed because of circumstances relating to Coronavirus and is now being prepared in accordance with the detailed drawings prepared by the architect and approved by the PCC.
5. Damage was done to the church roof when an individual climbed up onto it and tried to climb the rainwater pipe up to the top of the tower. The emergency services had to be called to remove the individual. The cost of the repair was £3,940 and was carried out by Keystone, the building contractor who maintains the fabric of the church building. The cost was met by the insurers, except for the excess of £200.
6. Woodworm was found again in the floor of the church. This was treated by Keystone at a cost of £450.
7. On or around 19<sup>th</sup> August there was a theft of lead from the church roof. Small bits of lead were found in the churchyard, but it was not until a week or so later when the roof was examined by Keystone that the theft was confirmed. The lead on the roof, of which there is only a small amount, is used as flashing to provide waterproof seals over joints in the roof. In removing this, the thieves did a fair amount of damage, which left the roof open to water ingress. The cost of the repair was £5,700, which was met by the insurers except for the excess of £200. Whilst the work was being carried out Keystone applied Smart Water to the lead on the roof and renewed the anti-climb paint on the downpipes.
8. The progress of the proposed replacement of the Rainwater Dispersal System has been delayed as the architect was unable to provide the necessary information because of the Coronavirus situation. The plan is to submit a faculty application in 2021.
9. It is over 30 years since any significant work has been needed on the bells but the Tower Captain identified the need for some maintenance work to be undertaken. Cleaning, maintenance and painting work on the bells and framework has been carried out to bring the bells back up to standard at a cost of £4,200. Several donations and a small grant were received which helped to reduce the cost to the church. The Ellacombe chimes were also maintained at the same time and these were used on Christmas Day as the bells could not be rung.

### **Care of the Churchyard**

As with the church building, a substantial amount of work has been carried out in the churchyard during the year.

1. In terms of routine maintenance, the grass was cut regularly, the significant fall of leaves in the autumn was removed and the churchyard maintained to a high standard by our grounds maintenance contractor, Andy Marshall.
2. Where the main path in front of the church towards the churchyard meets the path from the car park a number of paving stones have been lifted and re-set or replaced. This provides a safer, easier access to the churchyard.
3. A repair costing £124 was needed to the car park post after it had been vandalised.
4. In the churchyard extension the path has been lengthened and a central paved area created, which will have seats in it sometime in the future. Around this central area is a flower bed containing shrubs and a small tree in memory of Revd Dhoe Craig-Wild. The spoil heap near the entrance to the churchyard has been removed, undergrowth cut back and areas seeded. The cost of £3,800 for this work was offset by a grant of £3,000 from Pennyhill Wind Farm Community Trust
5. Hawthorn saplings were planted at the far end of the new churchyard to thicken the hedge there. In addition, another hedge was planted on the cricket field side of the churchyard in November – 120 mixed saplings donated by the Woodlands Trust. The original plan for the planting of these was to do it as a community event – this was a condition of the donation –

but with the Coronavirus restrictions this was not possible and so this was done by Andy Marshall at a cost of £585.

6. The white posts at the end of the path leading to church were removed after being vandalised. The estimated cost of repair, refurbishment and refixing was £1,050. The PCC decided not to take any action for the present; the white posts have been retained.
7. The two original memorial stones fixed to the boundary wall, which commemorate the names of those people whose ashes are interred in the cremated remains area, have been moved and placed around the cremated remains area beside the more recent memorial stones. The cost of doing this was funded mainly by donations.

### **Donations and Grants**

We are very grateful for the generous financial donations and grants received during the year towards the cost of the various works carried out in the church and churchyard. The donations have supported church maintenance at a time of extra cost because of Coronavirus and assisted with the refurbishment of the bells and the moving of the memorial stones, whilst the grant helped with the improvements to the new churchyard.

### **Summary**

2020 was a difficult and eventful year, the like of which we have not seen before. The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to care for the church and the churchyard during these difficult times, which have continued into 2021. Particular thanks are given to Wendy Whitaker, who was involved with these activities for most of the year until her retirement as Churchwarden at the end of October.

**Given all that has taken place during 2020, it is pleasing for the Churchwardens to report that the Goods, Fabric, Ornaments and Surrounds of the Church are in good order, subject to the concerns about the rainwater dispersal system highlighted in this report.**

**Alan Teale**

**Churchwarden**

**Colette White**

**Churchwarden**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

# Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting for Charities published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

All expenditure is accounted for and when paid.

Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct cost of activities. Where cash costs relate to more than one functional category, they have been split as appropriate.

### **Categories of Funds found in the accounts:**

- **Unrestricted Funds** which are for general use in promoting any of the church's purposes.
- **Designated Funds** which are Unrestricted Funds that the PCC has set aside for a specific purpose. An example is the charitable donations of the net income from the summer and Christmas Fairs.
- **Restricted Funds** which have been donated for a specific purpose, e.g. Organ Renovation Fund.
- **Endowment Funds** which have been donated with the condition that they are to be invested, the income only to be used for a specific purpose. Our only example is the Parker Rhodes legacy invested with CCLA, with the income used for the upkeep of the family grave.

### **Reserves Policy:**

Our policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least three months in the unlikely event of our receiving no income from any source. When unrestricted reserves fall below this level, the PCC makes their replenishment high priority.



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston		
	<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2020	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>
<b>Set out on pages</b>	2 - 9 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2020**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

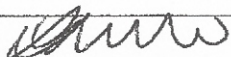
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Signed:  Date: 10/10/2021

Name: Tim Scruton

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA, ICAEW

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Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Whiston  
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending 31 Dec 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted	Funds	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		General	Designated	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>							
Voluntary Receipts-Regular Giving							
Planned giving	1.01	54,536	0	0	0	54,536	52,775
Open plate collection	1.02	486	0	0	0	486	3,717
Income Tax recovered	1.03	17,960	0	0	0	17,960	16,385
Other service collections	1.04	458	0	0	0	458	2,297
Other voluntary receipts	1.05	7,135	0	12,287	0	19,422	12,202
Activities for generating funds	1.06	0	0	0	0	0	4,214
Receipts from Church activities							0
PCC Activities	1.07	227	0	0	0	227	991
Funerals & Weddings	1.08	17,857	0	0	0	17,857	29,859
Income from Investments	1.09	300	0	220	0	520	995
Refund from overpaid fuel bill		810	0	0	0	810	0
Insurance claim		9,928	0	0	0	9,928	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>109,697</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,205</b>	<b>123,435</b>
<b>Payments</b>							
Church activities							
Diocesan Common Fund	2.01	43,470	0	0	0	43,470	42,000
Building expenses	2.02	25,762	0	307	0	26,069	14,314
Churchyard expenses	2.03	16,671	0	1,662	0	18,333	12,426
Cost of services incl. clergy expend	2.04	10,036	0	112	0	10,148	17,097
Parish	2.05	6,762	0	209	0	6,971	9,396
Church Management & Administration	2.06	1,398	0	0	0	1,398	1,555
Wedding deposit refund		100	0	0	0	100	0
Cost of Generating Funds	2.07	0	0	0	0	0	291
Grants	2.08	0	0	0	0	0	1,534
Diocesan Fees	2.09	1,309	0	0	0	1,309	3,105
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>105,508</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,798</b>	<b>101,718</b>
<b>Net Income (Expenditure) for Year</b>		<b>4,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,406</b>	<b>21,717</b>
<b>Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets</b>	3.01	0	0	0	522	522	1,062
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		-8,855	9,000	-145	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement of Funds in Year</b>		<b>-4,666</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>10,072</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>22,778</b>
Balances brought forward							
1st January 2020		30,034	21,702	23,992	7,325	83,053	60,275
<b>Balances carried forward</b>							
31st December 2020		<b>25,368</b>	<b>30,702</b>	<b>34,064</b>	<b>7,847</b>	<b>97,981</b>	<b>83,053</b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet)

For the year ending 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investment	3.01	7,847		7,325	
			7,847		7,325
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank - current account		28,370		14,184	
Churchyard account		669		449	
CBF Deposit account		1,000		1,000	
Virgin Money Savings Charities account		60,000		60,000	
Petty Cash		95		95	
			90,134		75,728
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Total Net Assets - Net Worth</b>			<b>97,981</b>		<b>83,053</b>

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Parish Funds</b>					
Unrestricted - General	3.02	25,368		30,034	
Unrestricted - Designated		30,702		21,702	
Restricted		34,064		23,992	
Endowment		7,847		7,325	
			97,981		83,053

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11.05.2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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 Chairman  
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 Honorary Treasurer

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**1.01 Voluntary Receipts - Planned Giving**

	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Gift Aid - Bank	35,927	33,088
Gift Aid - Envelopes	18,134	18,247
Periodic	475	1,440
	<b>54,536</b>	<b>52,775</b>

**1.02 Voluntary Receipts - Open Plate**

This relates to regular services only. See Note 1.04

**1.03 Income Tax recovered**

This is based on a standard rate of income tax of 20%

**1.04 Other Service Collections**

	<b>2020</b>			<b>Total 2019</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Baptisms	60	0	60	382
Baptisms Gift Aided	0	0	0	0
Funerals	398	0	398	1,048
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Memorial Inscriptions	0	0	0	0
New Hymn Books	0	0	0	0
One-off Gift Aided Donations	0	0	0	0
Retirement Gift	0	0	0	0
Special	0	0	0	627
Weddings	0	0	0	240
	<b>458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>2,297</b>

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**1.05 Other Voluntary Receipts**

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Children & Youth	0	0	5,944	5,944	3,858
Churchyard Upkeep	42	0	0	42	42
Donations, Appeals	4,278	0	1,480	5,758	1,297
Fabric Fund	0	0	3,498	3,498	1,597
Heating System	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies	0	0	0	0	3,500
Memorial Inscriptions	0	0	1,365	1,365	1,657
New Hymn Books	0	0	0	0	30
One-off Gift Aided Donations	2,815	0	0	2,815	221
Retirement Gift	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>7,135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,287</b>	<b>19,422</b>	<b>12,202</b>

**1.06 Activities for Generating Funds**

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Christmas Fair	0	0	0	0	1,582
Craft Sale	0	0	0	0	0
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	130
Sale of Goods	0	0	0	0	71
Silent Auction	0	0	0	0	984
Summer Fair	0	0	0	0	1,447
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,214</b>

**1.07 PCC Activities**

	Total 2020	Total 2019
Baptism Certificates	14	14
Coffee Sales	213	977
	<b>227</b>	<b>991</b>

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**1.08 Funerals & Weddings**

	2020			Total 2019
	General	Restricted	Total	
Funerals - Diocese	1,604	0	1,604	1,445
Funerals - PCC - Fees	10,809	0	10,809	11,199
Funerals - PCC - Reimbursable	2,901	0	2,901	5,292
Monuments - Diocese	143	0	143	141
Monuments - PCC	931	0	931	464
Weddings - Diocese	70	0	70	1,449
Weddings - PCC - Fees	1,254	0	1,254	4,153
Weddings - PCC - Reimbursable	145	0	145	5,716
	<b>17,857</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,857</b>	29,859

**1.09 Income from Investments**

The Unrestricted Investment income of £300 comes from the interest on the CBF Deposit account which has a balance of £1,000  
Virgin Money Charity account with a balance of £60,000  
The Restricted Investment income of £220 is the income from the CBF Income shares of which 383 are held (see Note 3.01)  
Santander Share Dividends (see Note 3.03)

**2.01 Diocesan Common Fund Contribution**

In 2020 the Parish made a contribution of £43,470 to the Common Fund.

**2.02 Building Expenses**

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Architect-Quinquennial	1,764	0	0	1,764	0
Bell Restoration	4,200	0	0	4,200	0
Cleaning Materials	296	0	0	296	51
Equipment Replacement	331	0	0	331	1,107
Heating and Lighting Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	3,392	0	0	3,392	3,287
Organ Maintenance	0	0	307	307	1,353
Maintenance	12,486	0	0	12,486	3,774
Utilities - Gas	1,994	0	0	1,994	2,430
Utilities - Electricity	1,201	0	0	1,201	2,133
Utilities - Water	98	0	0	98	180
	<b>25,762</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>26,069</b>	14,314

**2.03 Churchyard Expenses**

	2020			Total 2019
	General	Restricted	Total	
Car Park Rent	60	0	60	60
Drive & Pathways	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	16,217	0	16,217	9,635
Memorial	0	1,662	1,662	2,047
Refuse Collection	270	0	270	264
Security	124	0	124	420
	<b>16,671</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>18,333</b>	12,426

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### 2.04 Cost of Services

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Bell Ringers' Fees	30	0	0	30	1,350
Bell Ringing Fees	0	0	0	0	30
Choristers' Fees	0	0	0	0	560
Choir Material Expenses	0	0	0	0	61
Flowers	0	0	112	112	326
Linen and vestments	0	0	0	0	0
Organists' Fees	265	0	0	265	2,355
Organists' Stipends	6,455	0	0	6,455	5,959
Upkeep of Services	1,020	0	0	1,020	841
Verger's Fees	435	0	0	435	1,404
Visiting Clergy Fees	1,791	0	0	1,791	2,800
Visiting Clergy Travel	40	0	0	40	1,410
	<b>10,036</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>10,148</b>	<b>17,097</b>

### 2.05 Parish

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Children & Youth Expenses	0	0	209	209	112
Children & Youth Fees	5,610	0	0	5,610	7,784
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Gifts	27	0	0	27	0
Incumbent's Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Magazine Cost Contribution	1,125	0	0	1,125	1,500
Rectory Water	0	0	0	0	0
Worship Resources	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>6,762</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>6,971</b>	<b>9,396</b>

### 2.06 Administration

	2020			Total 2019
	General	Designated	Total	
Equipment	105	0	105	0
Giving Stationery	118	0	118	127
Photocopying	418	0	418	480
Software	0	0	0	179
Stationery	30	0	30	30
Subscriptions	157	0	157	175
Telephone & Broadband	570	0	570	564
	<b>1,398</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,555</b>

### 2.07 Cost of Generating Funds

	2020				Total 2019
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
Christmas Fair	0	0	0	0	244
Materials	0	0	0	0	0
Summer Fair	0	0	0	0	47
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>291</b>

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**2.08 Grants**

Home Mission  
Secular Charities

	2020			Total 2019
	General	Designated	Total	
Home Mission	0	0	0	108
Secular Charities	0	0	0	1,426
	0	0	0	1,534

**2.09 Diocesan Fees**

These are the components of statutory fees received for funerals and weddings that are classified "Payable Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF)". They are paid to the diocese which is responsible for paying the incumbent's stipend.

**3.01 Gains/Losses on Investment Assets**

The holding of 383 CCLA CBS Investment Fund shares comprising the Parker Rhodes fund is an Endowment Fund meaning the capital may not be expended.

Only the investment income may be spent with that restricted to maintaining the family grave.

Fund were priced at £20.4873 p/share by CCLA on 31/12/ 2020

No of Shares	Year End 2019		Year End 2020		Change in Value
	p/Share	£ Total	p/Share	£ Total	
383	1,912.60	7,325.26	2,048.73	7,846.64	522.00

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<b>3.02 Fund Balances held by Parish</b>	<b>31/12/2020</b>	<b>31/12/2019</b>
<b>Bank Account</b>	£	£
Current Account	<b>28,370</b>	14,184
Churchyard account	<b>669</b>	449
CBF Deposit account	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Virgin Money Savings	<b>60,000</b>	60,000
Petty Cash	<b>95</b>	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,134</b>	<b>75,728</b>

**Funds - Nominal**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	General £	Designated £			
Children & Youth	0	1,443	10,398	11,841	6,106
Choir	0	0	0	0	0
Churchyard - Parker Rhodes	0	0	669	669	155
Craft Group	0	0	194	194	194
Fabric	0	1,709	6,022	7,731	4,233
Flowers	0	0	1,360	1,360	1,312
<b>General</b>	25,368	0	0	25,368	30,034
Heating Fund	0	0	4,348	4,348	4,348
Legacy Fund	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,500
Lighthouse Project	0	50	0	50	50
Memorials	0	0	197	197	155
Memorial-Cremated Remains	0	0	3,242	3,242	2,701
Organ	0	0	7,019	7,019	7,326
Quinquennial Repair Fund	0	24,000	0	24,000	15,000
Worship Resources	0	0	615	615	615
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>25,368</b>	<b>30,702</b>	<b>34,064</b>	<b>90,134</b>	<b>75,729</b>

**3.03 Santander Shares**

The 100 shares are classed as unrestricted.